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LGCAP 2024

Introduction

The Local Government Climate Action Program (the Program or LGCAP) aims to catalyze the efficient flow of financial resources, data and knowledge between Modern Treaty Nations, local governments, and the Provincial Government to allow for cost effective, impactful, locally implemented climate action. For more information about the Program you can refer to the website.

What is climate action?
For the purposes of this program, a climate initiative or action is one that reduces greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions (mitigation) and/or strengthens resilience to the impacts of climate change (adaptation). This includes (but is not limited to): climate-related hazards; integrating climate change measures into policies, strategies, planning and investments; improving education; raising awareness of climate change causes and solutions; increasing human and institutional capacity with respect to climate change mitigation and adaptation, impact reduction and early warning systems.

Information collected will:

- Highlight local government and Modern Treaty Nation climate leadership;
- Profile action by including local government and Modern Treaty Nation emissions, resilience and climate action performance data in the annual Climate Change Accountability Report, LGCAP Summary Report and on the Program's public facing website;
- Help inform policy development and monitor progress on achieving provincial and local climate objectives; and
- Support provincial efforts to better collaborate with and enable communities to advance climate action.

The survey was informed by:

- Feedback from local governments, Modern Treaty Nations, external and ministerial partners;
- National and international GHG reporting protocols; and
- The CDP (formerly Carbon Disclosure Project, a global non-financial disclosure system).

Instructions

**Please do not provide any personal information (e.g., email, phone number) in the survey.*

Survey: Word Version

This version can be used to gather information from staff across departments. Then simply cut and paste into the online version where you will be submitting the survey. You can download the Word version here: Local Government LGCAP 2024 Survey Template.

Survey: Online Version
SimpleSurvey allows multiple users to access your survey, though two people **cannot** enter information at the same time.

- For other users to contribute to your survey, simply share the unique link with your team members.

- Users must select "Save and continue later" when they are done updating the survey but not ready to submit.

Required fields are indicated with a red asterisk (*). You will not be able to submit the survey and attestation form without completing these fields.

- Some fields have formatting considerations (i.e. numbers only). You will not be able to submit the survey and attestation form until all required fields are completed properly. The red text error message will indicate what is needed.
    - Please note: No commas are to be used in numerical fields.
- If any questions are left blank, including optional ones, SimpleSurvey will notify you when you move to the next page with “You have unanswered questions, do you wish to continue?” If you are choosing to leave optional questions blank, simply click yes to move to the next page.

There is a 9,999 character limit for the open-ended questions, unless otherwise noted.

You can see what your community has previously reported for LGCAP in the LGCAP Raw Survey Data.

Attestation Form
The attestation form is filled in after survey questions are completed. It is the second page of the SimpleSurvey submission.

- The attestation form is where the Chief Financial Officer, or equivalent position, attests to the following:
    - That Local Government Climate Action Program funding has been, or will be, allocated to climate action.
    - That Local Government Climate Action Program funds received in 2022 and 2023 were spent by March 31, 2025, or an LGCAP Spending Forecast Form was submitted by February 28, 2025 and was approved by the LGCAP Team.
    - That Local Government Climate Action Program funds received in 2024 will be spent by March 31, 2028.
    - That a completed and signed version of this form and survey contents will be publicly posted by September 30, 2025.

Requirements

1. Reporting

1. Report on **at least one** project linked to objectives from the CleanBC Roadmap to 2030 and/or Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Strategy. If your community reports one initiative related to one sector (e.g. buildings) you have satisfied this requirement. Funding for the project(s) does **not** need to come from this program.
2. For communities with populations of 10,000+ (based on 2020 BC Census data figures), measuring and reporting local government's traditional services emissions is required.
3. Attest that funds will be allocated to climate initiatives before submitting your survey.

- Note: Open-ended questions asking for one or more initiatives related to climate action may be highlighted in Provincial materials to acknowledge innovative local climate solutions.

