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LGCAP 2025

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

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 2025 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.

Please note:

- Please do not provide any personal information (e.g. email, phone number) in the survey.
- 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.
- No commas are to be used in numerical fields.
- There is a 9,999 character limit for the open-ended questions, unless otherwise noted.
- 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.
- Questions with substantial updates from last year's survey are flagged with an exclamation mark (!).
- You can see what your community has previously reported for LGCAP in the LGCAP Raw Survey Data.
- For Questions 10-13 and 20 we ask that initiatives are separated by corporate and community.
    - **Community-wide initiatives** are actions that impact the entire community as opposed to local government assets and operations. These could include setting community or sector-wide GHG reduction targets, investing in public EV charging infrastructure, and engaging residents in climate efforts.
    - **Corporate initiatives**, on the other hand, focus on the assets and operations of a local government or Modern Treaty Nation - such as investments in municipal buildings, fleets, policies and plans. Corporate operations climate initiatives could include energy retrofits to a community recreation centre, purchasing low-emissions fleet vehicles and purchasing carbon offsets to achieve corporate carbon neutrality.
- Please ensure responses align with your community’s most recent Official Community Plan (OCP) or Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) update, particularly when answering Question 7.

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:

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 2024 will be spent by March 31, 2028.
3. That a completed and signed version of this form and survey contents will be publicly posted by September 30, 2026.

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.

    - Please note the Province is currently considering recommendations from the independent and advisory CleanBC Review; any changes that are made will be thoughtful, practical and focused on affordability for people. Program areas will reach out to partners and stakeholders if there are any next steps related to CleanBC policies and programs.
2. For communities with populations of 5,000+ (based on 2020 B.C. 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.

Climate action success stories

Open-ended survey questions that describe one or more climate action initiatives may be highlighted in Provincial materials to acknowledge innovative local climate solutions. To be considered for inclusion on the Local Government Climate Action Highlights webpage, responses must be at least two complete sentences and provide enough detail for us to understand the initiative's key elements (what, when, where, and why). Please refer to the Local Government Climate Action Success Stories Submission Form for guidance on how to complete the highlights sections for Questions 10–13, Question 19 and Question 20.

Climate action success stories are accepted year-round
In addition to mining LGCAP survey data, we accept success stories for publication any time of year. The template to submit stories outside of the LGCAP survey 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 July 31, 2026.

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, 2026.

Note: Eligibility for the Program is determined solely by meeting the stated requirements. Additional climate action initiatives or dedicated climate action staff are not required and do not affect eligibility.

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.

If you would like page numbers on your final report, please download the Word version and add them.

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 help.

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 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 full time equivalent (FTE) staff work on climate action in your organization?
Include only staff who have climate action as part of their job duties. Estimate FTE(s) in decimal format (0.00) by reporting the portion of time spent on climate work. For example, say your community had: Climate Coordinator: 100% time = 1.0 FTE Planner II: 50% time = 0.5 FTE Engineering Technologist: 25% time = 0.25 FTE Facilities Manager: 10% time = 0.1 FTE Total (what you would enter below) = 1.85 If there are no staff dedicated to working on climate action, that's 0% time, please enter 0.0.

5.5

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, but we are currently undertaking one and it will be completed in the next two years.

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 5,000 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 Boundaries and Scope Guidance. Contracted emissions must be accounted for regardless of which protocol your local government employs. Local governments with populations below 5,000 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 for Traditional Services GHG Emissions
- Traditional Services Emissions Inventory Reporting Tool
- Contracted Services Emissions Guidance
- Contracted Services Emissions Calculator
- B.C. Best Practices Methodology for Quantifying GHG Emissions
- Emission Factors Catalogue

Question 5: For the 2025 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".

Yes

If your local government or Nation measured 2025 traditional services GHG emissions, please report the GHG emissions from services delivered directly (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent) from scope 1 and 2 sources.
For determining which emission sources are in scope, please refer to the LGCAP Traditional Services Boundaries and Scope Guidance. Format: Up to two decimal places and no commas (e.g. 1250.47)

971.44

If your local government or Nation measured 2025 traditional services GHG emissions, please report the GHG emissions from contracted services (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent) from scope 1 and scope 2 sources.
For determining which emission sources are in scope, please refer to the LGCAP Traditional Services Boundaries and Scope Guidance. Format: Up to two decimal places and no commas (e.g. 1250.47)

0

If your local government or Nation measured 2025 traditional services GHG emissions, please report the total GHG emissions from both directly delivered and contracted services (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent) from scope 1 and scope 2 sources.
For determining which emission sources are in scope, please refer to the LGCAP Traditional Services Boundaries and Scope Guidance. This would be the sum of the two questions above. Format: Up to two decimal places and no commas (e.g. 1250.47)

971.44

If your local government or Nation measured 2025 traditional services GHG emissions, please report what protocol you used to measure emissions.

