

2023 PUBLIC SECTOR ORGANIZATION CLIMATE CHANGE ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT (PSO CCAR)

DESTINATION BRITISH COLUMBIA 2023 PSO CLIMATE CHANGE ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

Title: 2023 PSO Climate Change Accountability Report

Organization: Destination BC

PART 1. Legislative Reporting Requirements

Declaration statement: This PSO Climate Change Accountability Report for the period January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 summarizes our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions profile, the total offsets to reach net-zero emissions, the actions we have taken in 2023 to minimize our GHG emissions, and our plans to continue reducing emissions in 2024 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 the need for travel.

C. Paper Consumption

- Reduced the need for paper with staff working in a digital realm.
- Continued digitization of records.

D. Other

- Destination BC continues to participate in emergency management planning and response initiatives as a member of the Tourism Emergency Management Committee (TEMC). The TEMC is co-chaired by the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport and the Tourism Industry Association

of BC, and includes Destination BC, Indigenous Tourism BC, Emergency Management BC, the BC Regional Tourism Secretariat, and the BC Destination Marketing Organization Association. The 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.

2023 GHG Emissions and Offsets Summary Table

Destination BC 2023 GHG Emissions and Offsets Summary	
GHG emissions for the period January 1 - December 31, 2023	
Total BioCO ₂	0
Total Emissions (tCO ₂ e)	55.3
Total Offsets (tCO ₂ e)	55.3
Adjustments to Offset Required GHG Emissions Reported in Prior Years	
Total Offsets Adjustment (tCO ₂ e)	0
Grand Total Offsets for the 2023 Reporting Year	
Grand Total Offsets to be Retired for 2023 Reporting Year (tCO ₂ e)	55.3
Offset Investment (\$)	55 x \$25 = \$1,375

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 2023 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.

In addition to the emissions and offsets reported above, Destination BC also tracks GHG emissions from air travel and pays an amount equal to \$30 per tonne of offsets. In 2023, Destination BC’s offset investment was

\$2,850 based on 95 tonnes. In May 2023, Destination BC purchased carbon emissions with the Great Bear Forest Carbon Project based on flights from fiscal 2022/23.

Executive Sign-off:



May 31, 2024

Signature

Date

Richard Porges

President & CEO

Name (please print)

Title