Climate action success stories are accepted year-round

Please submit one or more climate action success stories for publication any time of year. A template can be found on the Local government climate action highlights webpage.

2. Deadline to submit the survey & attestation form

- The deadline for submitting your survey and attestation form is 4 PM PDT on July 31, 2025.

3. Posting the survey & attestation form publicly

- The design / format of the form **can** be changed, however, all information from required questions must be included.
- Optional questions and answers can be omitted.
- The deadline to post the survey and attestation form publicly is September 30, 2025.

Download a copy for your records!
Once submitted, you can **download a copy of the completed survey** and attestation form (PDF, Excel, and Word options). If you close this window before the download link appears, please reach out for a copy of your submission.

Support
If the survey is accidentally submitted, a submitted survey needs to be revised, or if you have any questions, please reach out to us at LGCAP@gov.bc.ca. We will be happy to provide assistance.

Thank you!
The LGCAP Team

The Survey

Climate Action Planning

Climate Action Plans are strategic roadmaps that identify how an organization will reduce their greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions (mitigation), increase their resilience to the impacts of climate change (adaptation), or a combination of both.

To answer the following questions, consider staff that contribute to activities that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and/or strengthen resilience and the ability to adapt to climate-induced impacts. This includes (but is not limited to): climate-related hazards; integrating climate change measures into policies, strategies and planning; improving education, raising awareness of climate change causes and solutions, increasing human and institutional capacity with respect to climate change mitigation and adaptation, impact reduction and early warning systems.

Question 1: How many staff in full time equivalents (FTEs) are dedicated to working specifically on climate action?
Please estimate FTE(s) for climate-related work (e.g. 100% time = 1.0; 50% time = 0.5; 25% time = 0.25).

4.5

Question 2: Does your local government or Nation have a community-wide climate action plan or other guiding document(s)?

No

If not, please select one or more options from the list.

No, but we are currently undertaking one and it will be completed in the next two years.

Question 3: Does your local government or Nation have a corporate climate action plan or other guiding document(s)?

No

If not, please select one or more options from the list.

No, we are not intending to undertake one due to lack of financial capacity.

Question 4: Please select up to 3 challenges impeding the advancement of climate action in your community.

Lack of staff capacity or expertise.

Lack of financial resources.

Competing priorities.

Traditional Services Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Measuring and reporting traditional services emissions (defined in previous years as corporate emissions) is a Program requirement for all communities with a 2020 population of 10,000 residents and above (see population statistics here).

This requirement can be fulfilled using an established reporting framework of your choosing (CDP, GHG Protocol for Cities, etc.), including the LGCAP scope and boundaries described in the LGCAP Traditional Services Emissions Scope and Boundaries document. Contracted emissions must be accounted for regardless of which protocol your local government employs. Local governments with populations below 10,000 and Modern Treaty Nations are not required to report traditional services greenhouse gas emissions but are encouraged and supported to do so on a voluntary basis.

Traditional services GHG emissions are those produced by the delivery of local government or Modern Treaty Nation “traditional services” including:

- Fire protection,
- Solid waste management,
- Recreational / cultural services,
- Road and traffic operations,
- Water and wastewater management, and
- Local government administration.

Please see the following resources for guidance:

- LGCAP Traditional Services Boundaries and Scope Guidance,
- Scope Summary Document,
- Traditional Services Inventory Reporting Tool,
- Contracted Services Emissions Guidance,
- Contracted Emissions Calculator,
- BC Best Practices Methodology for Quantifying GHG Emissions, and
- Emission Factors Catalogue.

Question 5: For the 2024 calendar year, has your local government or Nation measured and reported associated traditional services GHG emissions?
If your local government or Nation is only reporting traditional services inventory through this LGCAP survey, please select “Yes”.

No

If not, please select all that apply.

No, due to lack of staff and technical capacity.

No, traditional services emissions are measured but not reported.

Community-Wide Greenhouse Gas Emissions

B.C. Climate Action Charter signatories have committed to measuring and reporting their community-wide GHG emissions generated from all GHG sources (anthropogenic) within their community boundary.

