

Survey Template

For the 2018 CARIP Climate Action/Carbon Neutral Progress Survey

Local governments are required to submit the 2018 CARIP Climate Action/Carbon Neutral Progress Survey on or before June 1, 2019.

Use Template to Collect Information

This Survey Template has been provided to help local governments complete the survey and report its contents. The template can be used to:

- gather and record survey responses before inputting data into the survey; and/or
- create the public report.

Alternatively, a local government may choose to use a template or format of their own design.

Responses entered into this Survey Template can be cut and pasted into the online survey. The survey asks for up to five actions in each category, and there is a place in the survey to report additional actions if desired. In this Survey Template, simply add more lines to the tables to report more than five actions.

Public Reports:

Public reports must contain the same information as submitted in the 2018 Climate Action/Carbon Neutral Progress Survey. Because respondents are unable to generate a report of survey responses, Ministry staff will send each respondent a PDF version of their CARIP report once it has been completed online.

For purposes of the CARIP Survey, the following definitions apply:

COMMUNITY-WIDE ACTIONS

Actions undertaken to reduce GHG emissions in the community at-large (e.g. not related to corporate operations).

CORPORATE ACTIONS

Actions undertaken to reduce GHG emissions produced as a result of a local government's delivery of "traditional services", including fire protection, solid waste management, recreational/cultural services, road and traffic operations, water and wastewater management, and local government administration.

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Climate Action Revenue Incentive (CARIP) Public Report for 2018

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The Town of Comox has completed the 2018 Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) Public Report as required by the Province of BC. The CARIP report summarizes actions taken in 2018 and proposed for 2019 to reduce corporate and community-wide energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) and reports on progress towards achieving carbon neutrality.

2018 BROAD PLANNING ACTIONS

Broad Planning Actions

Broad Planning refers to high level planning that sets the stage for GHG emissions reductions, including plans such as Official Community Plans, Integrated Community Sustainability Plans, Climate Action Plans or Community Energy Emissions Plans. Land use planning that focuses on Smart Growth principles (compact, complete, connected, and centred) plays an especially important role in energy and GHG reduction.

Q 6 + Q 7 Community-Wide Broad Planning Actions Taken in 2018 + Additional Actions	
	Primary area of reduction in community GHG production through our Official Community Plan is projected to be through transit oriented development policies of the OCP. The resulting more compact development pattern in association with pedestrian and cycling infrastructure improvements also reduces GHG production.
	The Town continues to require energy efficient construction standards through the rezoning process.
	The Town has also enacted a Downtown Revitalization incentive program that requires energy efficient construction to qualify for full incentives.
	The Town advocated for the frequent bus service to connect Downtown Comox, the Anderton Corridor and the west section of Guthrie to the new Hospital, NIC, Downtown Courtenay and Driftwood Mall / Walmart and the provision of a transit exchange in Downtown Comox.
	Planning Reports on rezoning applications highlight the sustainability benefit of developments that are within walking distance of transit routes, community/commercial services and have ready access to the cycling network.
Q 8 Community-Wide Broad Planning Actions Proposed for 2019	
	OCP projects a per capita GHG reduction of 28% in comparison to the previous OCP through basing land use designations on Transit Orientated Design: densification within 400 m of transit routes. OCP also focuses on facilitating transportation through walking and cycling.
	OCP statement on transportation is improving transportation choices is critical significance in order to take advantage of existing underutilized infrastructure, forego extensive capital expenditures, and reduce GHG emission. The Comox OCP anticipates over three quarters of the population of Comox in 2030 will be within 400 m of an existing transit route.

