



Local Government Climate Action Program Survey Submission Report

Sooke

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Question	Answer
1. Does your local government or Modern Treaty Nation have a climate action plan or strategy?	No, but we are currently undertaking one and it will be complete in the next year
2. For the calendar year 2021, did your local government or Modern Treaty Nation measure and publicly disclose corporate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions?	For the 2020 and 2021 reporting years, the District of Sooke underwent Corporate Emissions reporting with the FCM Program Partners for Climate Protection. The numbers will be publicly disclosed in the soon to be published climate action plan and will be continuously tracked via PCP and/or the BC LGCAP Emissions reporting guidelines as necessary. Given the accounting differences between PCP and the LGCAP reporting requirements, the calculations for PCP 2021 may not match what would be calculated under LGCAP. Under PCP, 121tCO ₂ e were emitted from Services Directly Delivered. 38tCO ₂ e were emitted through contracted services, and that totaled 158tCO ₂ e.
3. For calendar year 2021, did your local government or Modern Treaty Nation measure and publicly disclose a community-wide emissions inventory?	Yes, we do our own community-wide emissions inventory
3.a. What year is the data from?	2020
3.b. How frequently is data collected (i.e., every 5 years)?	2 years

3.c. What methodology is used (e.g. consumption based)?	GPC Basic+ Inventory
3.d. Include a link to the document (URL) or webpage where it is disclosed.	https://www.crd.bc.ca/docs/default-source/climate-action-pdf/reports/2020-crd-ghgmembermunicipality.pdf?sfvrsn=2716ebcd_2
3.e. What are your total community-wide emissions (in tCO ₂ e)?	55790
3.f. What are the sectoral emissions from energy use in buildings (in tCO ₂ e)?	15766
3.g. What are the sectoral emissions from energy use in transportation (in tCO ₂ e)?	28980
3.h. What are the sectoral emissions from methane at landfills (in tCO ₂ e)?	2119
3.i. What are the indirect emissions from electricity used in the community (in tCO ₂ e)?	0
3.j. What is the energy use from electricity (in kWh)?	110796
4. Is your local government or Modern Treaty Nation tracking progress on its community-wide GHG reduction target?	Yes

4.a. Please provide your reduction target(s).	50% reduction from 2018 levels by 2030. Net zero by 2050.
4.b. Please provide the target year.	2030
4.c. Please provide the baseline year.	2018
4.d. Please provide the link(s) to the document(s) or website if available.	https://sooke.ca/district-services/departments/environmental-services/climate-change/
5. Describe up to four climate initiatives, and their outcomes, your local government or Modern Treaty Nation is currently undertaking for Buildings	<p>1. Sooke implemented Step Code 3 for part 9 buildings as of January 2022 to accelerate adoption of this program. The outcome of doing so will ensure that any new part 9 building must adhere at minimum to Step Code 3 requirement.</p> <p>2. Energy efficient/demand side management outreach: Sooke has begun to provide educational and outreach information via our website, newsletter, and twitter account encouraging residents to engage in demand side management behaviours to improve the efficiency of their home, including installation of heavy curtains, lowering the thermostat, and insulating crawl spaces and attics. Part of this outreach includes an Earth Week pledge, in which residents can pledge to take one or more of the above actions and enter to win an e-bike. Over 100 resident pledges have been received since April 2022.</p>
6. Describe up to four climate initiatives, and their outcomes, your local government or Modern Treaty Nation is currently undertaking for Transportation	<p>1. Emphasis on mode shift and active transportation infrastructure in municipal master plans. Both the Transportation Master Plan and Parks and Trails Master Plan emphasize the importance of prioritizing infrastructure that encourages mode shift and active transportation. These plans were adopted in 2020 and guide infrastructure decisions until 2030. The goal is to ensure that multi-use trails, safe biking paths, and pedestrian focused design are paramount to road and infrastructure planning in the district.</p> <p>2. Planning for a co-working hub pilot program: staff has undertaken a feasibility study and recommended next steps to launch a pilot program for a co-working hub in the town centre of Sooke. The next step is to send out a Request for Expression of Interest to co-working hub companies to see what such a program would entail. This project emphasizes the outcome of increasing remote work capacity, reducing the number of commuting cars on the road.</p>

