# Climate Action Revenue Incentive (CARIP) Public Report for 2016

**Local Government: City of Chilliwack** 

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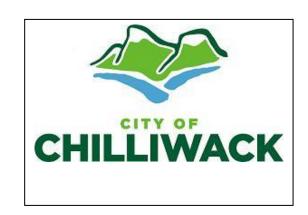
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The City of Chilliwack has completed the 2016 Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) Public Report as required by the Province of BC. The CARIP report summarizes actions taken in 2016 and proposed for 2017 to reduce corporate and community-wide energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) and reports on progress towards achieving carbon neutrality.

#### **2016 BROAD PLANNING ACTIONS**

#### **Broad Planning Actions**

Broad Planning refers to high level planning that sets the stage for GHG emissions reductions, including plans such as Official Community Plans, Integrated Community Sustainability Plans, Climate Action Plans or Community Energy Emissions Plans. Land use planning that focuses on Smart Growth principles (compact, complete, connected, centred) plays an especially important role in energy and GHG reduction.

Coi	mmunity-Wide Actions Taken in 2016
	Continued to support the densification process through the Official Community Plan (OCP) 2040 and
	applications within the urban corridor.
	Engaged the public and community, including dialogue with First Nations, as part of compact
	development planning.
	Through the development review process, new commercial and industrial developments were
	requested to include bike racks to encourage and support cycling to work.
Coi	mmunity-Wide Actions Proposed for 2017
	The City is undertaking a secondary suites study to examine options for increasing secondary rental
	suites through the community to support densification goals.
	The City is proceeding with a neighbourhoods plan for areas surrounding the Downtown and
	Fairfield Island to guide future infill development decisions making.
Coi	porate Actions Taken in 2016

Coi	rporate Actions Proposed for 2017

<b>Broad Planning</b>		

What is (are) your current GHG reduction target(s)?	ent GHG Reduce GHG Emissions by 20% per capita from 2007 levels by 2020.		
Has your local government used the Community Energy and Emissions Inventory (CEEI) to measure progress?			
What plans, policies or guidelines community?	govern the implementation of climate mitigation in your		
• Commu	nity Energy and Emissions (CEE) Plan	Yes	
• Climate	Action Plan	Yes	
<ul> <li>Integrat</li> </ul>	ed Community Sustainability Plan	No	
Official (	Community Plan (OCP)	Yes	
• Regiona	l Growth Strategy (RGS)	No	
• Do not h	nave a plan		
Other:		No	
Does your local government have	a corporate GHG reduction plan?	Yes	
Does your local government have a climate reserve fund or something similar?			

#### **2016 BUILDINGS AND LIGHTING ACTIONS**

#### **Building and Lighting Actions**

Low-carbon buildings use the minimum amount of energy needed to provide comfort and safety for their inhabitants and tap into renewable energy sources for heating, cooling and power. These buildings can save money, especially when calculated over the long term. This category also includes reductions realized from energy efficient street lights and lights in parks or other public spaces.

Community-Wide Actions Taken in 2016			
mmunity-Wide Actions Proposed for 2017			

	Corporate Actions Taken in 2016		
		Released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to upgrade half of the existing lighting system at the	
		Chilliwack Heritage Park buildings.	
Ī		Upgraded metal halide floor lighting to LED lighting throughout the various civic buildings.	

Coı	rporate Actions Proposed for 2017
	Complete the upgrade of half of the lighting at the Chilliwack Heritage Park buildings prior to the end of the year.
	Continue to upgrade metal halide floor lighting to LED lighting throughout the various civic buildings.

## **2016 ENERGY GENERATION ACTIONS**

#### **Energy Generation Actions**

A transition to renewable or low-emission energy sources for heating, cooling and power supports large, long-term GHG emissions reductions. Renewable energy including waste heat recovery (e.g. from biogas and biomass), geo-exchange, micro hydroelectric, solar thermal and solar photovoltaic, heat pumps, tidal, wave, and wind energy can be implemented at different scales, e.g. in individual homes, or integrated across neighbourhoods through district energy or co-generation systems.

Coi	Community-Wide Actions Taken in 2016		
Coi	mmunity-Wide Actions Proposed for 2017		

Co	Corporate Actions Taken in 2016			
	Completed the installation of second Biogas Boiler at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) in			
	order to capture more biogas and provide reliability to run the system continuously with Biogas.			
	Used Biogas from the first boiler to heat WWTP digesters.			
	Obtained budget cost estimate to convert WWTP biogas into pipeline natural gas.			