Q 9 + Q 10 Corporate Broad Planning Actions Taken in 2018 + Additional Actions	

Q 11 Corporate Broad Planning Actions Proposed for 2019	

Broad Planning		
Q 12 What is (are) your current GHG reduction target(s)?	Per capital GHG reduction of 28% over the previous OCP.	
Q 13 Are you familiar with your local government's community energy and emissions inventory (e.g. CEEI or another inventory)?		No
Q 14 What plans, policies or guidelines govern the implementation of climate mitigation in your community?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Energy and Emissions Plan Integrated Community Sustainability Plan Community- Wide Climate Action Plan Official Community Plan Regional Growth Strategy Do not have a plan Other: 	No No No Yes Yes No No
Q 15 Does your local government have a corporate GHG reduction plan?		No

2018 BUILDING AND LIGHTING ACTIONS

Building and Lighting Actions

Low-carbon buildings use the minimum amount of energy needed to provide comfort and safety for their inhabitants and tap into renewable energy sources for heating, cooling and power. These buildings can save money, especially when calculated over the long term. This category also includes reductions realized from energy efficient street lights and lights in parks or other public spaces.

Q 16 + Q 17 Community-Wide Building and Lighting Actions Taken in 2018 + Additional Actions	
Q 18 Community-Wide Building and Lighting Actions Proposed for 2019	

Q 19 + Q 20 Corporate Building and Lighting Actions Taken in 2018 + Additional Actions	
	Continued use of geothermal loop to heat and cool the Community Centre (installed in 2011).
	Continued use of solar energy (supplemental) hot water generation (Marina Park Washrooms).
	Upgraded to more efficient lighting at Fire Hall (magnetic induction, LED, solar power).
Q 21 Corporate Building and Lighting Actions Proposed for 2019	
	The Town continues to consider the BC Hydro program for updating streetlights with energy efficient LED fixtures and is reviewing the option of 3000 kelvin LED (warm light) streetlight for the future.

Building and Lighting	
The Province has committed to taking incremental steps to increase energy-efficiency requirements in the BC Building Code to make buildings net-zero energy ready by 2032. The BC Energy Step Code--a part of the BC Building Code--supports that effort	
Q 22 Is your local government aware of the BC Energy Step Code ?	Yes
Q 23 Is your local government implementing the BC Energy Step Code ?	Yes

P5 2018 ENERGY GENERATION ACTIONS

Energy Generation Actions

A transition to renewable or low-emission energy sources for heating, cooling and power supports large, long-term GHG emissions reductions. Renewable energy including waste heat recovery (e.g. from biogas and biomass), geo-exchange, micro hydroelectric, solar thermal and solar photovoltaic, heat pumps, tidal, wave, and wind energy can be implemented at different scales, e.g. in individual homes, or integrated across neighbourhoods through district energy or co-generation systems.

Q 24 + Q 25 Community-Wide Energy Generation Actions Taken in 2018 + Additional Actions	

Q 26 Community-Wide Energy Generation Actions Proposed for 2019	

Q 27 + Q 28 Corporate Energy Generation Actions Taken in 2018 + Additional Actions	
Q 29 Corporate Energy Generation Actions Proposed for 2019	

Energy Generation	
Q 30 Is your local government developing, or constructing a <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • district energy system • renewable energy system • none of the above 	No No
Q 31 Is your local government operating a <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • district energy system • renewable energy system • none of the above 	No No
Q 32 Is your local government connected to a district energy system that is operated by another energy provider?	No
Q 33 Are you familiar with the 2018 List of Funding Opportunities for Clean Energy Projects Led by First Nations and Local Governments?	Yes

2018 GREENSPACE/NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION ACTIONS

Greenspace Actions

Greenspace/Natural Resource Protection refers to the creation of parks and greenways, boulevards, community forests, urban agriculture, riparian areas, gardens, recreation/school sites, and other green spaces, such as remediated brownfield/contaminated sites as well as the protection of wetlands, waterways and other naturally occurring features.

Q 34 + Q 36 Community-Wide Greenspace Actions Taken in 2018 + Additional Actions (Q 35 below Q 41)	
	Annual planting of 100 + native shrubs and trees.
	North East Storm Water Management Plan to monitor surface and ground water flow to support agriculture sensitive areas.
	Anderton Corridor Storm Water Plan to protect downstream agriculture and fish habitat.
Q 37 Community-Wide Greenspace Actions Proposed for 2019	
	Design of greenway connections conducive to pedestrian and cycling activity; Lazo Greenway,a Dryden multi use path.
	North East Storm Water Management Plan to monitor surface and ground water flow to support agriculture sensitive areas.
	Anderton Corridor Storm Water Plan to protect downstream agriculture and fish habitat.

