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Her Worship Mayor Maja Tait  
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Dear Mayor Tait and Councillors:

On behalf of the joint Provincial-Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Green Communities Committee (GCC), we would like to extend our congratulations for your successful efforts to measure and reduce your corporate greenhouse gas emissions for the 2014 reporting year.

As a signatory to the Climate Action Charter (Charter), you have demonstrated your commitment to work with the Province and UBCM to take action on climate change and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in your community and corporate operations.

The work that your local government has undertaken to measure and reduce its corporate emissions demonstrates strong climate leadership and sets the stage for broader climate action in your community. As British Columbia begins developing a new climate action plan, your leadership and commitment continues to be essential to ensuring the achievement of our collective climate action goals. For more information about BC's Climate Leadership Plan, go to <http://www.newsroom.gov.bc.ca/2015/05/bc-names-climate-leadership-team.html>.

The GCC was established under the Charter to support local governments in achieving their climate goals. In acknowledgement of the efforts of local leaders, the GCC is again recognizing the progress and achievements of local governments such as yours through the multi-level Climate Action Recognition Program. A description of this program is enclosed for your reference.

As a Charter signatory who has completed a corporate carbon inventory for the 2014 reporting year and has demonstrated familiarity with the Community Energy and Emissions Inventory, you have been awarded Level 2 recognition – 'Measurement.'

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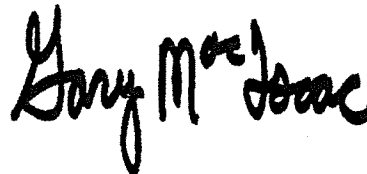
In recognition of your achievements, the GCC is very pleased to provide you with climate action community branding for use on official websites and letter heads. An electronic file with the 2014 logo will be provided to your Chief Administrative Officer. Also enclosed is a 2014 Climate Action Community window decal, for use on public buildings.

Congratulations again on establishing your corporate emissions inventory and your overall progress. We wish you continued success in your ongoing commitment to the goal of corporate carbon neutrality and your efforts to reduce emissions in the broader community.

Sincerely,



Gary Paget  
Acting Assistant Deputy Minister  
Local Government Division  
Ministry of Community, Sport and  
Cultural Development



Gary Maclsaac  
Executive Director  
Union of British Columbia Municipalities

Enclosures



## GCC Communiqué on the Climate Action Recognition Program

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In acknowledgment of the ongoing efforts of local leaders, the joint Provincial-UBCM Green Communities Committee (GCC) is pleased to be continuing the **Climate Action Recognition Program** for BC local governments for the 2014 reporting year. This is a multi-level program that 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: Progress on Charter Commitments*

All local governments who demonstrate progress on fulfilling one or more of their *Charter* commitments will receive a letter from the GCC acknowledging their accomplishments.

*Level 2: Measurement*

Local governments who have completed a corporate carbon inventory for the reporting year and demonstrate that they are familiar with the Community Energy and Emissions Inventory (CEEI) will receive a 'Climate Action Community 2014' logo, for use on websites, letter head and similar.

*Level 3: Achievement of Carbon Neutrality*

Local governments who achieve carbon neutrality in the reporting year will receive a 'Climate Action Community – Carbon Neutral 2014' logo, for use on websites, letter head and similar.

To be eligible for this program, local governments will need to complete a Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP)/ Carbon Neutral Progress Survey and submit it online to the Province in accordance with the program guidelines. Determination of the level of recognition that each community will receive will be based on the information included in each community's annual CARIP report. Additional information on CARIP reporting is available online at:

[www.cscd.gov.bc.ca/lgd/greencommunities/carip.htm](http://www.cscd.gov.bc.ca/lgd/greencommunities/carip.htm) .