LGCAP methodology (our guidance documents such as the BC Best Practices Methodology for Quantifying GHG Emissions and the LGCAP Traditional Services Boundaries and Scope Guidance)

Optional: Please indicate how many tonnes of CO2e are associated with facilities.
Format: Up to two decimal places and no commas (e.g. 1250.47)

700.79

Optional: Please indicate how many tonnes of CO2e are associated with mobile sources.
Format: Up to two decimal places and no commas (e.g. 1250.47)

270.65

Optional: Please provide any further comments you wish to share on traditional services emissions measurement and reporting here (e.g. system or approach used to measure traditional services emissions).

Additional resources provided would be appreciated for smaller communities. There weren't any readily available resources or templates to set up the tracking of emissions, and it would be helpful to have some for future years.

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 Communities Team 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 the Communities Team as we upgrade the CEEI.

(!) Question 6: For the 2025 calendar year, have community-wide GHG emissions been measured for your local government or Nation (including on your behalf by your regional district)?

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 financial capacity.

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

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 ensure your response reflects your community's most recent OCP or RGS update. 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 carbon neutrality

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.

Commute by mode: Employed labour force by mode of commute

Greenspace: Land area that is parks and protected greenspace

Other (please specify):

Energy type used to power and heat private dwellings and commercial builds.

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 2025 (e.g., supplementing Provincial energy efficiency incentive programs).

For questions 10-13 we ask that initiatives are separated by corporate and community.

- **Community-wide initiatives** are actions that impact the entire community as opposed to local government assets and operations. These could include setting community or sector-wide GHG reduction targets, investing in public EV charging infrastructure, and engaging residents in climate efforts.
- **Corporate initiatives**, on the other hand, focus on the assets and operations of a local government or Modern Treaty Nation - such as investments in municipal buildings, fleets, policies and plans. Corporate operations climate initiatives could include energy retrofits to a community recreation centre, purchasing low-emissions fleet vehicles and purchasing carbon offsets to achieve corporate carbon neutrality.

Question 10: Please indicate all climate initiatives your local government or Nation had in-progress, ongoing or completed in the 2025 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

Efficiency upgrades/retrofits

Community-wide buildings policies, programs and actions

Other (please specify):
Universal water metering installations in majority of private dwellings; Reducing assumed maximum water use for dwelling units

Please highlight one or more project(s) that were in-progress, ongoing or completed in the 2025 calendar year related to buildings.

Please enter NA if your community reported no buildings initiatives ongoing, completed or in-progress for 2025. Responses must include at least two complete sentences to be considered for highlighting on the Local Government Climate Action Highlights webpage, providing sufficient detail for us to clearly understand the initiative (what, when, where, and why). Please refer to the Local Government Climate Action Success Stories submission form for guidance on how to complete the highlights section.

In 2024, the City of Merritt updated the Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw. Beginning in 2025, work started to update the Infrastructure Design Standards Policy is being updated to reduce the assumed maximum water use for dwelling units

Question 11: Please indicate all climate initiatives your local government or Nation had in-progress, ongoing or completed in the 2025 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

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)

Electric vehicle charging studies/planning

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

Community-wide transportation policies, programs and actions

Revising existing bylaws or implementing new ones to support active transportation

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)

Neighbourhood or community-wide speed limit reductions

Electric vehicle charging studies/planning

Please highlight one or more project(s) that were in-progress, ongoing or completed in the 2025 calendar year related to transportation.

Please enter NA if your community reported no transportation initiatives ongoing, completed or in-progress for 2025. Responses must include at least two complete sentences to be considered for highlighting on the Local Government Climate Action Highlights webpage, providing sufficient detail for us to clearly understand the initiative (what, when, where, and why). Please refer to the Local Government Climate Action Success Stories submission form for guidance on how to complete the highlights section.

In 2025, the City completed and opened the West Merritt Active Transportation Path. We also installed delineators to the Voght St. bike lanes to reduce collision points and calm traffic.

In December 2025, we began planning with BC Hydro new public charging infrastructure in our community.

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 2025 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.

Corporate
Community

Corporate climate policies, programs and actions

Renewable energy investments (e.g. district energy, waste heat recovery, biomass)

Community-wide climate policies, programs and actions

Complete, compact communities
Supporting green/blue carbon sequestration
Climate engagement

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.

