

Climate Leader Reader

Supporting B.C.'s Public Sector in Leading by Example

April 2022



Message from New Executive Director responsible for Clean Government

Hello! I'm Chris Gilmore, the Executive Director of Climate Partnerships and Engagement (CPE) at the Climate Action Secretariat (CAS). On April 1, 2022, I was pleased to welcome the Clean Government team to the CPE branch within CAS.

CPE is responsible for a wide range of programs and services. Our branch leads on local government climate action engagement and climate infrastructure programs, working to support cities, towns and regional districts on emission reductions and climate resilience at the community level. We also lead intergovernmental relations, innovation and the new circular economy strategy.

I'm truly excited to have Clean Government join our CPE family. We will continue to work with colleagues in the Climate Risk Management team to integrate climate resilience and greenhouse gas reduction efforts in public sector buildings wherever possible.

In closing, I want to thank all public sector organizations for your ongoing hard work and collaboration with the Clean Government team to achieve carbon neutrality each year since 2010, and for supporting our climate leadership efforts in BC's broader public sector. I look forward to working with you and learning from you in the months and years ahead.

Chris Gilmore
Executive Director
Climate Partnerships & Engagement Branch, CAS

IMPORTANT 2021 Reporting Year Deadlines approaching!

April 30, 2022 :

- Final day for data entry in the Clean Government Reporting Tool
- Self-Certification Checklist due

May 31, 2022 :

- Final signed Public Sector Organization (PSO) Climate Change Accountability Report (CCAR) due
- Public Sector Climate Leadership Survey due
- Carbon offset invoices will be sent to each PSO by Climate Action Secretariat (on or before May 31, 2022)

June 30, 2022 :

- All carbon offset invoice payments due
- CAS posts all PSO CCARs on the [CNG Website](#)

Annual CNG Webinar (Recording)

All PSO contacts and CGRT users were invited to attend our annual webinar held on March 1st. If you missed the live session, you can watch the recording [here](#).

2021 CNG Reporting Materials

- [CCAR Instructions and Template](#)
- [Public Sector Climate Leadership Survey](#)
- [Self-Certification Checklist](#) (CGRT login/password required)

Final Portfolio Manager (PM) Synchronization for 2021 Data

The last PM Synchronization applicable to PSO's 2021 data will be performed on **April 21, 2022**.

Contacts for Receipt of Offset Invoices

All primary and secondary PSO contacts will be emailed their organization's offset invoice in May. If there have been recent personnel changes in your organization, please email Carbon.Neutral@gov.bc.ca to update primary or secondary contact information.

Emission Factor Updates

Last month, the 2021 electricity emission intensity factors (EEIFs), for both the integrated grid and Fort Nelson grid, were updated in the Clean Government Reporting Tool (CGRT) to reflect the EEIF methodology used by industry for reporting under the *Greenhouse Gas Industrial Reporting and Control Act* (GGIRCA). Emission factors for travel were also updated in March for core government ministries, and stationary fuel combustion, fleet, and others were updated in CGRT in December 2021. The updated emission factors help to ensure accurate emissions quantification for the Carbon Neutral Government program.

As of March 23rd, each organization's inventory data in CGRT reflects all updated emission factors for the 2021 reporting year and final calculations can be completed for their Climate Change Accountability Report.

Updated emission factors can be found on your *Welcome* dashboard in [CGRT](#) and will also be posted in the upcoming *Methodology for Quantifying Greenhouse Gas Emissions: B.C. Public Sector Organizations* later this spring.

Additional information on the updated methodology for calculating EEIFs can be found on the [GGIRCA webpage](#).

West Coast Electric Fleets

The West Coast Electric Fleets is an initiative of the [Pacific Coast Collaborative](#) (PCC), a joint initiative of California, Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia to accelerate a vibrant, low-carbon economy on the West Coast. The initiative has a toolkit and a pledge to support fleet electrification.

The [toolkit resources](#) are intended to help “demystify” ZEVs and can help managers:

- Assess current fleet composition and identify opportunities for ZEVs
- Calculate and compare costs of incorporating ZEVs into fleets, and access information about available incentives and applicable policies
- Access implementation resources

Your organization can become a fleet partner by taking the [West Coast Electric Fleets pledge](#). The pledge is flexible, recognizing the diverse needs, opportunities, and time frames of public and private fleets. Organizations signing the pledge become fleet partners and join a network of other fleet partners committed to deploying EVs, which include battery electric vehicles, plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles. The commitment has four tiers, taking into account the diverse needs, opportunities, and time-frames of fleets.

A pledge commitment is an eligibility requirement for [Go Electric Fleets](#) incentive funding.

Peer Learning Opportunities

• *Climate Risk and Resilience*

Community of Practice

The Climate Risk and Resilience Community of Practice continues to meet throughout 2022. If you are interested in joining, please send an email to climaterisk@gov.bc.ca.

• *Public Sector Fleet Community of Practice*

Send an email to Carbon.Neutral@gov.bc.ca to join the Public Sector Fleet Community of Practice and support information sharing on ZEV projects, charging infrastructure, incentives and more across the public sector. Meetings are held quarterly.

Fleet Electrification Survey and Resources

- Complete a [survey](#) led by a Simon Fraser University research team! Questions will ask about the opportunities and barriers when considering a zero emission fleet vehicle. Your input will help the team understand life cycle impacts of different fleet vehicles. Submissions are requested by **April 30, 2022**.
- Check out BC Hydro's [resources](#) for fleet electrification, including their guide, best practices and applications for a facility assessment.

Contacts

For reporting or GHG mitigation questions, please contact us at Carbon.Neutral@gov.bc.ca.

For questions about preparing for a changing climate and managing climate-related risks, please contact climaterisk@gov.bc.ca.