

2025

Public Sector Organization

Climate Change Accountability Report



DECLARATION

This PSO Climate Change Accountability Report for the period January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 summarizes our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions profile, the total offsets to reach net-zero emissions, the actions we have taken in 2025 to reduce our GHG emissions, and our plans to continue reducing emissions in 2026 and beyond.

EMISSION REDUCTIONS: ACTIONS & PLANS

In 2021, Saanich Schools contracted a consultant to complete an Energy Sustainability Plan, with a stated goal to “identify the required work to reduce the school district’s environmental footprint and energy consumption ... and to meet the CleanBC 2030 emission targets.” The scope of the Plan included buildings, vehicles, and paper.

BUILDINGS

With an eye toward District-wide building electrification, Saanich Schools engaged a mechanical engineering firm to complete detailed mechanical assessments across its portfolio of buildings in 2021. A roadmap to Saanich Schools 2030 target achievement has been drafted – with the next step to secure sufficient funding to complete the work.

In **2025**, numerous electrification upgrades on buildings’ primary heat sources were completed:

- Stelly’s Secondary – Phase 2 of a mechanical upgrade, switching to a heat pump system.
- Royal Oak Middle School – BC Hydro sponsored building optimization

2026 will see the following projects be completed:

- Stelly’s Secondary – Phase 3 of a mechanical upgrade, switching to a heat pump system.
- Claremont Secondary – BC Hydro sponsored building optimization
- Brentwood Elementary – Mechanical upgrade – addition of natural gas boiler.
- Lochside Elementary – 100kW Solar PV.

FLEET

Saanich is making positive steps in electrifying its transportation fleet. In 2025, the Maintenance Building saw its first EV chargers and two type D electric buses come online. Ultimately, the District hopes to replace 16 diesel buses with electric models over the next 8 years.

SUMMARY TABLE

SD63 2025 GHG Emissions and Offsets Summary

GHG emissions for the period January 1 - December 31, 2025

Total BioCO ₂	60
Total Emissions (tCO ₂ e)	1,863
Total Offsets (tCO ₂ e)	1,469

Adjustments to Offset Required GHG Emissions Reported in Prior Years

Total Offsets Adjustment (tCO ₂ e)	0
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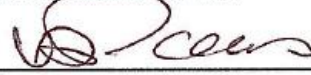
Grand Total Offsets for the 2025 Reporting Year

Grand Total Offsets to be Retired for 2025 Reporting Year (tCO ₂ e)	1,469
Offset Investment (\$25 per tCO ₂ e)	\$ 36,725

RETIREMENT OF OFFSETS

In accordance with the requirements of the *Climate Change Accountability Act* and Carbon Neutral Government Regulation, SD63 Saanich Schools (the Organization) is responsible for arranging for the retirement of the offsets obligation reported above for the 2025 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.

EXECUTIVE SIGN-OFF



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May 13/26.

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