<p>7. Describe up to four climate initiatives, and their outcomes, your local government or Modern Treaty Nation is currently undertaking for Community</p>	<p>1. The District is currently undertaking a review of the Official Community Plan Bylaw, in which extensive environmental and climate considerations have been included. The Bylaw is estimated to go to public hearing Fall 2022. Outcomes of adopting this bylaw are a revision of the zoning and subdivision and development bylaws to ensure they accurately reflect the new environmental considerations in the new OCP.</p>
<p>8. Describe up to four climate initiatives, and their outcomes, your local government or Modern Treaty Nation is currently undertaking for Climate Resilience</p>	<p>1. The District is currently undergoing a review to the Fire Service Plan to ensure that current and future climate hazards and risks to the community are considered in the plan for future service delivery adjustments.</p> <p>2. The District has hired a FireSmart coordinator to provide outreach to homeowners about how to increase wildfire resiliency in homes.</p> <p>3. Climate risk assessment was undertaken to inform the development of the draft climate action plan currently under review by Council.</p>
<p>9. Which elements of your community's current official community plan (OCP) (or other relevant strategies, policies and/or plans) support the creation of more complete, compact communities?</p>	<p>A major goal of the OCP is to become a complete community that allows residents to 'live, work, play'. Sooke's Urban Containment Boundary is called the Community Growth Area (CGA) which aligns with the RGS Urban Containment Policy Area. General policies in the OCP require the highest residential density, mixed-use development and majority of commercial development to be located within the Town Centre. Specific policies in the OCP support density bonusing, fee reductions and tax incentives to encourage higher densities that will support transit and a walkable community. Specific policies in the OCP support low to medium density single and multi-family residential mixed with neighborhood scale commercial nodes in Community Residential and limit growth in Gateway Residential by restricting lot sizes. Specific policies in the OCP prevent Rural Residential designated lands outside of the CGA from becoming future urban areas. These policies contribute to supporting the RGS target of locating a minimum of 95% of the region's new dwelling units within the Urban Containment Policy Area by 2038.</p> <p>The OCP includes general policies to provide a variety of housing types and tenures, encourage pedestrian and cycling networks, and employment opportunities in proximity to places of work, schools, services, recreation, and parks to support the wellbeing of residents. Land use designations within Sooke's CGA are consistent with the RGS "Complete Communities Criteria" with specific policies that direct the highest residential and majority of commercial growth to the Town Centre and specific policies that support small scale commercial nodes served well by transit, major roads and trails. Section 7.5 of the OCP, Zoning Bylaw No. 600 and Sooke's Floodplain Regulation Bylaw support the protection of development from steep slopes and areas prone to flooding.</p>

10. What actions has your local government or Modern Treaty Nation taken to increase community completeness and compactness since 2020 (e.g. urban containment boundary, increasing density by allowing secondary suites and laneway or carriage housing options)?	Since 2020, the District of Sooke has undertaken a full review of the Official Community Plan to introduce increasing community completeness and compactness. This review has consulted the Transportation Master Plan and the Parks and Trails Master Plan to ensure modal shift and complete streets are priorities. The review has also review zoning areas throughout the community to but further densification focus on the Town Centre and Waterfront Town Centre, while reducing urban sprawl in other zoning areas. The new draft OCP is currently with Council for review and will be going to public hearing before the end of 2022.
11. What data would be most valuable to your local government or Modern Treaty Nation in decision-making related to the creation of complete, compact communities?	Household to employment location travel distances (inbound/outbound), public transit routes and frequency, population projections, case study results on communities with lower GHG emissions based on alternative urban designs, urban food security sources.
12. From 2021 to now, has your local government or Modern Treaty Nation taken any action(s) to address climate impacts?	Yes the District of Sooke has undertaken the drafting of a climate action and adaptation plan, titled Sooke2030: Climate Action Plan. This document details actions the District will complete over the next decade and more.
13. Has a climate risk and vulnerability assessment (or similar assessment) been undertaken for your local government or Modern Treaty Nation?	Climate risk and vulnerability assessment was partially undertaken as part of the development process of Sooke's Draft Climate Action Plan.
14. What are the three most significant climate hazards faced by your jurisdiction	"Wildfire", "Water shortage", "Wind, rain, and other storm events", "Coastal flooding, storm surge events and/or other coastal hazards", "Ecological, cultural and/or human health impacts (examples of cultural impacts include threats to identities, languages, and livelihoods; examples of ecological impacts include biodiversity loss, erosion, invasive species, ecosystem changes)", "Extreme heat and heat stress", "Overland flooding", "Extreme cold, snow and ice"
15. Are you responding to this survey on behalf of a Modern Treaty Nation?	No
16. Based on the hazard you indicated as most significant in question 14, as a local government, which groups are most exposed/vulnerable to the impacts of that climate hazard?	"Low-income households", "People experiencing homelessness", "Seniors"

