

LEGAL AID BC (LEGAL SERVICES SOCIETY) 2023 PSO Climate Change Accountability Report

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Organization: Legal Aid BC (Legal Services Society)

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)

LABC currently does not own any buildings or manage major retrofits of our spaces.

As part of the organization's continues to support a hybrid work environment, which has greatly reduced greenhouse emissions and reduced the organization's carbon footprint. As a result of a hybrid work environment, LABC began working on a Shared Workspace Project in 2023, to reduce our physical space by almost one-third, which will significantly reduce the organization's footprint.

LABC's headquarters in Vancouver is in a building that is LEED Green and BOMA BEST certified building and we participate in annual sustainability audits for the building. The building also supports a bee habitat and green rooftop that produces food which is donated to non-profit agencies.

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

LABC does not have fleet vehicles or off-road portable equipment.

C. Paper Consumption

LABC continues to use environmentally and socially sustainable paper products, where possible. With most staff working in a hybrid work arrangement, the organization continues to develop online records management for both staff and clients.

2023 GHG Emissions and Offsets Summary Table

Legal Aid BC (Legal Services Society) 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)	87.9
Total Offsets (tCO ₂ e)	87.9
Adjustments to Offset Required GHG Emissions Reported in Prior Years	
Total Offsets Adjustment (tCO ₂ e)	4.97
Grand Total Offsets for the 2023 Reporting Year	
Grand Total Offsets to be Retired for 2023 Reporting Year (tCO ₂ e)	93
Offset Investment (\$)	2325

Retirement of Offsets:

In accordance with the requirements of the *Climate Change Accountability Act* and the Carbon Neutral Government Regulation, Legal Aid BC (Legal Services Society) (**the Organization**) is responsible for arranging for the retirement of the offset’s 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.

PART 2. Public Sector Climate Leadership

2A. Climate Risk Management

LABC implemented and continues to review and update, if necessary its Business Interruption policy to ensure the organization can mitigate risk from extreme weather or climate conditions.

2B. Other Sustainability Initiatives

The organization continues to encourage employees to consider using alternative methods of transportation, such as transit and rideshares, when they are required to travel for work, through its reimbursement policies. In 2023, LABC added bicycle meterage as a form of travel meterage allowance to encourage more environmentally friendly modes of transportation.

As part of the organization’s commitment to climate action, LABC began a partnership with TransLink in April 2023 under the Transit Friendly Employer program, to provide employees with transit subsidies for work travel.

Executive Sign-off:



May 16, 2024

Signature

Date

Steven Veinot

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Name (please print)

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