

## **Provincial Capital Commission - 2011 Carbon Neutral Action Report**

## **Executive Summary**

The Provincial Capital Commission (PCC) is committed to achieving its part in the Government's Climate Action goals for reduction in greenhouse gas emissions (GHG's) and electricity consumption. This report was prepared in accordance with the *Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets Act* adopted in November 2007. It reflects our continued and ongoing commitment to acting responsibly on the environment and climate change action.

Energy use is primarily generated from the PCC's commercially tenanted heritage buildings and is highly sensitive to tenant business requirements and climate fluctuations. This inventory, located within the Capital region, includes the Crystal Gardens, Visitors Information Centre and CPR Steamship Terminal. Commercial revenue properties also include Inner Harbour ferry terminals, and development sites currently utilized as parking lots and special events venues. Annual revenues from PCC properties in 2011/12, forecasted at \$2.9 million, are used to fund province-wide outreach programs, PCC property maintenance, and business operations on a self-sustaining basis. Common operating expenses including utilities incurred by the PCC at its commercial properties are recovered from tenants under lease agreements. The PCC also owns the building that is its corporate head office at 613 Pandora Avenue, as well as St. Ann's Academy National Historic site that is leased to the Province for use as government office space.

Although the majority of PCC buildings have energy efficiency challenges given their age, design characteristics and renovation/refurbishment restrictions due to heritage designations, they can provide an opportunity for both emissions reductions and cost savings when renovations are tackled creatively. For the base reporting year of 2007, the PCC's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions were approximately 312 tonnes from natural gas and heating oil, and 14 tonnes from electricity, for a total of 326 tonnes.

#### **2011** Greenhouse Gas Emissions

As required by the *Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets Act*, the PCC's total GHG emissions for the 2011 Calendar Year from all sources covered by the Act are 286 tCO $_2$ e. Sources which contribute to PCC Greenhouse Gas Emissions include direct emissions from stationary fuel combustion and electricity at PCC buildings (267 tonnes of CO $_2$ e) and mobile fuel combustion of the PCC's vehicle fleet and travel (2 tonnes of CO $_2$ e). Indirect emissions from purchased energy totaled 17 tonnes of CO $_2$ e. The 2011 total of 286 tonnes, compared to the 2007 year, represents a decline of 12% in energy consumption. This meets the CAS target of a 7-10% reduction below the 2007 base year.

The PCC has estimated that emissions from paper supplies do not comprise more than 0.01% of the PCC's total emissions and an ongoing effort to collect or estimate emissions from this source would be disproportionately onerous. For this reason, emissions from this source have been deemed out-of-scope and have not been included in organization total greenhouse gas emissions profile.

## Offsets Applied to Become Carbon Neutral in 2011

In March 2012, the PCC purchased carbon offsets to achieve carbon neutrality for 2011. The payment was made to the Pacific Carbon Trust based on the 2011 PCC total of 286 tonnes of CO₂e.

In 2010, the formatting and timing of some PCC energy bills was inconsistent with the cut off for entering data into SMARTTool. Therefore, given this new information, changes were made by the CAS to the 2010 total after the reporting deadline. This resulted in an emissions increase of 19 tonnes of  $CO_2e$  to the PCC's 2010 total. The PCC has purchased carbon offsets from the Pacific Carbon Trust for these additional emissions.

#### **Emissions Reduction Activities:**

## Specific Actions Taken to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions in 2011

Since the announcement of the Climate Action Plan in 2007, the PCC and its tenants have implemented significant infrastructure and technological investments to reduce CO₂ emissions while building long-term sustainability into business operations. Highlights include:

- CPR Steamship Terminal The seismic upgrade and rehabilitation project was completed in 2011.
  The scope of work included mechanical and electrical upgrades which will achieve energy
  efficiencies. This includes replacement of antiquated electric baseboard heating with a modern
  energy efficient natural gas condensing-boiler central heating system. The new central heating
  system will facilitate future opportunities to implement a geo thermal exchange system, subject to a
  positive business case and funding availability.
- **Corporate operations** The PCC continues to enhance procurement practices to incorporate environmental responsibility into the way products, services and business relationships are managed. PCC employees continue to demonstrate leadership and initiative in seeking innovative and creative ways to make environmental responsibility part of office culture.
- 812 Wharf Street (upper floor) The PCC upgraded to a wall mounted programmable thermostat in an effort to control heaters at a lower set point temperature during unoccupied periods. This will reduce excessive heating at night to realize energy efficiencies.