The Community Energy and Emissions Inventory (CEEI) initiative provides a provincial framework for tracking and reporting energy and GHG emissions at a community-wide scale. It is published with a two-year lag, however, raw unprocessed data can be requested by local governments that wish to measure and report their community-wide emissions for the buildings, on-road transportation and municipal solid waste sectors ahead of publication.

The Climate Action Secretariat (CAS) is aware that some local governments are developing their own community-wide GHG emissions inventories (separate from the provincial CEEI). A better understanding of community-wide emissions measurement at the local level will help CAS as we upgrade the CEEI.

Question 6: For the 2024 calendar year, have community-wide GHG emissions been measured for your local government or Nation?

No

If not, please select all that apply from the list.

No, we do not measure and report community-wide emissions data due to lack of staff and technical capacity.

If not, has your community or Nation measured and reported community-wide emissions in the past?

No

Question 7: Currently, the Province's legislated GHG emission reduction targets are 40% by 2030, 60% by 2040 and 80% by 2050, relative to 2007. Please state your local government or Nation's target(s).
Please enter "0" if no targets or baseline are established for the years given in the table.

2030
Reduction Percentage (format: e.g., 40)
50

Baseline Year (format: e.g., 2007)
2021

2040
Reduction Percentage (format: e.g., 40)
75

Baseline Year (format: e.g., 2007)
2021

2050
Reduction Percentage (format: e.g., 40)
100

Baseline Year (format: e.g., 2007)
2021

Question 8: Does your local government or Nation have net-zero or carbon-neutral emissions target(s)?
For the purposes of our reporting, we're only asking about net-zero and carbon neutrality, but acknowledge that there are a variety of corporate targets. Net-zero refers to a jurisdiction or organization achieving a balance between greenhouse gas emissions produced and removed from the atmosphere (e.g. planting trees or using carbon capture technologies Carbon neutral refers to an organization reducing emissions as much as practicable and then offsetting the remainder by purchasing offsets or other similar mechanisms Please select all that apply.

Yes: Community-wide net-zero target

Yes: Corporate net-zero target

Question 9: Please select up to three supporting indicators that would be most valuable to your local government or Nation to advance climate action.
Previously, the Province reported these indicators through the Community Energy and Emissions Inventory initiative. The Province could prioritize publishing these indicators again in the future.

Housing type: Private dwellings by structural type

Residential density: Population and dwelling units per square land area (km²)

Walk score: Proximity to services

Provincial Policy Alignment - Mitigation

The CleanBC Roadmap to 2030 is B.C.'s plan to meet provincial emissions reduction targets to be 40% below 2007 levels for 2030 and set us on course to reach net-zero emissions by 2050.

One requirement of this Program is that you must **report on a minimum of one project** linked to objectives from the CleanBC Roadmap to 2030 and/or Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Strategy (CPAS). Funding does **not** need to come from this program. For questions 10-13, if your community reports one initiative related to one sector (e.g. buildings) you have satisfied this requirement. That said, please select all that apply.

For questions 10-13, please note the following regarding "**Ongoing**" initiatives. "Ongoing" includes initiatives that are either:

- Implemented in previous years and still active (e.g., an organics diversion project started in 2022 that continues to divert waste).
- Currently available or in effect in 2024 (e.g., supplementing Provincial energy efficiency incentive programs).

Question 10: Please indicate all climate initiatives your local government or Nation had in-progress, ongoing or completed in the 2024 calendar year related to the buildings sector.
This should not be limited to what your LGCAP funding supported.

Corporate

Community

Corporate buildings policies, programs and actions.

Highest efficiency standards for new space and water heating equipment.

Efficiency upgrades/retrofits.

Other.
BC Energy Step Code adoption (Step 3 or higher), water-metering, e-permitting

Community-wide buildings policies, programs and actions.

