



## DESTINATION BRITISH COLUMBIA®

**Title:** 2021 PSO Climate Change Accountability Report

**Organization:** Destination BC

### Legislative Reporting Requirements

**Declaration statement:** This PSO Climate Change Accountability Report for the period January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021, summarizes our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions profile, the total offsets to reach net-zero emissions, the actions we have taken in 2021 to reduce our GHG emissions, and our plans to continue reducing emissions in 2022 and beyond.

#### Emission Reductions: Actions & Plans

##### A. Stationary Sources (e.g. buildings, power generation)

- Incorporated energy efficiencies and sustainability improvements into Destination BC's office (two floors):
  - Compliance with energy saving upgrade requirements for lighting under the City of Vancouver's American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) standards;
  - Occupancy sensors installed in meeting rooms, phone rooms and offices for lights;
  - LED strip lighting under kitchen cabinets;
  - ENERGY STAR® Qualified refrigerators with LED interior lighting;
  - ENERGY STAR® Qualified dishwashers and microwaves;
  - Energy efficient water filters;
- Continued to support flexible work arrangements that reduced the draw on energy resources at the office, and reduced travel related emissions to and from work.

##### B. Mobile Sources (e.g. fleet vehicles, off-road/portable equipment)

- Continued to focus on the use of various cloud-based video conferencing services (e.g. Teams, Zoom) to virtually meet with others, minimizing of the need for travel.

##### C. Paper Consumption

- Reduced the need for paper during the COVID-19 pandemic, with staff working in a digital realm.
- Continued to move towards digital files to reduce paper consumption.
- Continued digitization of records.

##### D. Other

- Continued engagement in emergency management planning and response initiatives with the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport and the Tourism Industry Association of BC, as chairs of the Tourism Emergency Management Committee, which includes Destination BC, Indigenous Tourism BC, Emergency Management BC, the BC Regional Tourism Secretariat, and the BC Destination Marketing Organization Association. - Partners collaborate to enhance emergency preparedness and response efforts necessary to address tourism impacts resulting from climate related emergencies. In relation to Climate Change, Destination BC's commitment to emergency management planning supports the three pillars outlined in "Preparing for Climate Change British Columbia's Adaptation Strategy", to build a strong foundation of knowledge; make adaptation part of Government's business; and assess risks and implement priority adaptation actions in sectors.

### 2021 GHG Emissions and Offsets Summary Table:

Destination BC 2021 GHG Emissions and Offsets Summary – Revised 10JUN22	
<b>GHG Emissions created in Calendar Year 2021</b>	
Total Emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	46.4
Total BioCO <sub>2</sub>	0
Total Offsets (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	46.4
<b>Adjustments to Offset Required GHG Emissions Reported in Prior Years</b>	
Total Offsets Adjustment (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	0
<b>Grand Total Offsets for the 2021 Reporting Year</b>	
Grand Total Offsets (tCO <sub>2</sub> e) to be Retired for 2021 Reporting Year	46.4
Offset Investment (\$25 per tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	46 X \$25 = \$1,150

### Retirement of Offsets:

In accordance with the requirements of the *Climate Change Accountability Act* and Carbon Neutral Government Regulation, Destination BC (**the Organization**) is responsible for arranging for the retirement of the offsets obligation reported above for the 2021 calendar year, together with any adjustments reported for past calendar years (if applicable). The Organization hereby agrees that, in exchange for the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (**the Ministry**) ensuring that these offsets are retired on the Organization's behalf, the Organization will pay within 30 days, 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 24, 2022

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Signature

Date

Richard Porges

President & CEO

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Name (please print)

Title