In addition to the above highlights, other actions implemented since 2007 include:

- Reductions in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in natural gas consumption for heating the Crystal Garden, a glass-roofed heritage building, have been achieved through replacement of the primary heating system from hot water radiant coils to modern heat pump technology and energy management system in space occupied by the Victoria Conference Centre (VCC) and the Old Spaghetti Factory restaurant. Other energy conservation measures include upgrades to lighting fixtures and energy use conservation measures. Examples include disabling the walk-in chillers at the VCC when not in use.
- Implementation of government's SMARTTool to establish emission reduction targets, trace GHG reduction progress and calculate offset purchase requirements.
- Education and orientation of the PCC Board, staff and tenants on government's climate action plans, goals and targets.

- Strong executive leadership in support of "paperless" initiatives.
- Participation in Xerox Canada's collection/reuse/recycle program for spent imaging supplies.

## Plans to Continue Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions 2012 – 2014

The PCC has achieved the Climate Action Secretariat goal that emissions growth must be reversed and emissions must begin to decline significantly, to between five and seven per cent below 2007 levels by 2012. The PCC will continue to identify and implement opportunities to reduce electricity use from its property holdings to meet the next goal of accelerating the decline in emission to between 15 and 18 per cent below 2007 levels by 2016. Key strategies planned for 2012 include:

- With the support of BC Hydro Power Smart program, the PCC is updating the lighting systems at 613 Pandora Avenue, Victoria Belleville Terminal, and 812 Wharf Street, which currently consist of fluorescent luminaries with T12 technology lamps and electromagnetic ballasts. Based on energy audits, upgrading to the current T8 and T5 energy saving technology lamps and high efficiency electronic ballasts will provide significant (estimated at 61%, 59%, and 43% respectively) lighting system efficiency improvements over the existing lamp ballast combinations. These newer lamp technologies also have the added benefit of improved light maintenance factors, which result in better illumination levels over the life of the lamp and lighting system.
- Disabling 613 Pandora head office oil-fired boiler systems during the summer season. Future plans
  include the boiler's replacement with a modern energy efficient natural gas condensing boiler
  central heating system.
- Working proactively with Shared Services BC's Climate Action Group to ensure emissions reduction targets for properties are met as we transition service provisions, lease management, and property management services commencing April 1, 2012.
- Investigate the feasibility of Level 2 Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure into our parking lots.
- Investigate the feasibility of solar powered light stands in our parking lots.

The PCC will implement identified opportunities on a business case approach and cost/benefit analysis. The PCC will seek financial support from tenants and third party sponsors where appropriate. In addition to the above strategies, over the next three years the PCC will pursue the following actions:

- Increase employee awareness and accountability for environmental objectives.
- Continue to monitor actual GHG emissions and electrical consumption by property to ensure plans to achieve annual forecast are being met.
- Continue to identify and adopt best practices in energy management in consultation and cooperation with PCC tenants, and from other property management organizations in the Capital, the Province and other jurisdictions.
- Continue replacement of information technology and office equipment with energy efficient models.

## Parks and greenspace

Although the PCC holds an extensive inventory of parks, green space and even water lots, the carbon credits generated by these properties are not permitted to be counted towards carbon credits. The most effective business case for achieving carbon neutrality will be for the PCC to purchase credits through the Pacific Carbon Trust.

#### Conclusion

The Provincial Capital Commission is proud of its accomplishments to date and the transparency in public reporting of results in achieving net energy use reductions from its diverse property inventory that includes tenant occupied heritage buildings. The PCC will continue focusing on new strategies in 2012 that will further reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

In the coming years, the PCC will continue to build on its accomplishments and invest in new infrastructure in partnership with tenants that will support the PCC's commitment to sustainability in the Capital region. Furthermore, going beyond our borders in a cross-Canada effort, the PCC plans to participate in an exciting new national initiative, "150,000 Acts of Green", in conjuncture with Canada's sesquicentennial celebrations.

**Rick Crosby** 

**Acting Chief Executive Officer** 

#### **Actions Towards Carbon Neutrality**

The actions listed below contribute to a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from sources for which public sector organizations are responsible under the carbon neutral government regulation of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets Act.

