



Local Government Climate Action Program Survey Submission Report

Ashcroft

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Question	Answer
1. Does your local government or Modern Treaty Nation have a climate action plan or strategy?	Yes
1.a. Indicate the date the plan was adopted.	2018
1.b. Include a link to the document (URL) or webpage.	https://ashcroftbc.ca/climate-action/
2. For the calendar year 2021, did your local government or Modern Treaty Nation measure and publicly disclose corporate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions?	Yes
2.a. Include a link to the document (URL) or webpage where it is disclosed.	https://ashcroftbc.ca/climate-action/
2.b. Report emissions based on Services Delivered Directly (in tCO ₂ e).	207

2.c. Report emissions based on Contracted Services (in tCO2e).	19.7
2.d. Report emissions based on Total Corporate Emissions (in tCO2e).	301
3. For calendar year 2021, did your local government or Modern Treaty Nation measure and publicly disclose a community-wide emissions inventory?	No, and we are not intending to undertake due to lack of expertise/technical capacity
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).	10%
4.b. Please provide the target year.	2025
4.c. Please provide the baseline year.	2012
4.d. Please provide the link(s) to the document(s) or website if available.	https://ashcroftbc.ca/climate-action/
5. Describe up to four climate initiatives, and their outcomes, your local government or Modern Treaty Nation is currently undertaking for Buildings	- High efficiency HVAC. Ongoing replacement as equipment ages.

<p>6. Describe up to four climate initiatives, and their outcomes, your local government or Modern Treaty Nation is currently undertaking for Transportation</p>	<p>Public transit partnership with BC Transit and 2 neighbouring communities. Ridership steadily increasing and well supported service. Installing 2 level 2 chargers as part of Charge North Initiative Developing Trails master plan for active living.</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>Promoting xeriscaping, or drought-resistant landscaping resulting in lower water consumption.</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>Facing high degree of Fire and flood hazards in the community. Completing Flood drainage and mitigation study to inform improved storm water infrastructure development o mitigate flood hazard. Also developing Fire protection study to mitigate fire risk the community has faced on a regular basis. The village has also been in the forefront of Heat Alert and Management given that we are one of the warmest communities in Canada. We have collaborated extensively with Interior Health Authority to successfully pilot the Heat Alert and Response System (HARS) project and set up cooling centres.</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>The Human Settlement section of the TNRD's Regional Growth Strategy contains policies that aim to contain urban/rural sprawl, considering their projections add a total of 29,000 people who would mostly settle in Kamloops and Merritt. The aim of the TNRD is to build on the existing network of diverse regional centres, directing growth to established centres, promoting infill and intensification, and ensuring adequate levels of servicing are provided. The Village of Ashcroft's OCP supports the TNRD's Human Settlement policies by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraging compact and cost-effective residential development by directing growth to established residential areas; • Ensuring there is an adequate supply of land to meet future housing demand; • Permitting secondary suites and carriage suites in Rural and Low Density Residential; • Promoting mixed-use and medium density development downtown; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting medium density development in North Ashcroft; • Consciously blending commercial with residential and compatible industrial uses to maintain the downtown as a livable and vibrant place; • Protecting environmentally sensitive areas, particularly along the Thompson and Bonaparte Rivers with Development Permit Guidelines; and • Encouraging a range of housing types including housing cooperatives, seniors housing, rental housing, and accommodation for temporary workers. <p>Energy and Transportation</p> <p>The Village of Ashcroft also supports the TNRD's Regional Growth Strategy objective to integrate transportation and energy considerations with land use and settlement planning to achieve conservation, mobility, and efficiency goals. The OCP includes policies that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage infill in residential development to allow for compact community design and efficient use of transportation infrastructure; • Encourage the development of trails for walking or cycling between key locations; • Develop an electric vehicle charging station in the community; • Work towards improving transit ridership levels by collaborating with BC Transit to improve the user experience; and • Encourage solar energy use in the community.
<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)?</p>	<p>Secondary suites and carriage homes are supported and encouraged in the Zoning, OCP and Subdivision Development and Servicing Bylaws. In addition a Housing Needs Assessment completed in 2019/2020 identifies secondary suites as a solution to the housing stock issues in Ashcroft.</p>

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?	Core housing need data from Stats Canada relative to Ashcroft
12. From 2021 to now, has your local government or Modern Treaty Nation taken any action(s) to address climate impacts?	-Emergency Response and Evacuation plan update is near finalization and going to council approval at the next council meeting -North Ashcroft Drainage and Flood Mitigation Study was completed which lays the groundwork for further infrastructure improvements to prevent flooding.
13. Has a climate risk and vulnerability assessment (or similar assessment) been undertaken for your local government or Modern Treaty Nation?	Yes
13.a. Please provide a link to the document (URL).	https://ashcroftbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/Asset_Management/2022-04-14-North-Ashcroft-Drainage-Study_DRAFT-compressed.pdf
14. What are the three most significant climate hazards faced by your jurisdiction	"Wildfire", "Extreme heat and heat stress", "Overland flooding", "Wind, rain, and other storm events", "Water shortage", "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 cold, snow and ice", "Coastal flooding, storm surge events and/or other coastal hazards"
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?	"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?	"Low-income households", "Seniors"
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 community engagement and activation", "Increased staff knowledge, expertise and data specific to climate adaptation"
20. How does your local government or Modern Treaty Nation ensure equitable access to, and distribution of, climate action opportunities and benefits?	"By collecting and analyzing disaggregated and/or spatial data on the impact of climate actions", "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"
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 studies and/or assessments", "Climate or energy plans, policies and/or strategy development", "Climate resilient infrastructure and/or capital project(s)"
24. Please provide your (or survey primary contact's) first and last name.	Yoginder (Yogi) Bhalla

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.	cfo@ashcroftbc.ca
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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 _____ (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) _____
on (date) _____ 20_____

Signature of Attestor:

Printed Name of Attestor:

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

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