Cor	Corporate Actions Proposed for 2017				
	Design and tender to install a stand-alone biogas heating system to run the proposed industrial high				
	strength pre-treatment facility at the WWTP.				
	Hire a consultant to conduct a feasibility study to evaluate option to use biogas for the following				
	potential biogas uses:				
	o combined heat and power via reciprocating internal combustion engines				
	o biogas upgrading to biomethane for sale to natural gas utility				

Energy Generation		
Is your local go	vernment developing, or constructing:	
•	A district energy system	No
•	A renewable energy system	No
Is your local go	vernment operating:	
•	A district energy system	No
•	A renewable energy system	No
Is your local government connected to a district energy system that is operated by another energy provider?		No
Are you aware Toolkit?	of the Integrated Resource Recovery guidance page on the <u>BC Climate Action</u>	Yes

## 2016 GREENSPACE/ NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION ACTIONS

#### **Greenspace Actions**

Greenspace/Natural Resource Protection refers to the creation of parks and greenways, boulevards, community forests, urban agriculture, riparian areas, gardens, recreation/school sites, and other green spaces, such as remediated brownfield/contaminated sites as well as the protection of wetlands, waterways and other naturally occurring features.

Coı	Community-Wide Actions Taken in 2016			
	370 trees were planted throughout the City.			
	Performed the greening of 2 roundabouts on Prest Road and along 3 boulevard corners on Princess			
	Avenue.			
Coı	Community-Wide Actions Proposed for 2017			
	135 trees have been planted thus far, which includes replacement trees from storm damage.			

Fall planting of 115 trees.

Coı	Corporate Actions Taken in 2016	
Coı	rporate Actions Proposed for 2017	
	Greening of the new City Operations Center. Plant 90 trees within the City Operations Center	
	property.	

Greenspace	
Does your local government have urban forest policies, plans or programs?	Yes

## **2016 SOLID WASTE ACTIONS**

#### **Solid Waste Actions**

Reducing, reusing, recycling, recovering and managing the disposal of the residual solid waste minimizes environmental impacts and supports sustainable environmental management, greenhouse gas reductions, and improved air and water quality.

Coi	Community-Wide Actions Taken in 2016	
	Continued with planning the curbside compostables diversion program.	
	Coordinated "April is Earth Month" events with volunteer groups and schools, with an emphasis on waste management (recycling and composting education, community clean ups). Staged "Waste Reduction Month" (October) with schools.	
	Reduced greenhouse gas emissions from the Bailey Landfill by 9,700 tonnes CO₂e through the Landfill Gas Management System.	
	Promoted two City-Wide Garage Sales to encourage reuse.	
	Issued an RFP for the new Curbside Collection Contract commencing May 1, 2017. The new contract will include the pickup of source-separated compostables.	
	Designed and started constructing a Compostables Transfer Station at the Bailey Landfill site.	
	Issued an RFP for Compostables Processing Services to commence May 1, 2017. The new contract	

	will include processing of compostables that are transferred from the Compostables Transfer
	Station.
Coi	mmunity-Wide Actions Proposed for 2017
	Complete construction of the Compostables Transfer Station at the Bailey Landfill site and
	commence use of the facility on May 1.
	Commence the new Curbside Collection Contract and Compostables Processing Services on May 1.
	Continue waste reduction programs and community engagement regarding compostables diversion.
	Initiate a new provincial curbside recycling program through a contract with Recycle BC. The
	program will start March 1 and will allow for additional items to be recycled through the Curbside
	Collection program.
	Continue reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the Bailey Landfill through the Landfill Gas
	Management System.
	Continue working with the Fraser Valley Regional District on an overall regional waste diversion
	strategy, including compostables diversion for all sectors.

Cor	Corporate Actions Taken in 2016	
	Implemented pilot compostables diversion programs at City Hall and Chilliwack Library.	
Cor	rporate Actions Proposed for 2017	
	Continue to expand compostables diversion at other municipal facilities.	