Official Community Plans

Please highlight one or more project(s) that were in-progress, ongoing or completed in the 2025 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 2025. Responses must include at least two complete sentences to be considered for highlighting on the Local Government Climate Action Highlights webpage, providing sufficient detail for us to clearly understand the initiative (what, when, where, and why). Please refer to the Local Government Climate Action Success Stories submission form for guidance on how to complete the highlights section.

Our Community Services team began planning a waste heat recovery project. This project would connect the systems of the Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre with the Nicola Valley Memorial Arena to use excess heat generated by the cooling plant in the Arena to heat the Aquatic Centre.

Examples of projects that support green carbon sequestration: STUWI(x) Naturalization Project: In 2025, the City continued planning, property preparation and collaborative design for the naturalization of approximately 14 acres at the confluence of the Coldwater and Nicola Rivers. The project will remove developed infrastructure from the floodplain and restore native vegetation, riparian habitat and natural floodplain functions. Although carbon sequestration is not its primary purpose, the restoration and long-term establishment of native vegetation will support green carbon sequestration.

Cottonwood Habitat Overstory Management Program (CHOMP): This program began in 2025 in collaboration with the Lower Nicola Indian Band Aquatics Department. By protecting established cottonwood trees and supporting the long-term health of the riparian canopy, the program helps retain existing carbon storage and supports continued sequestration.

Claybanks Dike revegetation: Construction of the Claybanks Dike was completed in 2025 and included restoration and revegetation of disturbed areas. This contributes to riparian recovery and carbon sequestration, although these benefits are secondary to the project's primary flood-protection purpose.

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: Please indicate all initiatives your local government or Nation had completed, ongoing or in-progress in the 2025 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

Undertaking or completing a risk assessment at the asset or project level

Addressing current and future climate risks through plans, adaptation measure implementation, programs, service delivery, asset management and/or other functions

Monitoring climate risks or impacts (floods, wildfire, etc.)

Providing training (adaptation and mitigation skills)

Creation of policy/procedures to affect change (climate considerations into decision-making processes)

Developing emergency/hazard response plans

Developing business continuity or similar plan(s)

Community-wide resilience and adaptation policies, programs and actions

Undertaking or completing a Hazard Risk Vulnerability Assessment (HRVA) at the community level

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 or acquiring 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 2025 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 2025. Responses must include at least two complete sentences to be considered for the Local Government Climate Action Highlights webpage, providing sufficient detail for us to clearly understand the initiative (what, when, where, and why). Please refer to the submission form for guidance on how to complete the highlights section. The Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness may use these on ClimateReadyBC.

The City began developing a Hazards, Risks, and Vulnerability Assessment in 2025 as part of our Emergency Management Plan.

During 2025, the City of Merritt advanced several major climate-adaptation initiatives along the Coldwater River to reduce future flood risk and strengthen long-term community resilience. The City completed construction of the 190-metre Claybanks Dike and advanced engineering and property planning for the Dikes 129/130 Program and the community-led STUWI(x) Naturalization Project at the confluence of the Coldwater and Nicola Rivers.

These initiatives combine engineered flood protection with nature-based approaches, including setback dikes, riparian restoration, naturalized floodplain space and the protection of established cottonwood habitat. The work was informed by technical studies, public engagement and ongoing collaboration with the six Nicola Valley Bands, incorporating Traditional Knowledge, environmental priorities and community perspectives into flood-resilience planning.

For the latest updates on these and other climate-adaptation projects, visit flood.merritt.ca.

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).

No

If available, please provide a link to the document:

https://www.merritt.ca/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/Hazard-Risk-and-Vulnerability-Analysis-HRVA-2026.pdf

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

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

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

Yes, in asset management

Yes, in budgeting

Yes, in climate action plans

(!) Question 15 a): Please select the most significant climate hazards faced by your community and please specify the associated adaptation measures completed or in-progress in the 2025 calendar year, if any.

I.e. for extreme heat: cooling stations. If entering a hazard under "Other", please write the hazard and related measure(s) in the textbox. Textbox limit: 998 characters

Extreme heat
Working with community groups to address vulnerable population needs.

Extreme cold, snow and/or ice
Working with community groups to address vulnerable population needs.

Drought
Universal Water Metering Installations

Wildfire
STUWI(x) Naturalization Project, CHOMP, and Claybanks Dike revegetation

Wildfire smoke
Working with community groups to address vulnerable population needs.