Other.
Zoning bylaw includes allowing building height to be exceeded if rooftop solar panels are installed, universal water metering program, e-permitting, BC Energy Step Code adoption (Step 3 or higher)

Please highlight a community project(s) that was in-progress, ongoing or completed in the 2024 calendar year related to buildings.
Please enter NA if your community reported no buildings initiatives ongoing, completed or in-progress for 2024.

We continued work to establish the universal water metering program for the community - a contractor was selected and installations will begin in 2025.

The Fire Hall underwent a lighting retrofit to upgrade existing lighting to energy efficient lighting fixtures. City Hall lighting retrofit started in 2025.

An energy study was conducted for the Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre and the Nicola Valley Memorial Arena. This is the first step in our plan to retrofit these facilities.

Question 11: Please indicate all climate initiatives your local government or Nation had in-progress, ongoing or completed in the 2024 calendar year related to the transportation sector.
This should not be limited to what your LGCAP funding supported.

Corporate

Community

Corporate transportation policies, programs and actions.

Established personal (passenger) transportation target goals, and measures to reach them, in annual reports – may include target goals for vehicle kilometre reduction, mode share for active transportation and zero-emission vehicles.

Active transportation infrastructure investments.

Expanded micromobility access, bylaws and/or infrastructure (e.g. introduced or expanded bike/e-bike/e-scooter sharing programs, built new bike/scooter lanes, updated bylaws for use of bikes/scooters).

Installation of secure bike parking (i.e. bike valet).

Electric vehicle charging infrastructure investments.

Electric vehicle purchases and electric equipment/machinery purchases (i.e. electric zambonis)

Community-wide transportation policies, programs and actions.

Mode shift targets for passenger and/or commercial transportation (shifting from private vehicles to sustainable modes like walking, cycling and public transit) in Official Community Plan, Regional Growth Strategy or other guiding documents.

Active transportation planning.

Active transportation infrastructure investments.

Expanded micromobility access, bylaws and/or infrastructure (e.g. introduced or expanded bike/e-bike/e-scooter sharing programs, built new bike/scooter lanes, updated bylaws for bikes/scooter uses).

Bylaws that reduce or eliminate off street parking requirements.

Please highlight a community project(s) that was in-progress, ongoing or completed in the 2024 calendar year related to transportation.

Please enter NA if your community reported no transportation initiatives ongoing, completed or in-progress for 2024.

Voght St. Multi-Use Pathway and Phase 1 of the West Merritt Active Transportation Path were completed in 2024. Bike hooks were purchased for staff in City Hall to encourage active transportation for commuting.

Question 12: Please indicate all other climate initiatives (excluding buildings, transportation, and adaptation and resilience) your local government or Nation had in-progress, ongoing or completed in the 2024 calendar year related to community-wide and corporate action.

This section includes initiatives such as land-use planning, renewable energy projects, waste diversion, etc. This should not be limited to what your LGCAP funding supported.

Community

Community-wide climate policies, programs and actions.

Complete, compact communities

Complete, Compact Communities - Please select all that apply.

See Complete Communities Guide and Program for supports advancing identified community goals through the creation of more complete, compact and energy efficient communities.

Smaller lots

Density bonuses

Community Development Plans

Please highlight a community project(s) that was in-progress, ongoing or completed in the 2024 calendar year related to community-wide or corporate action.
Please enter NA if your community reported no community-wide or corporate initiatives ongoing, completed or in-progress for 2024.

Our Zoning Bylaw was updated in 2024 and included density bonusing for dwellings that provide public benefit, multiple accessory dwelling units allowed on a parcel dependent on the parcel size, modular buildings are allowed in all residential zones for faster development, reduced parking minimums for secondary suites, detached suites, 3-bedroom units, and for provision of public benefits.

Provincial Policy Alignment - Resilience and Adaptation

The goal of climate adaptation is to reduce risk and vulnerability associated with climate change impacts. To manage climate impacts, local governments and Nations are integrating climate adaptation principles into decisions and everyday activities.