Q 38 + Q 39 Corporate Greenspace Actions Taken in 2018 + Additional Actions	
Q 40 Corporate Greenspace Actions Proposed for 2019	

Greenspace	
Q 41 Does your local government have urban forest policies, plans or programs?	Yes

Q 35. Does your local government have policies, plans or programs to support local food production?

No

2018 SOLID WASTE ACTIONS

Solid Waste Actions

Reducing, reusing, recycling, recovering and managing the disposal of the residual solid waste minimizes environmental impacts and supports sustainable environmental management, greenhouse gas reductions, and improved air and water quality.

Q 42 + Q 43 Community-Wide Solid Waste Actions Taken in 2018 + Additional Actions

	We continue to participate in the pilot project to collect & compost (gore cover aerated) organics, and continue to encourage the Regional District to expand that program here in the Comox Valley.

Q 44 Community-Wide Solid Waste Actions Proposed for 2019

	We will continue with the organics pilot with our lobbying of the Regional District.

Q 45 + Q 46 Corporate Solid Waste Actions Taken in 2018 + Additional Actions

	The Town signed an agreement with Recycle BC for residential recycling.

Q 47 Corporate Solid Waste Actions Proposed for 2019

Solid Waste

Q 48 Does your local government have construction and demolition waste reduction policies, plans or programs?	No
Q 49 Does your local government have organics reduction/diversion policies, plans or programs?	Yes

2018 TRANSPORTATION ACTIONS

Transportation Actions

Transportation actions that increase transportation system efficiency emphasize the movement of people and goods, and give priority to more efficient modes, e.g. walking, cycling and public transit, can contribute to reductions in GHG emissions and more livable communities.

Q 50 + Q 51 Community-Wide Transportation Actions Taken in 2018 + Additional Actions	
	We continue to work with the Regional District to implement its Transit Future Plan with the goal of increasing ridership in public transit.
Q 52 Community-Wide Transportation Actions Proposed for 2019	
	Narrower roads in proposed draft bylaw result in less asphalt and lower speeds.
	We will continue to work with the Regional District to implement its Transit Future Plan.

Q 53 + Q 54 Corporate Transportation Actions Taken in 2018 + Additional Actions	
Q 55 Corporate Transportation - Actions Proposed for 2019	

Transportation	
Q 56 Does your local government have policies, plans or programs to support:	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking • Cycling • Transit Use • Electric Vehicle Use • Other (please specify) 	No
	No
	No
	No
	No
Q 57 Does your local government have a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategy (e.g. to reduce single-vehicle occupancy trips, increase travel options, provide incentives to encourage individuals to modify travel behaviour)?	No
Q 58 Does your local government integrate its transportation and land use planning?	Yes

2018 WATER AND WASTEWATER ACTIONS

Water and Wastewater Actions

Managing and reducing water consumption and wastewater is an important aspect of developing a sustainable built environment that supports healthy communities, protects ecological integrity, and reduces GHG emissions.

Q 59 + Q 60 Community-Wide Water and Wastewater Actions Taken in 2018 + Additional Actions	
	In 2018 we installed 215 new residential waters meters many in response to suspected leaks.
	We continued our program of reading meters monthly and contacting high use customers who may have leaks.
Q 61 Community-Wide Water and Wastewater Actions Proposed for 2019	
	We will continue to install residential meters and follow up with high use customers to find and fix leaks.

Q 62 + Q 63 Corporate Water and Wastewater Actions Taken in 2018 + Additional Actions	
	Rain water is captured and used in the training centre & garden at the fire hall saving over one million litres per year.
	Fire trucks are washed less often than in previous years.
Q 64 Corporate Water and Wastewater Actions Proposed for 2019	
	Studies and communications plan for universal water metering.

