# Public Sector Climate Leadership in Buildings

### Public Sector Climate Action Leadership Symposium March 1, 2019

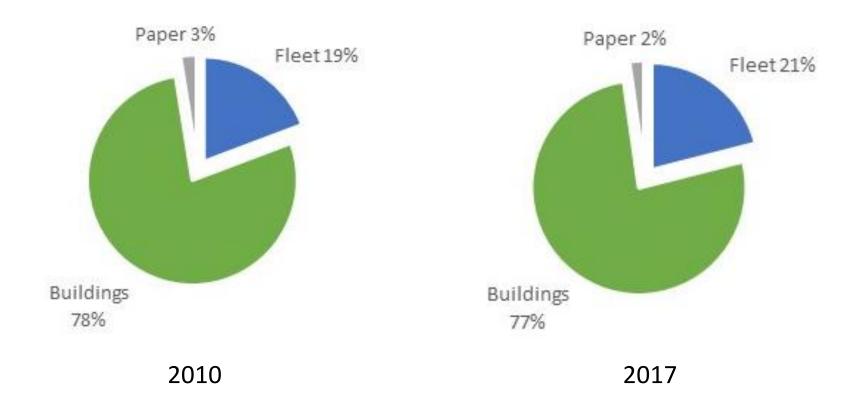


## **Presentation Outline**

- Historic emissions
- Policy options for new buildings
- Policy options for existing buildings
- Questions

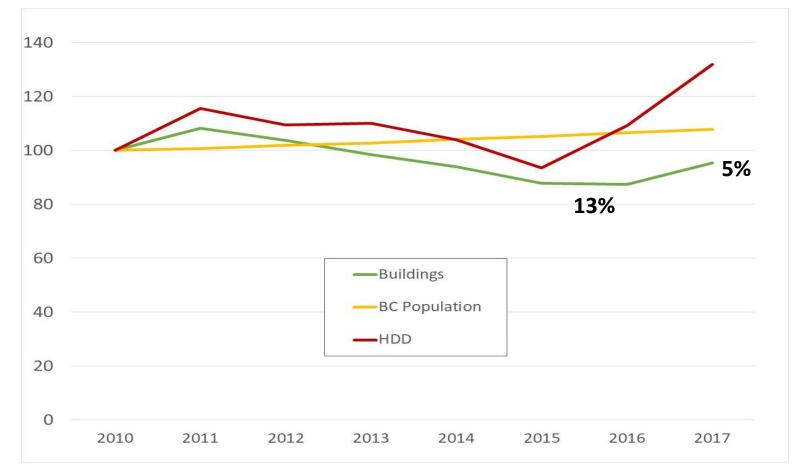


### **Public Sector GHG Emissions - Sources**



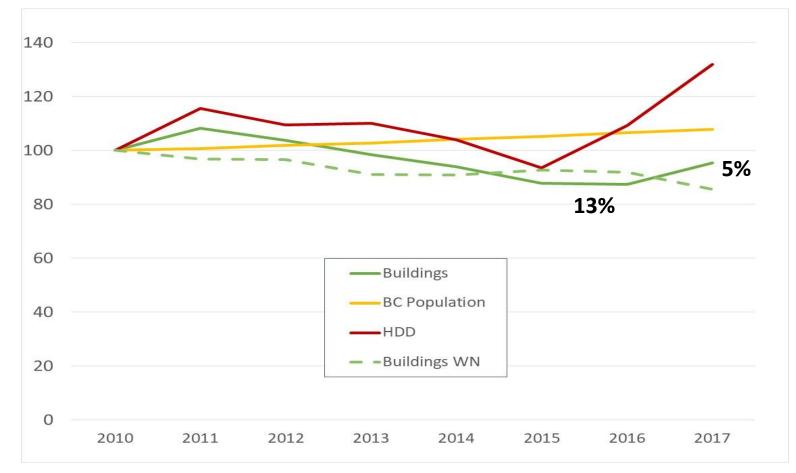


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## High Performance Public Sector Buildings Policy Package