17. Based on the hazard you indicated as second most significant in question 14, as a local government, which groups are most exposed/vulnerable to the impacts of that climate hazard?	"Low-income households", "People experiencing homelessness", "Seniors"
18. Based on the hazard you indicated as third most significant in question 14, as a local government, which groups are most exposed/vulnerable to the impacts of that climate hazard?	"Indigenous peoples", "People experiencing homelessness"
19. Select the top three factors your local government or Modern Treaty Nation needs most to increase the capacity to adapt to climate impacts and build community resilience.	"Increased funding", "More partnerships and collaboration across levels of government", "Increased staff capacity"
20. How does your local government or Modern Treaty Nation ensure equitable access to, and distribution of, climate action opportunities and benefits?	"By engaging with equity seeking groups/frontline communities most impacted by climate change", "By designing and implementing climate actions that target the barriers to access and resilience faced by the equity seeking groups/frontline communities most impacted by climate change"
21. Do the climate action plan(s) and priorities of your local government or Modern Treaty Nation align with the climate action plans and priorities of senior levels of government?	"Yes, we align climate action plan(s) and priorities with the federal 2030 Emissions Reduction Plan", "Yes, we align climate action plan(s) and priorities with the provincial CleanBC Roadmap to 2030", "Yes, we assess our plans and priorities for multilevel alignment", "Yes, we collaborate with other communities to align with climate action plans and priorities of senior levels of government"
22. Is your local government a signatory to the B.C. Climate Action Charter or a Modern Treaty Nation?	Yes
23. To demonstrate commitment to climate action, climate investments (i.e., matching funding or in-kind contributions) equivalent to 20% of the provincial funding received are required of local governments and Modern Treaty Nations. The intent is to show past, current, and future investments in climate action and create awareness and education.	"Staff time", "Climate or energy plans, policies and/or strategy development"

24. Please provide your (or survey primary contact's) first and last name.	Raechel Gray
25. Please indicate your (or survey primary contact's) position with your local government or Modern Treaty Nation.	Chief Financial Officer
26. Please provide your (or survey primary contact's) business email address.	rgray@sooke.ca



Local Government Climate Action Program Attestation Form

Instructions for the Attestor:

1. Complete and sign this form by filling in the fields below.
2. Email the completed and signed form to LGCAP@gov.bc.ca.

I, the Chief Financial Officer, or equivalent position, of District of Sooke (name of local government) confirm the following:

1. That Local Government Climate Action Program funding has been, or will be, allocated to climate action.
2. That if funds are held in reserve, they will be spent by the end of March 2025.
3. That a completed and signed version of this form will be submitted by email to the Climate Action Secretariat, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy by July 29, 2022.
 - a. If council approval is required, it will be submitted no later than September 30, 2022.
4. That a completed and signed version of this form will be publicly posted by September 30, 2022.
5. That a completed and exported version of the program survey (submitted online) will be publicly posted by September 30, 2022.

Attested to by me at (name of local government) District of Sooke
on (date) July 11 2022

Signature of Attestor:

Printed Name of Attestor:

Title or Profession of Attestor (i.e. Chief Financial Officer or equivalent position):

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