Solid Waste	
Does your local government have construction and demolition waste reduction policies, plans or programs?	Yes
Does your local government have organics reduction/diversion policies, plans or programs?	Yes

## **2016 TRANSPORTATION ACTIONS**

## **Transportation Actions**

Transportation actions that increase transportation system efficiency, emphasize the movement of people and goods, and give priority to more efficient modes, e.g. walking, cycling, ridesharing, and public transit, can contribute to reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and more livable communities.

Community -Wide Actions Taken in 2016	
	Promoted a two-week sustainable commuting challenge.

	7.0 kilometers of new bike lanes were constructed.
	City-owned electric vehicle charging stations were used 337 times in 2016.
	230 meters of concrete sidewalk was installed.
Cor	mmunity-Wide Actions Proposed for 2017
	Continue with sustainable commuting challenge.
	3.0 kilometers of new bike lanes.
	386 meters of new concrete sidewalk.
	Increase the frequency of the Route 1 bus service to 15 minutes frequency at peak times on
	weekdays.
	Increase the frequency of the Route 3 bus service to 30 minutes frequency at peak times on
	weekdays.
	Incorporate an extension for Route 8 bus service along Keith Wilson Road to Lindy's Drive on
	weekdays and weekends.
	Provide a weekday bus service to Yarrow, Greendale, and industrial/employment areas.

Co	Corporate Actions Taken in 2016	
	Meter reader employee used an electric car to read meters.	
	Continued with vehicle right-sizing.	
	Staged a two-week sustainable commuting challenge.	
Co	rporate Actions Proposed for 2017	
	Continue to use electric car for reading meters.	
	Continue with vehicle right-sizing and procure hybrid vehicles for bylaw enforcement.	
	Continue with sustainable commuting challenge.	

Transportation	
Does your local government have policies, plans or programs to support:	
• Walking	Yes
• Cycling	Yes
Transit Use	Yes
Electric Vehicle Use	Yes
Other (please specify)	No
Does your local government have a transportation demand management (TDM) strates to reduce single-vehicle occupancy trips, increase travel options, provide incentives to encourage individuals to modify travel behavior)?	gy (e.g. Yes
Does your local government have policies, plans or programs to support local food production (thus reducing transportation emissions)?	Yes

## **2016 WATER AND WASTEWATER ACTIONS**

Managing and reducing water consumption and wastewater is an important aspect of developing a sustainable built environment that supports healthy communities, protects ecological integrity, and reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

Cor	Community-Wide Actions Taken in 2016		
	Conducted an annual water loss study for the water system to determine water losses and take		
	further actions to reduce losses as per the study findings.		
	Enforced summer water sprinkler restrictions. Prepared and implemented water efficient		
	community plan.		
	Issued rebates on low flush toilets, sold discounted home water conservation kits and rain		
	harvesting barrels. Educated the general public through radio and newspaper advertisements, City		
	of Chilliwack website, etc.		
Cor	Community-Wide Actions Proposed for 2017		
	Conduct an annual water loss study for the water system to determine water losses and take		
	further actions to reduce losses as per the study findings.		
	Implement the summer water sprinkler restrictions program. Continue to implement the water		
	efficient community plan.		
	Continue to issue rebates on low flush toilets, sell discounted home water conservation kits and rain		
	harvesting barrels. Educate the general public through radio and newspaper advertisements, City of		
	Chilliwack website, promote participation in trade fairs, etc.		

Coı	Corporate Actions Taken in 2016		
	Took measures to reduce inflow and infiltration issues in the wastewater system to reduce flows		
	during rainfall events.		
	Hired a consultant to complete a pre-design study for the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)		
	inlet works upgrade which will ultimately be equipped with more energy efficient processing		
	equipment and increase the hydraulic grade line to facilitate future flows to run by gravity		
	throughout the treatment plant without the need for a pumping system.		
	Installed two groundwater drinking water wells in the Marble Hill area in the Eastern Hillside to		
	reduce energy consumption for pumping water from the valley floor to the higher elevations.		
	Installed two Automated Meter Intelligence (AMI) "collector" sites to enhance the City's Water Loss		
	Management program. The system became operational in 2017, and situations such as backflow		
	events, water leaks, and low/no flow conditions are now flagged as the data is transmitted, rather		
	than as follow-up to quarterly readings.		
Coı	Corporate Actions Proposed for 2017		
	Continue to take measures to reduce inflow and infiltration issues in the wastewater system to		
	reduce higher flows during rainfall events.		