- Path for meeting CleanBC goal of 50% reduction in buildingrelated GHG emissions by 2030
- Ensure investment in cost-effective high-performance new buildings + early adoption of BC Energy Step Code
- Improve performance of existing public building portfolio + support development of existing building energy code
- Clarify government policy on other high-performance building objectives
- Include climate resilience considerations and investments
- Estimate anticipated outcomes + financial and resourcing needs



# **New Building Construction**

- Goals:
  - High energy efficiency performance
  - Low GHG intensity (GHGi)
  - Other high performance buildings attributes (climate resilient, seismic, water efficiency, indoor air quality, etc.)
- Broad Approach:
  - Achieve GHG performance through a combination of:
    - Energy efficiency performance (in advance of, and equal to or better than, energy step code (ESC) requirements)
    - Adoption of low-carbon energy/fuel (for space and water heating)
- Rationale:
  - Allow design teams to determine most cost-effective and contextappropriate way to achieve GHG performance
  - Develop the sector's capacity to plan, build and inspect to ESC



### **New Building Construction**

#### **Proposed Policy Approach**

#### **Energy Efficiency Target**

- Early adoption of Energy Step Code:
  - 2020 => Step 3 ~ 50% energy efficiency improvement
  - 2025 => Step 4 up to 80% energy efficiency improvement

#### GHGi Target (GHG intensity is measured in emissions per m<sup>2</sup>)

- Overlay energy efficiency targets with GHGi targets to ensure reductions
- Specific GHGi targets by building archetype = 80% reduction in GHGi
- Adopt less carbon-intensive energy/fuels

#### Other High Performance Building Objectives

- Current policy: LEED Gold or equivalent
- Proposed policy going forward is under development
- Climate resilience



### Public Sector LEED buildings

LEED Ratings									
	Certified	Silver	Gold	Platinum	Total				
Crown	1		8	1	10				
Health	3	2	23		28				
K-12	1	3	26	1	31				
Post Secondary	2	1	45	6	54				
Provincial Govt			3		3				
Total	7	6	105	8	126				

Energy Performance									
		LEED v1.0	LEED 2009						
	EAc1 pts	% Better than ASHRAE 90.1 -1999 Baseline	% Better than MNECB	EAc1 pts	% Better than ASHRAE 90.1 -2007 Baseline				
min	1	15%	24%	7	24%				
max	10	60%	64%	19	48%				
mode	6	40%	47%	16	42%				
average	6	40%	47%	13.5	37%				



# **Existing Building Strategy**

- Goals:
  - Increased energy efficiency performance
  - Reduced GHG intensity (GHGi)
- Broad Approach:
  - Achieve GHG reductions through a combination of:
    - Targeted energy & GHG retrofits for worst performing buildings
    - Leveraging other renovation opportunities
    - Re-commissioning/retro-commissioning
- Rationale:
  - Prioritize greatest GHG reduction opportunities
  - Ensure cost-effectiveness by integrating energy efficiency and GHG measures into other renovations



## **Existing Buildings Strategy**

#### **Possible Policy Approach**

#### Reduce GHG intensity (GHGi): Transition to less carbon intensive energy/fuels

 Measure GHGi, prioritize buildings for transition (i.e. greatest GHG reduction at lowest cost)

#### Increase Energy Efficiency: Cost-effective energy efficiency rollout

- Leverage renovations for other purposes
- Benchmarking and energy assessments to evaluate energy performance
- Business case for energy retrofits
- Energy Code for Existing Building
  - Contribute to development of code
  - Early adoption of code
- Innovative financing

#### Re/retro-commissioning

- Optimize energy efficiency and building operations
- Achieve incremental GHG reductions with relatively lower costs



### Work Underway

- High Performance Public Sector Buildings policy package
- Capital planning guidance materials
  - New buildings: Most cost-effective and context-appropriate approach to achieve GHG performance
  - Existing buildings: Effective use of "window of opportunity" & prioritizing greatest GHG reduction opportunities
- Financing
  - Innovative financing options
- High performance building objectives
  - Review and update to current LEED Gold policy
- CSA for energy studies



### Questions?

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