



2014 Carbon Neutral Symposium

The annual CNG Symposium was held last week on Dec 3rd in Vancouver. A big thank you to all the presenters as well as the attendees! The theme of the day was how to get at more substantive emissions reductions in the public sector and while we are still compiling the information, here are the main themes that came from the day:

- We need to embrace alternative energy sources (renewables) in order to significantly reduce emissions
- CNCP funding helps but not for large capital projects
- Revolving funds are an excellent way to provide revenue for reduction projects
- CAS should look into a large revolving fund for the public sector that is not tied to the fiscal year
- Most PSOs are aware of what needs to be done to achieve substantive reductions, but without adequate funding these initiatives can't take place
- We need to explore new funding options such as increasing the carbon tax or dedicating the price differential on offsets to a new reductions fund

These points are significant and will likely define the direction we take as we move forward with Carbon Neutral government. We will provide further updates as new direction for the program is defined.

- Most of the presentations from the Symposium are now available on the Carbon Neutral Corner. The presentations on Natural Gas Savings and Climate Resilient Buildings are being revised and will be posted ASAP.
http://www.livesmartbccommunity.ca/psso/documentlibrary/03_carbon_neutral_symposium/2014
- Geo-exchange Professional Guides are available free to PSOs! (normal cost is \$200) All you need to do is send an email to Gordon.Monk@bchydro.com to obtain the product code. Once you have the code you can download the Guides here: http://www.geoexchangebc.com/professional_guidelines.php
- **If you did not complete a feedback form at the Symposium please do so and send it to us @ climateactionsecretariat@gov.bc.ca or simply send along any comments you may have.**

King Tide Photo Initiative

King Tides (also known as [perigean spring tides](#)) are extreme high tide events that occur when the sun and moon's gravitation forces reinforce one another at times of the year when the moon is closest to the earth.

The King Tide Photo Initiative captures images of coastlines around the world where infrastructure and ecosystems are vulnerable to flooding due to sea level rise. BC invites citizen scientists along the BC coast to share photographs of King Tides in their region using social media.

Open the King Tides Chart for the 2014-2015 season to see when the best time for you to snap the shore is! [2014-2015 King Tide Chart](#) (PDF). Visit the [ministry website on King Tides](#) for more information.

Visit the [Facebook Events](#) listing to see what organizers are doing in your community.

Also, you may join the conversation about rising seas in BC on Twitter with the hashtag [#kingtidesBC2014](#) or internationally with [#kingtides](#).

EDX— EDX training sessions are now underway! If you have not received an invitation to these sessions being held on a sector by sector basis, please email carbon.neutralapps@gov.bc.ca

REMINDER—The 2014 CNAR Contact Forms are due!

It is important that we receive a form for each organization to ensure that program information and updates are distributed to those directly involved in reporting. If you have not received a template or still need to send it in, please email the [Climate Action Secretariat](#) ASAP. Thank you.