

Forest Enhancement Society of BC 2024 PSO Climate Change Accountability Report

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Organization: Forest Enhancement Society of BC

PART 1. Legislative Reporting Requirements

Declaration statement: This PSO Climate Change Accountability Report for the period January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 summarizes our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions profile, the total offsets to reach net-zero emissions, the actions we have taken in 2024 to minimize our GHG emissions, and our plans to continue reducing emissions in 2025 and beyond.

Emission Reductions: Actions & Plans

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

FESBC leases office space on the bottom floor of a cinderblock building built in the 1990s. The main source of heat is a natural gas furnace with additional electric space heaters for one office and a small conference room. For the winter of 2024 the staff was able to leave the electric heaters off on all but a handful of days. Staff are always mindful of keeping the office temperature as low as comfortably possible.

Because the office is on the bottom floor, air conditioning is seldom necessary in the summer as the furnace fan circulates the air.

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

In December of 2024, FESBC sold one of their fleet vehicles, leaving the organization with one vehicle. No new vehicle purchases are planned. The impacts of this change will be reviewed in next year's report.

C. Paper Consumption

FESBC continued to reduce paper use in 2024 by furthering a "digital" transformation of all business processes. The conversion of all files and future processes to digital is expected to be complete in the summer of 2025. This will significantly reduce paper consumption.

2024 GHG Emissions and Offsets Summary Table

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GHG emissions for the period January 1 - December 31, 2024	
Total BioCO ₂	.219179
Total Emissions (tCO ₂ e)	8.66
Total Offsets (tCO ₂ e)	8.44
Adjustments to Offset Required GHG Emissions Reported in Prior Years	
Total Offsets Adjustment (tCO ₂ e)	0
Grand Total Offsets for the 2024 Reporting Year	
Grand Total Offsets to be Retired for 2024 Reporting Year (tCO ₂ e)	8
Offset Investment (\$)	\$200

Retirement of Offsets:

In accordance with the requirements of the *Climate Change Accountability Act* and the Carbon Neutral Government Regulation, Forest Enhancement Society of BC (**the Organization**) is responsible for arranging for the retirement of the offsets obligation reported above for the 2024 calendar year, together with any adjustments reported for past calendar years (if applicable). The Organization hereby agrees that, in exchange for the Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions (**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

FESBC’s work is focused primarily on wildfire risk reduction activities to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires, which are caused in part by climate change. We also support projects that reduce the open burning of wood waste, which reduces GHG emissions.

2B. Additional Sustainability Initiatives

In general, FESBC supports less travel and has reduced face-to-face Board meetings to three per year.

Office staff regularly divert waste from landfills, including plastics, batteries, paper, and recyclable containers. Reusable cups, mugs, and dishes are used daily in the office and available for guests. Dish towels and cloths are taken home and washed to be reused as an alternative to paper products.


FESBC is exploring becoming a fully virtual workplace and selling its fleet vehicles. One vehicle was sold in December of 2024, which will show up in next year’s report.

We are reviewing the climate impact of our projects to better estimate the decrease in GHG emissions as a result of our work.

2C. Success Stories

We estimate that the projects FESBC has supported since its inception have avoided 1,476,102 tonnes of CO2e emissions.

Executive Sign-off:

	May 14, 2025
Signature	Date
Jason Fisher, RPF	Executive Director, FESBC
Name	Title