	Continue to work with the consultant to complete the pre-design study for the WWTP inlet works		
	upgrade, which will ultimately be equipped with more energy efficient processing equipment and		
	increase the hydraulic grade line to facilitate future flows to run by gravity throughout the		
	treatment plant without the need for a pumping system.		
	Continue to upgrade the water system in the Marble Hill area to service additional hillside a	areas	
	through Marble Hill groundwater wells to reduce energy consumption on pumping.		
	Design and tender an industrial high strength pre-treatment facility at the WWTP which will equip		
	with more energy efficient processing equipment and gravity flow system to reduce pumpir	ng cost.	
Water Conservation			
Do	Does your local government have water conservation policies, plans or programs?  Yes		

#### **2016 CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION ACTIONS**

#### **Climate Change Adaptation Actions**

For local governments, adaptation to a changing climate can take the form of changes in policy, management, technology and behaviour that minimize negative impacts or exploit opportunities. It can involve both "hard" and "soft" solutions, including: changes in infrastructure engineering, planning, zoning, bylaws, and public education.

zoning, bylaws, and public education.	
Climate Change Adaptation Actions Taken in 2016	
Climate Change Adaptation Actions Proposed for 2017	
Resources you have used to support climate change adaptation (e.g. Plan2Adapt, Preparing for	
Climate Change: Implementation Guide)	

In 2016 did you consider climate change impacts in any of the following areas? (check if yes)

Risk reduction strategies	No
Risk and Vulnerability assessment	Yes
Asset management	No
Infrastructure upgrades (e.g. stormwater system upgrades)	Yes
Cross-department working groups	No
Emergency response planning	Yes
Land-use policy changes (eg. OCP, DPA)	No
Economic diversification initiatives	No
Ecosystem-based approaches (incl. shorelines)	No
Incentives (e.g. property owner reducing stormwater run-off)	No
Public education and awareness	No
Research (e.g.mapping, participation in studies)	Yes
Other (Please Identify):	

## **2016 OTHER CLIMATE ACTIONS**

## **Other Climate Actions**

This section provides local governments the opportunity to report other climate actions that are not captured in the categories above.

Community-Wide Actions Taken in 2016		
Community-Wide Actions Proposed for 2017		
Corporate Actions Taken in 2016		

Corporate Actions Proposed for 2017	
Other  Are your familiar with the Community Life and a Infrastructure Costing Tool (CLIC)?	Vaa
Are you familiar with the Community Lifecycle Infrastructure Costing Tool (CLIC)?	Yes
Have you used CLIC?	No
INNOVATION AND PEER-TO-PEER LEARNING	
Innovation	
This section provides the opportunity to showcase an innovative Corporate and/or Commun	າity-Wide
GHG reduction or climate change adaptation activity that your local government has undert	aken and
that has had or has the potential to have a significant impact. Projects included here may be	e featured as
success stories on the B.C. Climate Action Toolkit and/or shared with other local government	its to inspire
further climate action. Please add links to additional information where possible.	
Community-Wide Innovative Action	
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Corporate Innovative Action	

## **Programs, Partnerships and Funding Opportunities**

Local governments often rely on programs, partnerships and funding opportunities to achieve their climate action goals. Please share the names of programs and organizations that have supported your local government's climate actions by listing each entry in the box below.

Programs and Funding	

#### **2016 CARBON NEUTRAL REPORTING**

Local governments are required to report on their progress in achieving their carbon neutral goal under the Climate Action Charter. Working with B.C. local governments, the joint Provincial-UBCM Green Communities Committee (GCC) has established a common approach to determining carbon neutrality for the purposes of the Climate Action Charter, including a Carbon Neutral Framework and supporting guidance for local governments on how to become carbon neutral.

Prior to completing this survey, please ensure that you are familiar with guidance available on the B.C. Climate Action Toolkit website, especially Becoming Carbon Neutral: A Guide for Local Governments in British Columbia.