One requirement of this Program is that you must report on **at least one or more** project(s) linked to one or more objectives from the CleanBC Roadmap to 2030 and/or the Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Strategy (CPAS) in Questions 10-13. If your community reports one initiative related to one sector you have satisfied this requirement, but please select all that apply for Questions 10-13.

Question 13 a): Please indicate all initiatives your local government or Nation had completed, ongoing or in-progress in the 2024 calendar year to adapt to and build resilience to climate impacts.
This should not be limited to what your LGCAP funding supported.

Corporate
Community

Corporate resilience and adaptation policies, programs and actions.

Addressing current and future climate risks through plans, adaptation measure implementation, programs, service delivery, asset management and/or other functions.
Collaboration with other communities on resilience planning/initiatives.
Monitoring climate risks or impacts (floods, wildfire, etc.).
Developing emergency/hazard response plans.

Community-wide resilience and adaptation policies, programs and actions.

Addressing current and future climate risks through plans, adaptation measure implementation, programs, service delivery, asset management and/or other functions.
Collaboration with other communities on resilience planning/initiatives.
Hydro climatological data collection.
Monitoring climate risks or impacts (floods, wildfire, etc.).
Public engagement on climate risks and actions.
Developing, acquiring, or already have hazard or climate risk mapping (e.g., floodplains), data or similar information.
Utilizing natural assets/nature-based solutions.
Developing emergency/hazard response plans.

Please highlight one or more climate adaptation project(s) that were completed, ongoing or in-progress in the 2024 calendar year to reduce risk and increase resilience.
Please enter NA if your community reported no initiatives to reduce risk and increase resilience that were ongoing, completed or in-progress for 2024. Please note that highlights for resilience actions may be shared with the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR) for them to use on ClimateReadyBC as part of their work on sharing info on climate resilience in BC. EMCR may follow up for more details if needed.

Our FireSmart team conducted 50+ home assessments and distributed more than $75,000 in rebates for residents to reduce wildfire risks to their properties (removing cedars, planting drought tolerant plants, xeriscaping, etc.). The FireSmart team also built a xeriscaping demonstration garden outside the Fire Hall to showcase to residents what's possible in our community. A new Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan was developed in 2024.

Work continued on rebuilding dikes in the community and the naturalization of the riverbed to increase resiliency to flooding. The Flood Mitigation team also celebrated the completion of the Middlesboro Bridge Rebuild project - this was the bridge that was washed away during the floods.

We hired an Emergency Management Coordinator who has begun developing a new emergency plan for the community.

Question 13 b): Staff time for developing plans and assessments How many full-time equivalent (FTE) staff are dedicated to developing the plans and assessments listed below? This includes plans and assessments done collaboratively with other local or Indigenous government partners.
Please estimate e.g., 100% time = 1.0; 50% time = 0.5; 25% time = 0.25.

Emergency management plans that address preparedness, response and/or recovery; also includes hazard specific response plans such as an extreme heat response plan
0.75

Hazard and climate risk assessments (e.g., Hazard, Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (HRVA), floodplain mapping, sea level rise risk assessment)
0.25

Hazard and climate risk reduction / adaptation plans (e.g., flood risk management plan, community wildfire protection plan, water supply management plans)
0.25

Question 13 c): Funding for developing plans and assessments What is the annual budget allocated for the plans and assessments listed below? This includes plans and assessments done collaboratively with other local or Indigenous government partners.
Please estimate and round to the nearest thousand and enter numbers with no dollar sign or comma.

Emergency management plans that address preparedness, response and/or recovery; also includes hazard specific response plans such as an extreme heat response plan)
136000

Hazard and climate risk assessments (e.g., Hazard, Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (HRVA), flood plain mapping, sea level rise risk assessment)
60000

Hazard and climate risk mitigation/adaptation plans (e.g., flood risk management plan, community wildfire protection plan, water supply management plans)
32000

Question 14 a): Has a climate risk and vulnerability or similar assessment been undertaken for your local government or Nation?
Please select all that apply. If completed, please provide the year of completion in the textbox (YYYY).

