

2019 Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) Survey

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INTRODUCTION:

The 2019 CARIP survey highlights and celebrates local government climate action in British Columbia.

Local governments are required to submit the 2019 CARIP/ Carbon Neutral Progress Survey by June 1, 2020.

Detailed survey instructions, FAQs and definitions can be found in the CARIP Program Guide for 2019 Claims.

Once the survey is complete, please download a copy of your responses (you will be given the download link at the end of the survey).

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Section 1 – Local Government Information

Name of Local Government:

- Regional District of East Kootenay

Name of Regional District:

- East Kootenay (Regional District)

Does your region have a Regional Growth Strategy (RGS):

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Population:

- 0-4,999
- 5,000 to 9,999
- 10,000 to 49,999
- 50,000 to 99,999
- 100,000+

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Section 2 - Narrative Focus

Local government signatories to the B.C. Climate Action Charter have committed to taking climate action by:

Working towards achieving corporate carbon neutrality;
Measuring and reporting on their community-wide GHG emissions; and
Creating complete, compact, energy-efficient communities.

A key part of the 2019 CARIP survey is to highlight and celebrate successful climate actions undertaken by local governments in British Columbia.

In 2019, what actions has your local government taken to support the creation of compact, complete, and energy efficient communities?

In 2019 the Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK) supported the creation of compact, complete and energy efficient communities by adopting the Lake Windermere and Moyie and Area OCPs, which will guide land use decisions and include community greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets, goals and policies. The RDEK continued to fund the regional Community Energy Manager position to collaboratively progress energy conservation and GHG reduction projects throughout the RDEK.

2019 CORPORATE CLIMATE ACTION:

Corporate climate actions refer to actions that reduce the 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.

In 2019, when it comes to corporate climate action, did your local government undertake any of the following (PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY):

- Building and Lighting Actions
- Energy Generation Actions
- Greenspace Actions
- Planning Actions
- Solid Waste Actions
- Transportation Actions
- Water and Wastewater Actions
- Other Climate Actions (PLEASE SPECIFY)
- Don't know

Please specify 'Other Climate Actions'

When it comes to corporate Building and Lighting Actions, did your local government undertake any of the following in 2019 (PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY):

- New or upgraded energy-efficient lighting systems
- New or upgraded energy-efficient heating systems

- New or upgraded building envelope initiatives
- Upgrades to amenities in recreation facilities
- Studies related to building and/or lighting energy efficiency
- Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)
- Don't know

Please specify 'Other'

When it comes to corporate Energy Generation Actions, did your local government undertake any of the following in 2019 (PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY):

- Solar power projects
- Heat recovery or heat reclamation projects
- Biomass or bio-gas projects
- Geo-exchange or geothermal projects
- Studies related to energy generation
- Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)
- Don't know

Please specify 'Other'

When it comes to corporate Greenspace Actions, did your local government undertake any of the following in 2019 (PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY):

- Tree planting
- Greenspace acquisition
- New or upgraded amenities in parks
- Invasive species management
- Plans or strategies related to greenspace

Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)

Don't know

Please specify 'Other'

When it comes to corporate Planning Actions, did your local government undertake any of the following in 2019 (PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY):

Energy/Emissions Management Plan (New or Updated)

Asset Management Plan (New or Updated)

Corporate Climate Action Plan (New or Updated)

Strategic Plan (New or Updated)

Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)

Don't know

Please specify 'Other'

When it comes to corporate Solid Waste Actions, did your local government undertake any of the following in 2019 (PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY):

Introduction, expansion or improvement of recycling initiatives at corporate facilities

Introduction, expansion or improvement of composting initiatives at corporate facilities

Communication or education for staff related to corporate solid waste initiatives

Studies or research related to corporate solid waste initiatives

Plans or strategies related to corporate solid waste initiatives

Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)

Don't know

Please specify 'Other'

When it comes to corporate Transportation Actions, did your local government undertake any of the following in 2019 (PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY):

- Fleet replacement or upgrades
- New or improved electric vehicle initiatives
- New or improved active transportation infrastructure for staff
- Communication or outreach for staff related to corporate transportation initiatives
- New or improved public transportation initiatives for staff
- Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)
- Don't know

Please specify 'Other'

When it comes to corporate Water and Wastewater Actions, did your local government undertake any of the following in 2019 (PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY):

- New or improved water or wastewater infrastructure
- Studies or research related to water conservation
- Plans or strategies related to water or wastewater
- Water reduction initiative(s)
- Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)
- Don't know

Please specify 'Other'

As mentioned, a key part of the 2019 CARIP survey is to highlight and celebrate successful climate actions undertaken by local governments in British Columbia. This question provides local governments the opportunity to demonstrate leadership and innovative approaches to reduce corporate GHG emissions.