Water Conservation

Q 65 Does your local government have water conservation policies, plans or programs? Yes

2018 CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION ACTIONS

This section of the CARIP survey is designed to collect information related to the types of climate impacts local governments are experiencing and how they are being addressed.

Q 66 Please identify the THREE climate impacts that are most relevant to your Local Government.

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| • Warmer winter temperatures reducing snowpack | Yes |
| • Changes to temperature and precipitation causing seasonal drought | Yes |
| • Heatwaves impacting population health | Yes |
| • Increased temperatures increasing wildfire activity | Yes |
| • Increased temperatures affecting air quality | Yes |
| • Changing temperatures influencing species migration and ecosystem shifts | Yes |
| • Changing temperatures influencing ecosystem shifts | Yes |
| • Extreme weather events contributing to urban and overland flooding | Yes |
| • Sea level rise and storms causing coastal flooding and/or erosion | Yes |

Other (please specify):

Q 67 In 2018 has your local government addressed the impacts of a changing climate using any of the following?

Risk and Vulnerability Assessments	No
Risk Reduction Strategies	No
Emergency Response Planning	Yes
Asset Management	Yes
Natural/Eco Asset Management Strategies	No
Infrastructure Upgrades (e.g. stormwater system upgrades)	Yes
Beach Nourishment Projects	No
Economic Diversification Initiatives	No
Strategic and Financial Planning	Yes
Cross-Department Working Groups	No
Official Community Plan Policy Changes	Yes
Changes to Zoning and other Bylaws and Regulations	Yes
Incentives for Property Owners (e.g. reducing storm water run-off)	No

Public Education and Awareness	No
Research	No
Mapping	No
Partnerships	No
Other (please specify):	

Q 68 Climate Change Adaptation Actions Taken in 2018	
Please elaborate on key actions and/or partnerships your local government has engaged in to prepare for, and adapt to a changing climate. Add links to key documents and information where appropriate.	
Q 69 Climate Change Adaptation Actions Proposed for 2019	
Q 70 For more information please contact	

Indicators of Climate Change for British Columbia	Haven't Used
Plan2Adapt	Haven't Used
Climate Projections for Metro Vancouver	Haven't Used
Climate Projections for the Capital Region	Haven't Used
Climate Projections for the Cowichan Valley Regional District	Haven't Used
Province of BC's BC Adapts Video Series	Haven't Used
Preparing for Climate Change: Implementation Guide for Local Governments	Haven't Used
Public Infrastructure and Engineering Vulnerability Committee's (PIEVC)	Haven't Used
Sea Level Rise Adaptation Primer	Haven't Used
BC Regional Adaptation Collaborative Webinars	Haven't Used
Retooling for Climate Change	Haven't Used
Water Balance Model	Haven't Used
Water Conservation Calculator	Haven't Used
Funding:	
National Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP)	Haven't Used
Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF)	Haven't Used
Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program (MCIP)	Haven't Used
Climate Adaptation Partner Grants (FCM)	Haven't Used
Infrastructure Planning Grants (MAH)	Haven't Used
Federal Gas Tax Fund	Useful
Other (please specify)	

Other Climate Actions

Q 72 Community-Wide Other Actions Taken in 2018	
Q 73 Corporate Other Actions Taken in 2018	

Other	
Q 74 Are you familiar with the Community Lifecycle Infrastructure Costing Tool (CLIC) ?	Yes
Q 75 Is your local government using the CLIC tool?	No

INNOVATION AND PEER-TO-PEER LEARNING

Innovation

This section provides the opportunity to showcase an innovative *Corporate and/or Community-Wide* GHG reduction and/or climate change adaptation activity that your local government has undertaken and that has had, or has the potential to have, a significant impact. You are welcome to highlight an action that has already been listed.

Projects included here may be featured as success stories on the [B.C. Climate Action Toolkit](#) and/or shared with other local governments to inspire further climate action. Please add links to additional information where possible.