Yes at the community level
2007

Yes at the asset or project level
2007

Question 14 b): Are you integrating climate risk into asset management, budgeting and climate action plans?

Yes, in asset management

Yes, in budgeting

Question 15: Please select the most significant climate hazards and impacts faced by your jurisdiction and please specify the associated adaptation measures completed or in-progress in the 2024 calendar year, if any.

If entering a hazard under "Other", please also write the hazard in the textbox. Textbox limit: 998 characters

Extreme heat and heat stress
Cooling centres : library, pool; incorporation green space in new developments, use of light-coloured roofing and cladding materials

Extreme cold, snow and ice
Extreme Weather Response Shelter

Water shortages
Maintained level 3 water restrictions all year based on our Drought Response Plan. Universal water metering program development

Wildfire
Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan

Wildfire smoke
Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan

Overland flooding
Dike projects continue, Middlesboro Bridge repairs complete

Wind, rain, and other storm events
Dike projects continue, Middlesboro Bridge repairs complete

Ecological impacts (examples of ecological impacts include biodiversity loss and erosion)
Flood mitigation team has begun wetland restoration projects near Coldwater River alongside diking projects

Cultural impacts (examples of cultural impacts include threats to identities, languages, and livelihoods)
City is working on improving relationships with surrounding Bands and Indigenous organizations

Human health impacts
Began developing new accessibility plan, Kengard Well upgrades are continuing - design is almost complete and construction should begin within the next few years

Power outages
Began developing new accessibility plan, Kengard Well upgrades are continuing - design is almost complete and construction should begin within the next few years

Landslides
Began developing new accessibility plan, Kengard Well upgrades are continuing - design is almost complete and construction should begin within the next few years

Question 16: What information do you need to know to be able to plan effectively for the future of your community, with respect to the hazards and impacts identified in Question 15?
Please select one or more of what you consider the most valuable types of information for planning.

Local knowledge
Localized climate modelling and projected scenarios
Assessment of potential community impacts
Assessment of community vulnerabilities
Risk assessment of hazards
Mapping of climate change impacts and hazards
Demographic information
Projected development
Adaptation planning information
Technical expertise to implement solutions
Community/partner engagement and support
Information on partnership opportunities
Examples of actions taken by other communities
Other
Localized data for our community as there isn't a lot of Merritt-specific data available.

Question 17: Please indicate all initiatives your local government or Nation had in-progress, ongoing or completed in the 2024 calendar year related to collaborating with their neighbouring communities, businesses or community organizations, critical infrastructure providers and/or other partners.
Please select all that apply.

Emergency Management and Disaster Climate Risk Management related activities such as preparing, reviewing or revising hazard risk assessments, emergency/hazard response and/or hazard risks plans.
Entering into agreements with other jurisdictions related to emergency management, hazard and climate risk reduction, etc. (This request would exclude information on mutual aid type of agreements in relation to (e.g.) fire protection services.)
Preparing, reviewing or revising a risk assessment or an emergency management plan.

Question 18: Has your local government or Nation completed a natural asset inventory (an assessment of natural resources like forests, wetlands, and waterways for their ecosystem services and value)?

No

If no, what are the primary barriers preventing your local government or Nation from completing a natural asset inventory?
Please select all that apply.

Lack of funding
Lack of capacity (staff, expertise, etc.)
Not a current priority for council, directors, or leadership

Equity

Certain populations are disproportionately affected/more vulnerable by climate hazards and impacts (e.g. people experiencing homelessness, low-income households, seniors/elders, people living alone).

Taking an equity-informed approach to climate action is about enhancing climate resilience for everyone in B.C., regardless of where and how they live and requires a just approach that integrates equity considerations into climate planning and adaptation responses.

Question 19: How does your local government or Nation ensure equitable access to and distribution of climate action opportunities and benefits?
Please select all that apply.

There are no specific measures in place to ensure equitable access to and distribution of opportunities and benefits.