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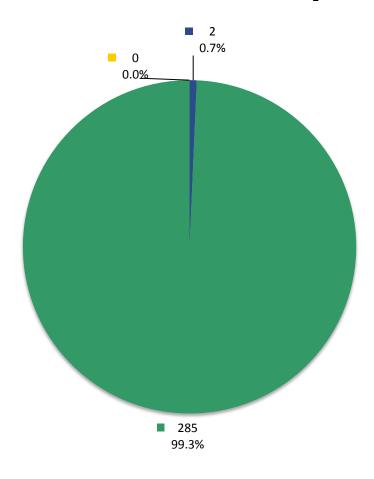
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Purchase 40% post-consumer recycled paper	In Development			Investigate the cost/benefit of transitioning to 40% post-consumer recycled paper	2012	2014
Purchase 100% post-consumer recycled paper	In Development			Investigate the cost/benefit of transitioning to 100% post-consumer recycled paper	2012	2014
Printer/document settings						
Switch networked printers and photocopiers to automatic double- sided	In Development			Examine the current operational requirements of single-sided printing	2012	2014
Apply "print and hold" settings to networked printers to eliminate unclaimed print jobs	In Development			Examine current networked printer to see if 'print and hold' is an option.  Also, examine current waste at networked printer to determine if this is a necessary step	2012	2014
Reduce default margin size in standard document templates (e.g., letters, briefing notes, forms, etc.)	In Development			Examine current networked printer to determine if smaller margins are consistent with current operational requirements	2012	2014
Electronic media in place of paper						
Install collaborative software for electronic editing (e.g. SharePoint, Groove, etc.)	In Development			Investigate the cost/benefit of installing collaborative software for electronic editing	2012	2014
Post materials online that were previously printed	Ongoing/In Progress		All PCC corporate reports including the PCC newsletter is posted online at www.bcpcc.com	Continue to post materials on PCC website	2010	No End Date (Continuous)
Switch to an electronic payroll notification system in place of paper pay stubs	Ongoing/In Progress		Majority of staff have switched to electronic payroll notification	Encourage remainder of PCC staff to shift to electronic payroll notification system	2010	2014
Behaviour change program						
Encourage staff to hold paperless meetings or presentations (i.e., no handouts)	Ongoing/In Progress		PCC staff meetings have been paperless since 2007	Continue paperless staff meetings	2007	No End Date (Continuous)
Encourage re-use of scrap paper	Ongoing/In Progress		This has been a practice for several years by many employees. Paper recycling bins are also used by all staff	Continue to encourage staff to re-use scrap paper	2010	No End Date (Continuous)

Actions to Reduce Provincial Emissions and Improve Sustainability

The actions listed below contribute to a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from sources that fall outside of the reporting requirements defined in the carbon neutral government regulation of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets Act. Public sector organizations can optionally use this section to report on actions that will help British Columbia meet its provincial greenhouse gas reduction targets, engage the public, and improve environmental sustainability across all aspects of their organization.

Action	Status (as of 12/31/11)	Performance to Date (as of 12/31/11)	Steps Taken in 2011	Steps Planned for 2012 -2014	Start Year	End Year
Business Travel						
Policy and budgeting						
Create a low-carbon travel policy or travel reduction goal  Virtual meeting technology	In Development			Set goals for travel reduction	2012	2014
Install web-conferencing software (e.g., Live Meeting, Elluminate, etc.)	In Development			Investigate the cost/benefit of installing web-conferencing software	2012	2014
Make desktop web-cameras available to staff	In Development			Investigate the cost/benefit of making web-cameras available to staff	2012	2014
Install video-conferencing units in meeting rooms or provide mobile video-conferencing units	In Development			Investigate the cost/benefit of installing video-conferencing equipment in meeting rooms	2012	2014
Behaviour change program						
Train staff in web-conferencing	Ongoing/In Progress		Investigated the need for web-conferencing at the PCC	If necessary, train staff in web-conferencing	2010	2014
Train staff in video-conferencing or provide technical support for video-conferencing set-up	Ongoing/In Progress		Investigated the need for video-conferencing at the PCC	If necessary, provide video-conferencing training to staff	2010	2014
Encourage staff to consider virtual attendance/presentation at events where possible	Ongoing/In Progress		All PCC staff are encouraged to consider virtual attendance/presentation at events where possible	Continue to encourage staff to consider virtual attendance/presentation	2009	No End Date (Continuous)
Encourage carpooling to meetings	Ongoing/In Progress		All PCC staff are encouraged to carpool to meetings whenever possible	Continue to encourage carpooling to meetings whenever possible	2009	No End Date (Continuous)
Encourage alternative travel to meetings (e.g., bicycles, public transit, walking)	Ongoing/In Progress		All PCC staff are encouraged to consider alternative travel methods to meetings	Continue to encourage alternative travel methods	2009	No End Date (Continuous)
Education, Awareness, and Engagement						
Staff Professional Development						
Support green professional development (e.g., workshops, conferences, training)	Ongoing/In Progress		The PCC supports green professional development opportunities among staff	Encourage staff to investigate green professional development opportunities	2012	2014
Include green options in employee performance measurement system	In Development			Investigate the inclusion of green options in employee performance measurement system	2012	2014
Staff awareness/education						
Provide education to staff about the science of climate change	Ongoing/In Progress		The PCC has supported staff participation in educational seminars on the science of climate change	Develop an internal educational resource for staff on the science of climate change and impact on PCC affairs	2012	2014
Provide education to staff about the conservation of water, energy, and raw materials	Completed in 2011		Staff educated on the use of the efficient water fixtures installed at Crystal Garden, Tourist Information Centre and CPR Steamship Terminal building		2010	2011
Provide green tips on staff website or in newsletters	In Development			Highlight green activities the PCC has undertaken in our quarterly public newsletter	2012	No End Date (Continuous)
Provide sustainability education during new staff orientation	In Development			Develop educational resources on sustainability for new staff orientation	2012	2014
Client/public awareness/education						
Provide green tips on client/public website or in newsletters	In Development			Highlight green activities the PCC has undertaken in our quarterly public newsletter	2012	No End Date (Continuous)
Other Sustainability Actions						
Water conservation						
Establish a water conservation strategy which includes a plan or policy for replacing water fixtures with efficient models	Ongoing/In Progress		Evaluated the need to outfit 613 Pandora Ave. with efficient water fixtures	Outfit 613 Pandora Ave. with efficient water fixtures budget permitting	2011	2014
Introduce a stormwater management landscape strategy (e.g., vegetated roofs, permeable paving, rain gardens, bioswales)	Ongoing/In Progress		Potential stormwater management system sites on PCC owned properties were investigated in 2011	Continue to investigate future potential for stormwater management strategies on owned properties	2009	2014
Waste reduction/diversion  Put in place an operations policy to facilitate the reduction and diversion of building occupant waste from landfills or incineration facilities	Ongoing/In Progress		Glass/plastic recycling in place in all PCC owned buildings. Completed the implementation of organic waste recycling at 812 Wharf St. and at the Crystal Gardens	Investigate the potential of a expanding our organic waste recycling program at other PCC sites and work proactively with tenants to implement it where feasible	2009	2014
Procurement (non-paper supplies)						
Establish green standards for goods that are replaced infrequently and/or may require capital funds to purchase (e.g., office furniture, carpeting, etc.)	Ongoing/In Progress		Green standards policy taken into consideration when purchasing new office furniture	Continue to use all office furniture to the end of its lifecycle and continue to use the green standards established	2011	No End Date (Continuous)
Implement sustainable purchasing program for cleaning products, disposable paper products and trash bags	In Development			Work with SSBC-WSI to investigate what products the contracted cleaners are using and, if necessary, encourage them to use sustainable products	2012	2014
Require a minimum purchase of sustainable, and organic food and beverages supplied by contracted food suppliers or caterers	Ongoing/In Progress		Revise how we order beverages to include only organic juices	Continue to purchase organic juices and take steps to increase the overall percentage of organic/sustainable food purchased	2011	No End Date (Continuous)
Building construction, renovation, and leasing						
Establish a policy to reuse materials where possible and divert			The PCC provides incentives to divert all materials that can be recycled			
construction and demolition debris from landfills and incineration facilities	Ongoing/In Progress		The PCC provides incentives to divert all materials that can be recycled and diverted from landfills and incineration facilities during the renovation of the CPR Steamship Terminal Building throughout 2011	The PCC will continue to provide incentives to divert all materials possible when renovating properties	2010	No End Date (Continuous)
Indoor air quality						
Incorporate low volatile organic compounds (VOCs) standards into procurement policy for products such as paints, carpets, and furniture	Ongoing/In Progress		The PCC incorporates VOC standards into our procurement policies	Continue to incorporate VOC standards into our procurement policies	2010	No End Date (Continuous)
Commuting to and from home						
Introduce telework/work from home policy				Draft policy that is in line with provincial government standards to introduce work from home program for staff members	2011	2013
,	In Development					
Encourage commuting by foot, bicycle, carpool or public transit	In Development Ongoing/In Progress		Encouraged staff to commute to work by foot, bus, carpool, or public transit. One third of all staff commute in one of these ways. Also, bus passes are made available through payroll deduction	Continue to encourage staff to commute to work by foot, bus, carpool, or public transit	2007	No End Date (Continuous)
			transit. One third of all staff commute in one of these ways. Also, bus		2007	

# Provincial Capital Commission Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Source for the 2011 Calendar Year (tCO<sub>2</sub>e\*)



**Total Emissions: 287** 

- Mobile Fuel Combustion (Fleet and other mobile equipment)
- Stationary Fuel Combustion (Building Heating and Generators) and Electricity
- Supplies (Paper)

### Offsets Applied to Become Carbon Neutral in 2011 (Generated May 18, 2012 10:29 AM)

Total offsets required: 286. Total offset investment: \$7,150. Emissions which do not require offsets: 1 \*\*

<sup>\*</sup>Tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO<sub>2</sub>e) is a standard unit of measure in which all types of greenhouse gases are expressed based on their global warming potential relative to carbon dioxide.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Under the Carbon Neutral Government Regulation of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets Act, all emissions from the sources listed above must be reported. As outlined in the regulation, some emissions do not require offsets.