



REGIONAL DISTRICT of Fraser-Fort George

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REPORT FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

TO: Chair and Members, Climate Action Mitigation and Adaptation Standing Committee

FROM: Rachael Ryder, Corporate Sustainability Specialist

DATE: July 4, 2025

SUBJECT: Local Government Climate Action Program Survey and Reporting Requirements 2025

SUMMARY: Purpose: For Information

Attachments:

1. Backgrounder
2. Local Government Climate Action Program Year 3 Survey

Previous Reports:

1. Item No. 5.1, August 2024

RECOMMENDATION(S):

THAT the report dated July 4, 2025, regarding "Local Government Climate Action Program Survey and Reporting Requirements 2025" be received for information.

ENTITLEMENT	HOW VOTE COUNTED
All 1 Director/1 vote	Majority

ISSUE(S):

In 2007, the Regional District committed to addressing climate change issues by signing onto the British Columbia Climate Action Charter. It is a voluntary agreement between the provincial government, Union of British Columbia Municipalities, and each local government signatory to take action on climate change. As Charter signatories, local governments commit to carbon neutral corporate operations, measuring and reporting out on greenhouse gas emissions and creating more energy efficient communities.

Through the Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP), the provincial government provides grants to local governments that are signatories of the Climate Action Charter. The conditional grant program funds are available to plan and implement climate action that will reduce emissions, create new opportunities for people in the clean economy and prepare communities for future climate impacts.

The attached LGCAP Survey fulfils the reporting requirements of the LGCAP program for the third year of the program. The survey includes the reporting of corporate emissions and will be posted to the Regional District website with the signed attestation.

The Committee is not being asked to take any action at this time.

RELEVANT POLICIES:

1. British Columbia Climate Action Charter:
 - signatories committed to being carbon neutral in respect of operations;
 - measuring and reporting on their greenhouse gas emission profile; and
 - creating complete, compact, more energy efficient rural and urban communities

2. *Climate Change Accountability Act*:
 - establishes Province wide targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
3. CleanBC Strategy:
 - developed to support the *Climate Change Accountability Act*

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous and Intergovernmental Partnerships | <input type="checkbox"/> Organizational Strength and Adaptability | <input type="checkbox"/> Quality Community Services | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Stewardship and Climate Action |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Awareness and Engagement | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statutory or Routine Business | | |

SERVICE RELEVANCE:

The Strategic Priorities set by the Regional District Board for the period 2024 – 2028 include Environmental Stewardship and Climate Action as one of the five priorities.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

LGCAP is a provincial program that provides local governments with funding to support the implementation of local climate action that reduces emissions and prepares communities for the impacts of a changing climate. The Regional District received annual funding in 2022 and 2023. In March 2024, the provincial government allocated the equivalent of three years of program funding to the Regional District in the amount of \$307,897. The Regional District is required to continue with the annual survey reporting over the next three years and commit to spending the funds by March 31, 2028.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

N/A

DECISION OPTIONS:

1. Approve recommendation.
 - the report will be received for information

COMMENTS:

Sustainable Practices Administration is committed to working with relevant service areas to develop strategies that address climate change adaptation and mitigation. Grant funding from LGCAP in 2024 has funded the completion of the updated Corporate Climate Change Action Plan and covered a portion of the costs for air conditioning installation at the McBride Library. Consideration for how the remaining LGCAP grant funds will be spent over the next three years will be influenced by the action items contained in the Corporate Climate Change Action Plan update.

Respectfully submitted,

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