

# Climate Leader Reader

*Supporting BC's Public Sector in Leading by Example*

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## First Issue of the "Climate Leader Reader"

This is the first issue of the new "Climate Leader Reader" which replaces the "Carbon Neutral Corner" newsletter series which began almost 5 years ago. This new series goes beyond the focus on Carbon Neutral

Government to cover a broader range of climate action topics of interest to BC's public sector organizations (e.g., climate resilience/adaptation). Please send us your thoughts and suggestions via [climateactionsecretariat@gov.bc.ca](mailto:climateactionsecretariat@gov.bc.ca)

## Liveable Cities Forum: Advancing Low-Carbon Resilience

The Climate Action Secretariat is pleased to share with you an upcoming training opportunity related to the Province's commitment to public sector climate action leadership, and carbon neutral government.

The [Livable Cities Forum: Advancing Low Carbon Resilience](#), taking place September 18-20, provides an opportunity for BC's public sector to learn from, and exchange knowledge with, public sector organizations, provincial and federal government staff, planners, engineers, elected officials, local

governments, NGOs, sustainability professionals, and other stakeholders.

As BC's public sector continues to reduce operational greenhouse gas emissions and build capacity for adaptation, we are committed to support the learning and capacity building needed.

Discounts for PSOs are available. Please contact [Amanda.Broad@gov.bc.c.ca](mailto:Amanda.Broad@gov.bc.c.ca) for more information. Further information about the forum can be found here: <http://www.livablecitiesforum.com>.

## 2016 Carbon Neutral Government Offset Portfolio

To achieve net-zero emissions for the 2016 reporting year, the Climate Action Secretariat retired 622,758 offset units (tCO<sub>2</sub>e) on behalf of PSOs. The 2016 portfolio is comprised of offsets from 19 different projects that span British Columbia's regions and economic sectors.

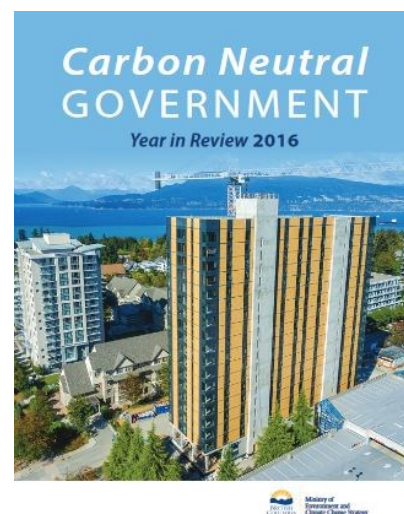
Since 2010, investments in 43 B.C.-based projects – from municipal landfills to local sawmills, from industrial

oil and gas facilities to local greenhouses, from protected forests to local transit buses – have been used to offset 4.9 million tonnes of emissions. These projects have all been independently audited to validate and verify their GHG benefits. Beyond delivering direct GHG reduction benefits, the projects have bolstered clean technology advancements, created jobs, reduced waste, supported research, and spurred provincial GDP.

## We are Carbon Neutral for 2016!

Congratulations to all B.C. public sector organizations for achieving carbon neutral status by June 30 for the seventh year. This is the culmination of significant effort undertaken in 2016 by all PSOs to measure, reduce, report and offset emissions. Thank you for doing your part to make this another successful year.

## 2016 CNG Year-in-Review



The annual Carbon Neutral Government Year-in-Review for the 2016 reporting year has been released and can be viewed [here](#). It provides a summary of public sector emissions and some of the great work being done by provincial public sector organizations.

## Streamlining Public Procurement for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations



B.C.'s public sector can now purchase electric vehicle charging stations and installation services through a streamlined procurement – saving you time and money. A [Corporate Supply Arrangement \(CSA\)](#) for [Electric Vehicle Charging Stations](#) has been centrally established by the Province on behalf of B.C.'s public sector organizations and local governments. The CSA enables you to purchase directly from vendors preselected through a competitive procurement. This means favorable pricing through the province's aggregated purchasing power as well as faster procurement

processing and reduced paperwork because prices and terms have been established in advance.

The CSA is for Level II Charging Stations with optional features such as hangers and plugs, as well as installation services as needed.

[Three suppliers](#) have been selected in each of six regions across the province (Vancouver Island/Sunshine Coast, Mainland/Southwest, Thompson/Okanagan, Kootenay, Cariboo and the North).

[Eligible public sector organizations include](#) B.C. ministries, Crown corporations, school districts, health authorities, first nations, universities, colleges, local governments.

*\*Note: the CSA cannot be used for personal or non-government related purchases.*

## Natural Resources Canada - Climate Change Adaptation – 2017 Call for Proposals

Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) has issued a *Call for Proposals* to solicit proposals for cost-shared projects that address climate change adaptation in the areas of coastal management, energy, mining, economics, infrastructure, forestry and training. Funding for

this Call comes from NRCan's Climate Change Adaptation Program. Up to \$8.25 million in funding may be awarded through this process. [The Call for Proposals is available for download here.](#) *Deadline for submission of proposals is November 27, 2017.*

## Climate Change Adaptation

Interested in learning more about climate change adaptation? Check out the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy resources page at <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/climate-change/adaptation/>

## Year-end Survey

The Carbon Neutral Government year-end survey is now available online and all those involved with the CNG reporting requirements are encouraged to participate. The feedback received is valuable for improving the CNG program and the services offered to public sector organizations.

The survey can be accessed at <https://interceptum.com/s/en/CNG2016> and will only take a few minutes to complete.

## SMARTTool Data Loading for 2017

For the 2017 CNG reporting year, please continue to load emissions data to SMARTTool as usual until notified that the province is switching to a new carbon measurement and reporting software, SoFi Enterprise (more below). Any [EDX errors](#) should also be addressed and corrected as usual.

For questions, please contact [Carbon.NeutralApps@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Carbon.NeutralApps@gov.bc.ca)

## SoFi Enterprise— Pilot Phase

Ten organizations (two from each sector, including local governments) have now been selected to test the new software this fall. In the coming weeks, more information will be provided about the pilot, including schedules for training sessions and demos, resource materials, testing activities, etc.