When it comes to the corporate climate action, please highlight up to three significant actions focused on reducing GHG emissions that your local government undertook in 2019:

In 2019 the RDEK installed solar panels at the Wycliffe Exhibition grounds. The solar system powers base board heaters and lights at the exhibition grounds as well as a cookhouse building. This solar installation reduces corporate GHG emissions by eliminating the need to heat with propane. Initial results of the electricity consumption (Sept 2019 to April 2020) indicate the system is creating slightly more power than the facility consumes.

Corporate Action #2

In early 2019, the RDEK purchased a Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV) and electric vehicle charging infrastructure for fleet use. A training session and orientation was provided and all staff are encouraged to use the BEV, which has become a preferred choice of fleet vehicle for many staff.

2019 COMMUNITY-WIDE CLIMATE ACTION:

Community-wide actions refer to actions that reduce GHG emissions across the community (i.e. actions not related to “traditional services” in corporate operations).

When it comes to community-wide climate action in 2019, did your local government undertake any of the following (PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY):

- Building and Lighting Actions
- Energy Generation Actions
- Greenspace Actions
- Planning Actions
- Solid Waste Actions
- Transportation Actions
- Water and Wastewater Actions
- Other Climate Actions (PLEASE SPECIFY)
- Don't know

Please specify 'Other Climate Actions'

When it comes to community-wide Building and Lighting Actions, did your local government undertake any of the following in 2019 (PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY):

- New or upgraded energy-efficient lighting systems
- New or upgraded energy-efficient heating systems
- BC Energy Step Code related projects
- Incentives/rebate programs related to energy-efficient building or lighting
- Outreach, education or communication related to energy-efficient building or lighting
- Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)
- Don't know

Please specify 'Other'

When it comes to community-wide Greenspace Actions, did your local government undertake any of the following in 2019 (PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY):

- Tree planting
- Greenspace restoration or maintenance
- Greenspace acquisition
- Invasive species management
- Plans or strategies related to greenspace
- Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)
- Don't know

Please specify 'Other'

The Lake Windermere OCP, adopted in 2019, contains Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) development permit areas. ESA development permit areas are a tool used by local governments to preserve and mitigate development impacts on areas such as wetlands, riparian areas and wildlife connectivity corridors.

When it comes to community-wide Planning Actions, did your local government undertake any of the following in 2019 (PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY):

- Official Community Plan (New or Updated)
- Climate Action Plan (New or Updated)
- Regional Growth Strategy (New or Updated)
- New or updated bylaw(s) or zoning addressing climate issues
- Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)
- Don't know

Please specify 'Other'

When it comes to community-wide Solid Waste Actions, did your local government undertake any of the following in 2019 (PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY):

- Introduction, expansion or improvement of recycling initiatives
- Introduction, expansion or improvement of composting initiatives
- Community clean-up initiatives
- General waste reduction initiative (including landfill diversion strategies)
- Outreach, education or communication related to solid waste
- Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)
- Don't know

Please specify 'Other'

When it comes to community-wide Water and Wastewater Actions, did your local government undertake any of the following in 2019 (PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY):

- Water restrictions
- Incentives/rebate programs related to water or wastewater

- Outreach, education or communication related to water or wastewater
- Studies or research related to water or wastewater
- Plans or strategies related to water or wastewater
- Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)
- Don't know

Please specify 'Other'

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When it comes to the community-wide climate action, please highlight up to three significant actions focused on reducing GHG emissions that your local government undertook in 2019:

In 2019, the RDEK's Community Energy Manager developed and delivered the Building a Legacy program. The program provided training and support related to BC Energy Step Code compliance for the building industry, homeowners and local government staff. Training included workshops on topics such as energy efficient building envelopes and air sealing techniques. Tours to showcase innovative and energy efficient homes in various stages of construction throughout the East Kootenay were provided for building professionals and local government staff.

2019 CLIMATE PREPAREDNESS AND ADAPTATION ACTION:

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.

Please identify the climate impacts that are most relevant to your local government (PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY):

- Increased temperatures increasing wildfire activity
- Extreme weather events contributing to urban and overland flooding
- Changes to temperature and precipitation causing seasonal drought
- Warmer winter temperatures reducing snowpack
- Sea level rise and storms causing coastal flooding and/or erosion

Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)

Don't know

Please specify 'Other'

In 2019, did your local government take any of the following actions in an effort to consider or address the impacts of climate change? (PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)

Emergency response planning

Asset management

Infrastructure upgrades

Public education and awareness

Strategic and financial planning

Risk and vulnerability assessments

Risk reduction strategies

Official Community Plan policy changes

Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)

Don't know

Please specify 'Other'

In 2019, did your local government partner with any of the following organizations to prepare for, and adapt to, a changing climate? (PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)

Adaptation to Climate Change Team (SFU)

Columbia Basin Trust

Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (UBCM)

Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Fraser Basin Council

Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions (UVIC)

Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)

Don't know

Please specify 'Other'

Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative that provided financial assistance to create the Kootenay-Boundary Agricultural Adaptation Strategies - an action plan to assist the agricultural sector adapt and be more resilient to climate change.