LGCAP Funding

The Program must be able to demonstrate the impact this funding has on greenhouse gas emissions reductions and resilience and adaptation in B.C. To substantiate the Program, we must develop a baseline understanding of where local governments and Nations are at with respect to climate action and track progress over time.

Please do your best to specify how much of your LGCAP funds was invested for each initiative undertaken without double counting.

Question 20 a): How has your local government or Nation spent or committed its LGCAP funding received in March 2024? This is the 3-years' upfront lump sum totaling: $266,877
Instructions: Please select all that apply and indicate the total dollar value associated with each initiative. Please ensure the amount(s) entered below equals your local government or Nation's total LGCAP funding amount received in 2024 (noted above). For the purposes of this question, "committed" funding refers to money that has been officially allocated or earmarked for specific projects with certainty, even if it has not yet been spent. Please select "funds on hold" for any funding that was not spent or committed during the 2024 calendar year. Format: no dollar sign, no comma and up to two decimal places.

Corporate

Community

Funds on hold
235132.52

Corporate Initiatives
Textbox format: no dollar sign and up to two decimal points (i.e. 2500 or 657.25). If selecting "Other", please write both the item and the amount of funding in the textbox.

Buildings initiatives

Transportation initiatives

Corporate buildings policies, programs and actions.
Textbox format: no dollar sign and up to two decimal points (i.e. 2500 or 657.25). If selecting "Other", please write both the item and the amount of funding in the textbox.

Efficiency upgrades/retrofits.
21885.54

Corporate transportation policies, programs and actions.
Textbox format: no dollar sign and up to two decimal points (i.e. 2500 or 657.25). If selecting "Other", please write both the item and the amount of funding in the textbox.

Installation of secure bike parking (i.e. bike valet).
220.00

Electric vehicle charging infrastructure investments.
8627.09

Community-wide Initiatives
Textbox format: no dollar sign and up to two decimal points (i.e. 2500 or 657.25). If selecting "Other", please write both the item and the amount of funding in the textbox.

Resilience and adaptation initiatives

Community-wide resilience and adaptation policies, programs and actions.
Textbox format: no dollar sign and up to two decimal points (i.e. 2500 or 657.25). If selecting "Other", please write both the item and the amount of funding in the textbox.

Utilizing natural assets/nature-based solutions.
1011.85

Funds on hold - How will funds be allocated?

Please indicate the project(s) and the amount of funding allocated to each of them, if known.
City Hall Relamp, staff training, EV Charging Infrastructure Investments

To expand upon your selection(s), please highlight the initiative(s) your local government or Nation's LGCAP funding received in March 2024 has gone towards

Fire Hall Relamp
Staff Bike Parking
EV Emergency Plugs
FireSmart Xeriscaping Demonstration Garden

Question 20 b): How has your local government or Nation spent or committed its remaining LGCAP funding received in 2022 and 2023? Based on our records, for your community, these funds total: $182,164. (This is your community's total LGCAP funding received in 2022 and 2023 minus what was reported as spent in the last two LGCAP surveys.)
Your community needs to report on this whether or not you've submitted an LGCAP Spending Forecast Form. You can see what your community has previously reported for LGCAP funding in the LGCAP Raw Survey Data. Instructions: Please select all that apply and indicate the total dollar value associated with each initiative. Please ensure the amount(s) entered below equals your local government or Nation's total LGCAP funding amount that was previously reported as in reserve (noted above). It doesn't matter which year the previously reserved funds received in 2022 and 2023 were spent or committed in. Format: no dollar sign, no comma and up to two decimal places.

Corporate

Community

Corporate Initiatives
Textbox format: no dollar sign and up to two decimal points (i.e. 2500 or 657.25). If selecting "Other", please write both the item and the amount of funding in the textbox.

Transportation initiatives

Corporate transportation policies, programs and actions.
Textbox format: no dollar sign and up to two decimal points (i.e. 2500 or 657.25). If selecting "Other", please write both the item and the amount of funding in the textbox.

