



Local Government Climate Action Program Survey Submission Report

Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

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Question	Answer
1. Does your local government or Modern Treaty Nation have a climate action plan or strategy?	No, and we are not intending to undertake due to lack of financial capacity
2. For the calendar year 2021, did your local government or Modern Treaty Nation measure and publicly disclose corporate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions?	No, and we are not intending to undertake due to lack of financial capacity
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 financial capacity
4. Is your local government or Modern Treaty Nation tracking progress on its community-wide GHG reduction target?	No
4.e. If no, select all that apply:	"No, as our community emissions are not fully calculated", "No, due to a lack of resources"
5. Describe up to four climate initiatives, and their outcomes, your local government or Modern Treaty Nation is currently undertaking for Buildings	Adoption of Solid-Fuel Burning Appliance Emission Regulation Bylaw R1030 to have all non-conforming burning appliance permanently disconnected and removed from structure by July 1, 2024 to reduce carbon and other emissions from woodstoves, pellet stoves, wood-fired furnaces and other solid-fuel burning appliances or devices

6. Describe up to four climate initiatives, and their outcomes, your local government or Modern Treaty Nation is currently undertaking for Transportation	N/A
7. Describe up to four climate initiatives, and their outcomes, your local government or Modern Treaty Nation is currently undertaking for Community	<p>The ACRD is in the process of rolling out a new three-stream waste service in areas throughout the regional district. The new Sort'nGo service includes roadside organics, recycling and garbage automated cart collection and will help the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District and the province meet their waste diversion goals. By implementing an organic waste service, the ACRD can help residents to divert food and yard waste from the landfill into nutrient-rich compost that can be recycled back into community. This organics collection is also part of a wider update that moves all three waste streams to an auto-collection cart system to provide more efficient collection, keep waste contained, reduce future costs for residents, and extend the lifespan of the Alberni Valley and West Coast landfills.</p> <p>About the Port Alberni Sort'nGo Service: In September 2021, the City of Port Alberni and the ACRD launched Sort'nGo Organics in Port Alberni and within the first nine months this program has seen more than 1800 tons of organic (compostable) waste diverted from the landfill.</p> <p>About the West Coast Sort'nGo Service: Sort'nGo organics is heading to communities on the west coast. In November 2022, residents of single-family homes in Tofino, Ucluelet and some surrounding communities will begin diverting organic waste away from the landfill with new green carts for food and yard waste.</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>The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District is currently undertaking an updated Hazard and Risk Vulnerability Assessment (HRVA) across our region. The HRVA will assess hazards that impact the region, including climate hazards. The HRVA will form the basis of the update to the ACRD Emergency Plan.</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 six Electoral Area OCPs in the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District provide goals and objectives to guide community development in the Alberni Valley, Bamfield and Long Beach communities. The Electoral Area OCPs include policies that focus smaller acreage residential development within areas serviced by community water systems; support a range of housing options including rental accommodation, affordable housing, accessible housing, and seniors' accommodation; permit the development of secondary dwellings on 1 acre serviced lots; promote density bonusing, conservation design and comprehensive development where appropriate to focus development in areas that are serviced and accessible; improve safety for bicyclists and pedestrians along roadways; and promote the development of multi-use paths.</p> <p>The OCPs include greenhouse gas reduction targets and objectives that focus the majority of new development into areas that are within existing water systems and to reduce vehicular emissions by encouraging active transportation uses and promoting the development of new community road-side pathways and trails</p>
<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>Since 2020, the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District has completed a number of planning policy projects that promote the development of complete communities including the Alberni Valley Age Friendly Plan, which includes goals that support communities that are inclusive, respectful and supportive of seniors; and Housing Needs Reports in each of the six Electoral Areas and four Maa-Nulth Treaty First Nation governments within the region, which include goals for promoting housing affordability and supporting a range of diverse housing options in areas that are serviced and accessible. The objectives and policies in these plans are considered by the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors in their consideration of community planning policies and in their review of zoning and OCP amendment applications for new development. The Regional District is currently working on a comprehensive update of the ACRD Zoning Bylaw which includes regulations that would expand the availability of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) across the region, and permit a larger floor area for ADUs, to support flexibility in the development of secondary dwellings.</p>
<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?</p>	<p>Improved availability of climate change indicators, such as greenhouse gas emissions relating to transportation and impact of land clearing, would benefit the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board's decision-making on a broad scale in the consideration of Official Community Plan updates and on an individual scale in the consideration of development applications. More information on the potential impact of new development on region-wide greenhouse gas emissions and data for comparative analysis of different types and scales of development would better inform the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board as it makes decisions on land use policies that promote the creation of complete, compact communities.</p>

<p>12. From 2021 to now, has your local government or Modern Treaty Nation taken any action(s) to address climate impacts?</p>	<p>With the intention to mitigate climate impacts on development within the region, the ACRD has implemented the recommendations of the Somass Watershed Flood Management Plan published in 2020 by requiring flood hazard assessments for new construction proposed within the designated 200-year flood level. The flood management plan incorporated climate change data into the establishment of the new designated floodplain area and the projected outcome is to focus new development outside of the flood area or to ensure that any construction within the flood area is safe and designed to accommodate increasingly volatile high water events.</p> <p>In supporting active transportation within the region, the ACRD is also taking action on mitigating future climate impacts by promoting low-carbon transportation options. Examples in the planning stage include building an extension to the Multi-Use Path to connect Ucluelet and Tofino via the ʔapsčiiik łašii pathway through the Pacific Rim National Park and supporting the construction of additional multi-use road-side pathways in the Sproat Lake area. The projected outcome is to reduce vehicular GHG emissions by promoting improved active transportation options.</p>
<p>13. Has a climate risk and vulnerability assessment (or similar assessment) been undertaken for your local government or Modern Treaty Nation?</p>	<p>No, but we are currently undertaking one and it will be complete in the next year</p>
<p>14. What are the three most significant climate hazards faced by your jurisdiction</p>	<p>"Wind, rain, and other storm events", "Extreme heat and heat stress", "Wildfire", "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)", "Overland flooding", "Extreme cold, snow and ice", "Water shortage"</p>
<p>15. Are you responding to this survey on behalf of a Modern Treaty Nation?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>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?</p>	<p>"Low-income households", "Indigenous peoples", "Racialized communities", "Newcomers to Canada (immigrants and refugees)", "People experiencing homelessness", "Seniors", "Women and girls"</p>

<p>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?</p>	<p>"Low-income households", "Indigenous peoples", "Racialized communities", "People experiencing homelessness", "Seniors"</p>
<p>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?</p>	<p>"Low-income households", "Indigenous peoples", "Racialized communities", "Newcomers to Canada (immigrants and refugees)", "People experiencing homelessness", "Seniors", "Women and girls"</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>"Increased funding", "More partnerships and collaboration across levels of government", "Increased staff capacity"</p>
<p>20. How does your local government or Modern Treaty Nation ensure equitable access to, and distribution of, climate action opportunities and benefits?</p>	<p>"There are no specific measures in place at this time to ensure equitable access to, and distribution of, opportunities and benefits"</p>
<p>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?</p>	<p>"No, our resource capacity doesn't permit us to collaborate or align more effectively with senior levels of government"</p>
<p>22. Is your local government a signatory to the B.C. Climate Action Charter or a Modern Treaty Nation?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>"Staff time", "Climate resilient infrastructure and/or capital project(s)"</p>

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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 Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (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 March 31, 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) Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
on (date) July 12th, 2022

Signature of Attestor:

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