Overland/riverine flooding
STUWI(x) Naturalization Project, CHOMP, and Claybanks Dike revegetation

Wind, rain, and/or other storm events
n/a

Landslides
n/a

(!) Question 15 b): Please select the impacts your community experienced in the 2025 calendar year related to the hazards above.

Select all that apply

Heat-related illness

Respiratory impacts (e.g., reduced air quality, smoke exposure)

Water shortages or restrictions

Increased erosion or slope instability

Biodiversity loss or ecosystem stress

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

Mapping of climate change impacts and hazards

Adaptation planning information

Technical expertise to implement solutions

Information on partnership opportunities

Examples of actions taken by other communities

Question 17: Please indicate all initiatives your local government or Nation had completed, ongoing or in-progress in the 2025 calendar year related to working with neighbouring communities.
Please select all that apply.

Collaborating on preparing, reviewing or revising a climate or natural hazard risk assessment

Entering into agreements related to emergency management planning and/or multijurisdictional emergency management organization (this option excludes mutual aid agreements such as fire protection services)

Collaborating on data collection, mapping or monitoring climate risks

(!) 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 awareness

Lack of funding

Lack of capacity (staff, expertise, etc.)

Not a current priority for council, directors, or leadership

Equity

Certain populations are more vulnerable to 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.

By partnering with other organizations (such as health authorities, social service agencies, or Indigenous leadership bodies)

By engaging with equity seeking groups/frontline communities most impacted by climate change

By working to ensure climate actions align with UNDRIP and/or national laws pertaining to Indigenous rights

Optional: Please highlight a climate initiative completed or in-progress in the 2025 calendar year that promotes equity and inclusion.

Responses must include at least two complete sentences to be considered for highlighting on the Local Government Climate Action Highlights webpage, providing sufficient detail for us to clearly understand the initiative (what, when, where, and why). Please refer to the Local Government Climate Action Success Stories submission form for guidance on how to complete the highlights section.

Collaborating on preparing, reviewing or revising a climate or natural hazard risk assessment: Through the STUWI(x) Steering Committee and the Flood Mitigation Indigenous Engagement Plan, the City worked with representatives from the six Nicola Valley Bands to incorporate Traditional Knowledge, technical information, environmental considerations and community priorities into flood-resilience planning and project design. Engineering and design work for STUWI(x), Dikes 129/130 and Fir Bank Stabilization also assessed flood, erosion, environmental and infrastructure risks at the project level.

Collaborating on data collection, mapping or monitoring climate risks: Flood Mitigation projects used updated floodplain information, hydraulic modelling, environmental assessments, property mapping and technical investigations to guide the design of Dikes 129/130, STUWI(x), Fir Bank Stabilization and other projects. Indigenous community partners were engaged to review project information and contribute Traditional Knowledge and local observations.

The Flood Mitigation Indigenous Engagement Plan is also relevant. It was co-developed with the six Nicola Valley Bands and establishes repeatable opportunities for early information sharing, technical review, site visits, collaborative design and the integration of Traditional Knowledge throughout flood-mitigation projects. More information is available on the City's Indigenous Engagement page.

LGCAP Funding

The Program must be able to demonstrate the impact this funding has on greenhouse gas emissions reductions, resilience and adaptation, and building local capacity to advance climate action 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.

For Question 20 we ask that initiatives are separated by corporate and community.

- **Community-wide initiatives** are actions that impact the entire community as opposed to local government assets and operations. These could include setting community or sector-wide GHG reduction targets, investing in public EV charging infrastructure, and engaging residents in climate efforts.
- **Corporate initiatives**, on the other hand, focus on the assets and operations of a local government or Modern Treaty Nation - such as investments in municipal buildings, fleets, policies and plans. Corporate operations climate initiatives could include energy retrofits to a community recreation centre, purchasing low-emissions fleet vehicles and purchasing carbon offsets to achieve corporate carbon neutrality.

Question 20: In the previous calendar year (2025), how did your local government or Nation spend or commit to spend its remaining LGCAP funding received in the March 2024 3-year lump sum? Based on our records for your community, these funds total: $235,132.52. This is the amount of your March 2024 3-year lump sum that was reported on hold in the LGCAP 2024 survey, if any.

Instructions: Please ensure the amount(s) entered below equals the dollar amount displayed above. Please select all that apply and indicate the total dollar value associated with each initiative. Please select “funds on hold” for any funding that was not spent or committed to be spent during the 2025 calendar year. For the purposes of this question, "committed to be spent" refers to having officially allocated funding for specific projects with certainty, even if it has not yet been spent. You can see what your community has previously reported for LGCAP funding in the LGCAP Raw Survey Data. Format: no dollar sign, no comma and up to two decimal places.