Communities that have conducted innovative initiatives may want to consider making applications to [CEA's Climate and Energy Action Awards](#), [FCM Sustainable Communities Awards](#) or to [FCM's National Measures Report](#).

Q 76 Community-Wide Innovation Action
Q 77 Corporate Innovation Action
Q 78 For more information on actions described above contact

Programs, Partnerships and Funding Opportunities

Local governments often rely on programs, partnerships and funding opportunities to achieve their climate action goals. Please share the names of programs and organizations that have supported your local government's climate actions by listing each entry in the box below separated by a forward slash (e.g. program1/program2).

Mitigation

Q 79 Mitigation Programs, Partnerships and Funding

Community Works Funds (Federal Gas Tax transfers through UBCM) for bike lanes, paths & sidewalks.

Adaptation
Q 80 Adaptation Programs, Partnerships and Funding

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2018 CARBON NEUTRAL REPORTING

Local governments are required to report on their progress in achieving their carbon neutral goal under the [B.C. Climate Action Charter](#). Working with B.C. local governments, the joint Provincial-UBCM Green Communities Committee (GCC) has established a common approach to determining carbon neutrality for the purposes of the Climate Action Charter, including a Carbon Neutral Framework and supporting guidance for local governments on how to become carbon neutral.

Prior to completing this portion of the survey, please ensure that you are familiar with guidance available on the [B.C. Climate Action Toolkit website](#), especially the [Workbook](#) and [Becoming Carbon Neutral: A Guide for Local Governments in British Columbia](#).

Please note: As a result of the BC Recycling Regulation, local governments are no longer required to account for GHG emissions from vehicles, equipment and machinery required for the collection, transportation and diversion of packaging and printed paper, in their annual Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) reports.

Reporting Emissions

Q 81 Did your local government measure corporate GHG emissions for 2018?	Yes
Q 82 If your local government measured 2018 corporate GHG emissions, please report the number of corporate GHG emissions from services delivered directly by your local government (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent)	295.83
Q 83 If your local government measured 2018 corporate GHG emissions, please report the number of corporate GHG emissions from contracted services (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent)	261.80
Q 84 TOTAL A: CORPORATE GHG EMISSIONS FOR 2018 (Direct GHGs + Contracted GHGs)	557.63 tCO₂e

Reporting Reductions and Offsets

To be carbon neutral, a local government must balance their TOTAL corporate GHG emissions generated in 2018 by one or a combination of the following actions:

- undertake GCC-supported Option 1 Project(s)
- undertake GCC-supported Option 2 Project(s)
- purchase carbon offsets from a credible offset provider

For more information about options to balance or offset corporate GHG emissions please refer to [*Becoming Carbon Neutral: A Guidebook for Local Governments in British Columbia.*](#)

If applicable, please report the 2018 GHG emissions reductions (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO₂e)) being claimed from any of the following Option 1 GHG Reduction Projects:

OPTION 1 PROJECTS	REDUCTIONS
Q 85 Energy Efficient Retrofits (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO ₂ e))	
Q 86 Solar Thermal (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO ₂ e))	
Q 87 Household Organic Waste Composting (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO ₂ e))	
184 t of kitchen scraps & 1,595 t yard waste diverted & composted	664.3
Q 88 Low Emission Vehicles (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO ₂ e))	
1,300 KMs on electric vehicle	.46
Q 89 Avoided Forest Conversion (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO ₂ e))	
Q 90 TOTAL B: REDUCTIONS FROM ALL OPTION 1 PROJECTS FOR 2018	664.76 tCO ₂ e

Q 91 If applicable, please report the names and 2018 GHG emissions reductions (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO₂e)) being claimed from Option 2 GHG Reduction Projects:

Option 2 Project Name	REDUCTIONS
Option 2 GHGs Reduced (tCO ₂ e)	
Option 2 Project Name	

Option 2 GHGs Reduced (tCO ₂ e)	
Option 2 Project Name	
Option 2 GHGs Reduced (tCO ₂ e)	
Q 92 TOTAL C: REDUCTIONS FROM ALL OPTION 2 PROJECTS FOR 2018	tCO₂e

Offsets

Q 93 If applicable, please report the name of the offset provider, type of project and number of offsets purchased (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO₂e)) from an offset provider for the 2018 reporting year:

NOTE: DO NOT INCLUDE ANY FUNDS THAT MAY BE SET ASIDE IN A CLIMATE ACTION RESERVE FUND.