As mentioned, a key part of the 2019 CARIP survey is to highlight and celebrate successful climate actions undertaken by local governments in British Columbia. This question provides local governments the opportunity to demonstrate leadership and innovative approaches to adapting to a changing climate.

When it comes to climate preparedness and adaptation actions, please highlight up to three significant actions/initiatives that your local government undertook in 2019:

In 2019 the RDEK participated in the Kootenay Boundary Agricultural Adaptation Planning process. The collaborative tri-regional process brought together participants from the Regional Districts of East Kootenay, Central Kootenay and Kootenay Boundary to identify and prioritize adaptation actions that local agricultural producers can take advantage of to increase their resilience to climate change.

Adaptation Action #2

In 2019 the RDEK provided support to communities in the RDEK working towards Fire Smart Canada Recognition. This support was provided by funding a community's initial wildfire hazard assessment report, which is an integral component of developing a Fire Smart Community Assessment. Guided by the RDEK's Community Wildfire Protection Plan, fuel management prescriptions were completed for 220 ha of high priority interface areas.

Section 3: 2019 Carbon Neutral Reporting

Local governments are required to report on their progress in achieving their corporate carbon neutral goal under the B.C. Climate Action Charter. Working with B.C. local governments, the joint Provincial-UBCM Green Communities Committee has established a common approach to determining corporate carbon neutrality for the purposes of the 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, specifically 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.

2019 CARBON EMISSIONS

Did your local government measure corporate GHG emissions for 2019?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

If your local government measured 2019 corporate GHG emissions, please report the number of corporate GHG emissions (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO₂e)) from:

Service Delivery Type	2019 Corporate GHG Emissions
Services Delivered Directly by your Local Government	217
Contracted Services	277

TOTAL A - CORPORATE GHG EMISSIONS (DIRECT + CONTRACTED) FOR 2019:

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2019 CARBON REDUCTIONS

To be carbon neutral, a local government must balance their TOTAL corporate GHG emissions generated in 2019 by one or a combination of the following actions:

- Undertake Green Communities Committee-supported Option 1 Project(s)
- Undertake Green Communities Committee-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 2019 GHG emissions reductions (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO₂e)) being claimed from any of the following Option 1 GHG Reduction Projects:

Option 1 GHG Reduction Projects	2019 GHG Emissions Reductions
1A Energy Efficiency Retrofits	
1B Solar Thermal	
1C Household Organic Waste	
1D Low Emission Vehicles	
1E Avoided Forest Conversion	
1F Trenchless Technology	

TOTAL B - REDUCTIONS FROM ALL OPTION 1 PROJECTS FOR 2019:

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0

If applicable, please report the names and 2019 GHG emissions reductions (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO₂e)) being claimed from Option 2 GHG Reduction Projects:

	Names of Option 2 GHG Reduction Projects	2019 GHG Emissions Reductions
1.	Landfill Gas Capture Projects - Emissions Reduction Credits Carried Over from 2016 to 2018	494
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		

TOTAL C - REDUCTIONS FROM ALL OPTION 2 PROJECTS FOR 2019:

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2019 CARBON OFFSETS

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 2019 reporting year:

	Name of Offset Provider	Name of Project	2019 GHG Emissions Reductions
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			

TOTAL D - OFFSETS PURCHASED FOR 2019:

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0

TOTAL REDUCTIONS AND OFFSETS FOR 2019 (Total B+C+D):

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Corporate GHG Emissions Balance for 2019

Your local government's corporate GHG emissions balance is the difference between total corporate offsetable GHG emissions (direct + contracted emissions) and the GHG emissions reduced through Green Communities Committee Option 1 and Option 2 projects and/or the purchase of offsets.

CORPORATE GHG EMISSIONS BALANCE FOR 2019 = (Total A – (B+C+D))

CORPORATE GHG EMISSIONS BALANCE FOR 2019 (Total A – (B+C+D))

0

If your corporate GHG emissions balance is negative or zero, your local government is carbon neutral. CONGRATULATIONS!

If your local government was carbon neutral in 2019, 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, 2019 100 tCO₂e):

	Source of Carryover Emission Reduction	Year Earned	GHG Emissions Reductions
1.	Landfill Gas Capture (Flare and Biocover)	2016-2018	371
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			

TOTAL E - BALANCE OF REDUCTIONS ELIGIBLE FOR CARRY OVER TO NEXT YEAR

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GREEN COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE CLIMATE ACTION RECOGNITION PROGRAM:

The joint Provincial-UBCM Green Communities Committee is pleased to be continuing the Climate Action Recognition Program again this year. This multi-level program provides the Green Communities Committee 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, who measure 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 demonstrate significant action (corporately or community-wide) in reducing 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 corporate carbon neutrality in the reporting year.

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

- Level 1 – Demonstrating Progress on Charter Commitments
- Level 2 – Measuring GHG Emissions
- Level 3 – Accelerating Progress on Charter Commitments
- Level 4 - Achievement of Carbon Neutrality
- Don't know

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:

Does your local government set aside funds in a climate reserve fund or similar?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know