#### **Reporting Emissions**

Did you measure your local government's corporate GHG emissions in 2016?	Yes
If your local government measured 2016 corporate GHG emissions, please report	4,450
the number of corporate GHG emissions (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent)	
from services delivered <u>directly</u> by your local government:	
If your local government measured 2016 corporate GHG emissions, please report	284
the number of corporate GHG emissions (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent)	
from <u>contracted</u> services:	
TOTAL A: CORPORATE GHG EMISSIONS FOR 2016	4,734 tCO2e

## **Reporting Reductions and Offsets**

To be carbon neutral, a local government must balance their TOTAL corporate GHG emissions by one or a combination of the following actions:

- undertake GCC-supported Option 1 Projects
- undertake GCC-supported Option 2 Projects (community GHG emissions reduction projects that meet project eligibility requirements)
- purchase carbon offsets from a credible offset provider

If applicable, please report the 2016 GHG emissions reductions (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO2e)) being claimed from Option 1 GHG Reduction Projects:

OPTION 1 PROJECTS	REDUCTIONS

Energy Efficient Retrofits	
Solar Thermal	
Household Organic Waste Composting	
Low Emission Vehicles	
Avoided Forest Conversion	
TOTAL B: REDUCTIONS FROM OPTION 1 PROJECTS FOR 2016	0 tCO2e

If applicable, please report the names and 2016 GHG emissions reductions (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO2e)) being claimed from Option 2 GHG Reduction Projects:

OPTION 2 PROJECT NAME	REDUCTIONS
TOTAL C: REDUCTIONS FROM OPTION 2 PROJECTS FOR 2016	0 tCO2e

If applicable, please report the number of offsets purchased (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO2e)) from an offset provider for the 2016 reporting year:

(NOTE: DO NOT INCLUDE ANY FUNDS THAT MAY BE SET ASIDE IN A CLIMATE ACTION RESERVE FUND)

OFFSET PROVIDER NAME	OFFSETS

#### TOTAL REDUCTIONS AND OFFSETS FOR 2016 (Total B+C+D) = 0 tCO2e

#### **Corporate GHG Emissions Balance for 2016**

Your local government's Corporate GHG Emissions Balance is the difference between total corporate GHG emissions (direct + contracted emissions) and the GHG emissions reduced through GCC Option 1 and Option 2 projects and/or the purchase of offsets.

CORPORATE GHG EMISSIONS BALANCE FOR 2016 = (A – (B+C+D)) = 4,734 tCO2e

If your Corporate GHG Emissions Balance is negative or zero, your local government is carbon neutral.

CONGRATULATIONS!

#### GCC CLIMATE ACTION RECOGNITION PROGRAM

## **Green Communities Committee (GCC) Climate Action Recognition Program**

The joint Provincial-UBCM Green Communities Committee (GCC) is pleased to be continuing the Climate Action Recognition Program again this year. This multi-level program provides the GCC with an opportunity to review and publicly recognize the progress and achievements of each Climate Action Charter (Charter) signatory.

This year a new recognition level has been added — **Level 3: Accelerating Progress on Charter Commitments**—. Recognition is provided on an annual basis to local governments who demonstrate progress on their Charter commitments, according to the following:

**Level 1 – Demonstrating Progress on Charter Commitments**: for local governments who demonstrate progress on fulfilling one or more of their Charter commitments

**Level 2 – Measuring GHG Emissions**: for local governments that achieve level 1, and who have measured their Corporate GHG Emissions for the reporting year and demonstrate that they are familiar with the Community Energy and Emissions Inventory (CEEI)

**Level 3 – Accelerating Progress on Charter Commitments:** for those local governments who have achieved level 1 and 2 and have demonstrated undertaking significant action (corporately or community wide) to reduce GHG emissions in the reporting year (ie: through undertaking a GHG reduction project, purchasing offsets, establishing a reserve fund).

**Level 4 - Achievement of Carbon Neutrality**: for local governments who achieve carbon neutrality in the reporting year.

For purposes of Level 3 recognition, if applicable, please identify any new or ongoing corporate or community wide GHG reduction projects (other than an Option 1 or Option 2 project) undertaken by your local government that reflects a significant investment of time or financial resources and is intended to result in significant GHG reductions:

PROJECT NAME:		

Based on your local government's 2016 CARIP Climate Action/Carbon Neutral Progress Survey, please check the GCC Climate Action Recognition Program level that best applies:

Level 1 – Demonstrating Progress on Charter Commitments	
Level 2 – Measuring GHG Emissions	YES
Level 3 – Accelerating Progress on Charter Commitments	
Level 4 - Achievement of Carbon Neutrality	
Not Sure	