Offset Provider Name	OFFSETS
Offsets (tCO ₂ e)	
Offset Provider Name	
Offsets (tCO ₂ e)	
Q 94 TOTAL D: OFFSETS PURCHASED FOR 2018	tCO₂e

Q 95 TOTAL REDUCTIONS AND OFFSETS FOR 2018 (Total B+C+D) = 664.76 tCO₂e

Corporate GHG Emissions Balance for 2018

Your local government's Corporate GHG Emissions Balance is the difference between total corporate offsettable GHG emissions (direct + contracted emissions) and the GHG emissions reduced through GCC Option 1 and Option 2 projects and/or the purchase of offsets.

Q 96 CORPORATE GHG EMISSIONS BALANCE FOR 2018 = (A – (B+C+D)) = -107.13 tCO₂e

If your Corporate GHG Emissions Balance is negative or zero,

**your local government is carbon neutral.
CONGRATULATIONS!**

Q 97 If your local government was carbon neutral in 2018, please record any emissions reductions you will be carrying over for future years and the source of the reductions, including the year they were earned (e.g. organics diversion, 2018 100 tCO₂e)

SOURCE OF CARRY OVER EMISSION REDUCTIONS (and year earned)	REDUCTIONS
2018	107.13
Q 98 BALANCE OF REDUCTIONS ELIGIBLE FOR CARRY OVER TO NEXT YEAR	107.13 tCO₂e

Carbon Neutral Reporting	
Q 99 Does your local government set aside funds in a climate reserve fund or similar?	No

GCC CLIMATE ACTION RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Green Communities Committee Climate Action Recognition Program

The joint Provincial-UBCM Green Communities Committee (GCC) is pleased to be continuing the Climate Action Recognition Program again this year. This multi-level program provides the GCC with an opportunity to review and publicly recognize the progress and achievements of each Climate Action Charter (Charter) signatory.

Recognition is provided on an annual basis to local governments who demonstrate progress on their Charter commitments, according to the following:

Level 1 – Demonstrating Progress on Charter Commitments: For local governments who demonstrate progress on fulfilling one or more of their Charter commitments.

Level 2 – Measuring GHG Emissions: For local governments that achieve Level 1, and who have measured their Corporate GHG Emissions for the reporting year and demonstrate that they are familiar with their community's energy and emissions inventory (i.e. CEEI)

Level 3 – Accelerating Progress on Charter Commitments: For those local governments who have achieved Level 1 and 2 and have demonstrated undertaking significant action (corporately or community wide) to reduce GHG emissions in the reporting year (e.g. through undertaking a GHG reduction project, purchasing offsets, establishing a reserve fund).

Level 4 - Achievement of Carbon Neutrality: For local governments who achieve carbon neutrality in the reporting year.

Q 100 Based on your local government's 2018 CARIP Climate Action/Carbon Neutral Progress Survey, please check the GCC Climate Action Recognition Program level that best applies:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Level 1 – Demonstrating Progress on Charter Commitments	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Level 2 – Measuring GHG Emissions	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Level 3 – Accelerating Progress on Charter Commitments	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Level 4 - Achievement of Carbon Neutrality	yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Sure	

Q 101 Related to Level 3 recognition, if applicable, please identify any new or ongoing corporate or community wide GHG reduction projects (other than an Option 1 or Option 2 project) undertaken by your local government that reflects a significant investment of time and/or financial resources and is intended to result in significant GHG reductions:

PROJECT NAME: