

Title: 2015 Carbon Neutral Action Report

Organization name: School District 70 (Alberni)

Declaration Statement: This Carbon Neutral Action Report for the period January 1st, 2015 to December 31st, 2015 summarizes our emissions profile, the total offsets to reach net-zero emissions, the actions we have taken in 2015 to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and our plans to continue reducing emissions in 2016 and beyond.

By June 30, 2016 School District 70's final *Carbon Neutral Action Report* will be posted to our website at www.sd70.bc.ca

Overview: Year over year School District 70 (Alberni) has continued to make strides in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. From the Carbon Neutral Program's inception in 2011, School District 70 (Alberni) has reduced its Total Emissions by almost 50% (from 1832.95 tonnes in 2011 to 955 tonnes in 2015). While facilities closures and reductions in student transportations have driven the bulk of this improvement, School District 70 (Alberni) continues to find ways to further improve performance.

In 2015 the closure of an underutilized elementary school with an aging HVAC infrastructure yielded further gains. We continue to embrace energy conservation measures and constantly maintain environmental consciousness as buildings are renovated, retrofitted and decommissioned as well as continuing to complete as many upgrades to lighting, mechanical and control systems as we can, within our budget constraints. We continue to pursue projects designed to reduce emissions through the Carbon Neutral Capital Program and continuously review our practices with an eye to reducing emissions at every opportunity.

We are committed to improving learning for all students. This includes raising awareness around environmental issues and educating staff and students to be good "Global Citizens". District wide students and staff have engaged in many initiatives:

- reducing waste output
- car-pooling programs
- actively recycling
- composting
- purchasing green products
- undertaking energy challenges
- turning off / unplugging unneeded equipment and lights
- promoting sustainability through Project Based Learning

As always, environmental effects and benefits continue to be considered in all of our decisions and practices.

Emissions and Offset Summary Table:

School District 70 (Alberni) GHG Emissions and Offset for 2015 (TCO2E)	
GHG Emissions created in Calendar Year 2015:	
Total Emissions (tCO ₂ e)	955
Total Offsets (tCO ₂ e)	847
Adjustments to GHG Emissions Reported in Prior Years:	
Total Emissions (tCO ₂ e)	0
Total Offsets (tCO ₂ e)	0
Grand Total Offsets for the 2015 Reporting Year:	
Grand Total Offsets (tCO ₂ e)	847

Retirement of Offsets:

In accordance with the requirements of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets Act and Carbon Neutral Government Regulation, School District 70 (Alberni) (**the Organization**) is responsible for arranging for the retirement of the offsets obligation reported above for the 2015 calendar year, together with any adjustments reported for past calendar years. The Organization hereby agrees that, in exchange for the Ministry of Environment ensuring that these offsets are retired on the Organization's behalf, the Organization will pay the associated invoice to be issued by the Ministry in an amount equal to \$25 per tonne of offsets retired on its behalf plus GST.

Executive sign-off:



May 31, 2016

Signature

Date

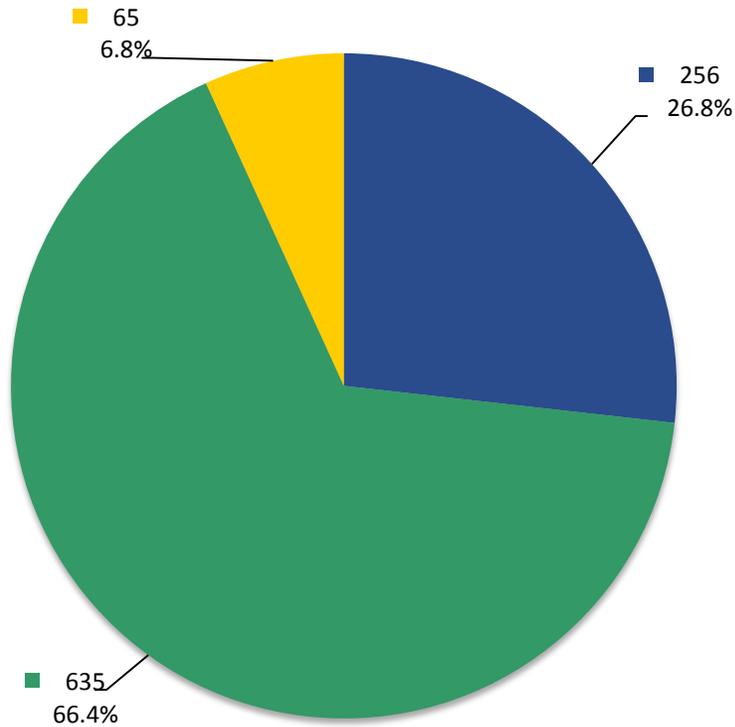
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Superintendent of Schools

Name (please print)

Title

**School District 70 - Alberni
Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Source
for the 2015 Calendar Year (tCO₂e*)**



Total Emissions: 956

- 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 2015 (Generated May 25, 2016 10:19 AM)

Total offsets required: **848**. Total offset investment: **\$21,200**. Emissions which do not require offsets: **108** **

*Tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO₂e) 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.

** 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.

2015 Carbon Neutral Action Report Survey

Organization Name:

School District 70 (Alberni)

Please select your sector:

- School District

1) Stationary Sources (Buildings, Power Generators, Ext. Lighting) Fuel Combustion, Electricity use, Fugitive Emissions:

Please indicate which actions your PSO took in 2015:

Have developed an overall strategy/plan to reduce energy use in your organization's buildings inventory:

No

If Yes, please describe:

(No response)

Undertook evaluations of building energy use:

No

Performed energy retrofits on existing buildings:

Yes

Built or are building new LEED Gold or other "Green" buildings:

No

Please list any other actions, programs or initiatives that your organization has introduced that support emissions reductions from buildings:

(No response)

2) Mobile Sources (Fleet, Off-road/Portable Equipment) Fuel Combustion:

Indicate which actions your PSO took in 2015:

Have put in place an operations policy/program to support systematic reductions in fleet related emissions:

(e.g., program to convert fleet to renewable fuels)

No

If Yes, please describe:

(No response)

Replaced existing vehicles with more fuel efficient vehicles (gas/diesel):

Yes

Replaced existing vehicles with hybrid or electric vehicles:

No

Took steps to drive less than previous years:

Yes

Please list any other actions, programs or initiatives that your organization has introduced that support emissions reductions from fleet combustion:

No Idle Policy (Buses)

3) Supplies (Paper):

Indicate which actions your PSO took in 2015:

Have put in place an operations policy/program to facilitate a systematic reduction in paper-related emissions:

(e.g., policy to purchase 100% Recycled Content; default to double-sided printing)

Yes

If yes, please describe:

Use of 100% recycled paper whenever possible

Have put in place an operations policy/program to facilitate behavioural changes from paper use:

(e.g. awareness campaign to reduce paper use):

Yes

If yes, please describe:

Paperless meetings

Used only 100% recycled paper:

No

Used some recycled paper:

Yes

Used alternate source paper:

(e.g., bamboo, hemp, wheat etc.)

No

Please list any other actions, programs or initiatives that your organization has introduced that support emissions reductions from paper supplies:

(No response)

4) Other Sustainability Actions:

Please note that this section is optional

Business Travel

Created a low-carbon travel policy or travel reduction goal:

(low-carbon = lowest emission of greenhouse gas per kilometer per passenger)

No

Encouraged alternative travel for business:

(e.g. bicycles, public transit, walking)

Yes

Encouraged or allow telework/working from home:

Yes

Other:

(No response)

Education Awareness

Have a Green/Sustainability/Climate Action Team:

No

Supported green professional development:

(e.g. workshops, conferences, training)

Yes

Supported or provided education to staff about the science of climate change, conservation of water, energy and/or raw materials:

No

Other:

(No response)

Adaptation Planning for Climate Risks

Have assessed whether increased frequency of extreme weather events and/or long term changes in climate will affect your organization's infrastructure, its employees and/or its clients:

No

Have incorporated these anticipated changes in climate into your organization's planning and decision making:

No

Other:

(No response)

Other Sustainability Actions

Established a water conservation strategy which includes a plan or policy for replacing water fixtures with efficient models:

Yes

Have put in place an operations policy/program to facilitate the reduction and diversion of building occupant waste stream from landfills or incineration facilities:

(e.g., composting, collection of plastics, batteries)

Yes

Established green standards for goods that are replaced infrequently and/or may require capital funds to purchase:

(e.g., office furniture, carpeting, etc.)

Yes

Incorporated lifecycle costing into new construction or renovations:

Yes

Please list any other sustainability actions your organization has taken not listed above:

(No response)