Electric vehicle purchases and electric equipment/machinery purchases (i.e. electric zambonis)
141051.05

Community-wide Initiatives
Textbox format: no dollar sign and up to two decimal points (i.e. 2500 or 657.25). If selecting "Other", please write both the item and the amount of funding in the textbox.

Resilience and adaptation initiatives

Community-wide resilience and adaptation policies, programs and actions.
Textbox format: no dollar sign and up to two decimal points (i.e. 2500 or 657.25). If selecting "Other", please write both the item and the amount of funding in the textbox.

Utilizing natural assets/nature-based solutions.
41112.95

To expand upon your selection(s), please highlight the initiative(s) your local government or Nation's LGCAP funding received in 2022 and 2023 has gone towards

LGCAP funds were used on the new FireSmart Xeriscaping Demonstration Garden (started in 2024, expected to be finished in 2025), an EV in 2022, and two EVs in 2025.

Question 21 a): How much additional external funding for climate action were you able to invest by leveraging your 2024 LGCAP funds? This could include matching grants as well as private investment.
Format: no dollar sign, no comma, and up to two decimal places

0

Question 21 b): Please list the funding programs leveraged and associated funders (i.e. Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, Canada/Province).
Please enter "NA" if no funds were leveraged.

We've used this funding in grant applications but the applications were not successful.

Question 22: What is your internal decision criteria for spending LGCAP dollars?

Projects need to be "shovel ready"; provide emission reductions, and meet provincial requirements. Our current project priority is emissions reductions.

Question 23: Does your local government or Nation use a formal framework to apply a climate lens on infrastructure planning and decision-making?
This could include the Provincial preliminary GHG assessment guidance, the Federal climate lens guidance, or another climate lens framework.

No

Question 24: What is the value in the Program's continuity for your community and how does it support other priority initiatives for your local government or Nation (e.g. affordability, health, economic growth/resilience, etc.)?
Optional

Without LGCAP, the City of Merritt wouldn't be able to plan, design, nor execute many of these projects. This funding is providing us with an opportunity to work on true emissions reductions and climate action projects that provide long term community benefit and resilience. With the distribution of increased funding in 2024, we are now able to plan for three years in advance, which has allowed us to develop a holistic strategy on use of funds and to make meaningful decisions on fund allocation. For example, we have upgraded some of our fleet to EVs earlier than anticipated due to the funding boost and are planning for future fleet and facilities upgrades.

Please note on posting the survey publicly:

- All information from the required questions must be included.
- Optional questions and responses can be omitted.
  - The Province will use the information from optional questions for internal purposes only.
- When posting the survey publicly, the design / format of the form can be changed.

Local Government Climate Action Program Attestation Form

Instructions for the Attestor (CFO or equivalent staff person):
Complete and sign this form by filling in the fields below.

I, the Chief Financial Officer, or equivalent position, attest to the following:

1. That Local Government Climate Action Program funding has been, or will be, allocated to climate action.
2. That Local Government Climate Action Program funds received in 2022 and 2023 were spent by March 31, 2025 **or** an LGCAP Spending Forecast Form was submitted by February 28, 2025 and approved.
3. That Local Government Climate Action Program funds received in 2024 will be spent by March 31, 2028.
4. That a completed and signed version of this form and survey contents will be publicly posted by September 30, 2025.

Attested by (first name, last name)

Kevin Natkinniemi

Professional title

Director of Finance and HR & CFO

Local government or Modern Treaty Nation

City of Merritt

Date

2025-07-30

Attestor signature

Please note: File upload e-signatures are not enabled as uploaded files do not appear on the final report. If you require a redo for the digitally-drawn signature, please click the trash can. If that doesn't work, please submit your survey then contact us at LGCAP@gov.bc.ca.

Signature captured

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Reminder: Download a copy for your records!

Once submitted, please download a copy of the completed survey and attestation form (PDF, Excel, and Word options).