Corporate

Community

Funds on hold
191244.03

Corporate Initiatives

Buildings initiatives

Resilience and adaptation initiatives

Corporate buildings policies, programs and actions

Textbox format: no dollar sign and up to two decimal points (i.e. 2500 or 657.25).

Efficiency upgrades/retrofits
34189.53

Corporate resilience and adaptation policies, programs and actions

Textbox format: no dollar sign and up to two decimal points (i.e. 2500 or 657.25).

Providing training (adaptation and mitigation skills)
9168.96

Community-wide Initiatives

Transportation initiatives

Community-wide transportation policies, programs and actions

Textbox format: no dollar sign and up to two decimal points (i.e. 2500 or 657.25).

Electric vehicle charging infrastructure investments
530

(!) Funds on hold - How will funds be allocated?

If a decision has been made, please enter the project(s) and the amount of funding that will go towards each (if known):
43,439 to a 0.5 FTE Sustainability Coordinator, $14,470 for EV charging infrastructure

To expand upon your selection(s), please highlight the initiative(s) your local government or Nation's LGCAP funding received in March 2024 has been spent on or committed towards in the 2025 calendar year.

Please provide specifics on your selections made above such as the kind of technology used, the scale/scope, the building/location, or the expected impact (i.e. the make and model of an EV, the kilometres of a bike lane built...). Responses must include at least two complete sentences to be considered for highlighting on the Local Government Climate Action Highlights webpage, providing sufficient detail for us to clearly understand the initiative (what, when, where, and why). Please refer to the Local Government Climate Action Success Stories submission form for guidance on how to complete the highlights section.

$34,189.53 - City Hall Lighting Upgrade
$9,168.96 - Staff training and education opportunities
$530.00 - EV Charging Station Maintenance

Question 21 a): What is your internal decision criteria for spending LGCAP dollars?

Currently, projects need to be "shovel ready", provide emission reductions, and meet provincial requirements. Once our Climate Adaptation & Resiliency Plan is adopted in the coming year, we will be using this as a project list. Actions and projects identified during this will be based on community engagement and priorities established through our other governing documents.

Question 21 b): 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 22 a): In the previous calendar year (2025), how much additional external funding for climate action were you able to acquire 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

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Question 22 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 23 a): What is the value of the Program’s continuity for your community or Nation, and how does it support other priority initiatives for your local government or Nation (e.g., affordability, housing, safer communities/public safety, emergency preparedness and response, economic growth and good jobs, protecting critical services people rely on)?

Optional

This program has been invaluable to us as a small community. We would be unable to accomplish any climate action or even considered it without this funding. This has enabled us to expand our capacity and retain an employee in a 0.5 FTE Sustainability Coordinator position to develop a Climate Adaptation & Resiliency Plan. This funding has been instrumental in us electrifying our fleet, reducing emissions in our facilities, and increasing our capacity across multiple departments by providing training opportunities.

(!) Question 23 b:) Which provincial priorities does the LGCAP help advance in your community?
Optional. Select all the apply.

Infrastructure resilience
Energy efficiency in buildings
Community health and well-being
Reconciliation efforts
Safer communities and public safety
Protecting the natural environment and ecosystems
Supporting vulnerable populations

(!) Question 23 c): On a scale of 1 to 5, how important is LGCAP funding to your community's ability to advance the provincial priorities identified above?
Optional

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(!) Question 23 d): Which of the following tangible outcomes has your community directly experienced as a result of LGCAP-supported initiatives, if any?
Optional. Select all that apply:

Improved resilience of infrastructure or community assets
Reduced long-term infrastructure, maintenance, or asset management costs
Energy cost savings for the local government and/or community
Improved natural asset management (e.g., wetlands, forests, shorelines)
Biodiversity or ecosystem benefits
Improved air quality or public health outcomes
Improved relationship with the Province

(!) Question 23 e): On a scale of 1 to 5, to what extent has LGCAP funding helped your community move work forward sooner, or enabled work that would not have happened without the funding?
Optional

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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 2024 will be spent by March 31, 2028.

3. That a completed and signed version of this form and survey contents will be publicly posted by September 30, 2026.

Attested by (first name, last name)

Kevin Natkinniemi

Professional title

CFO

Local government or Modern Treaty Nation

City of Merritt

Date

2026-07-31

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

2026-07-31 22:43:00 Pacific Daylight Time

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).