



## Local Government Climate Action Program Survey Submission Report

### Fort St. James

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Question	Answer
1. Does your local government or Modern Treaty Nation have a climate action plan or strategy?	No, and we are not intending to undertake due to lack of expertise/technical capacity
2. For the calendar year 2021, did your local government or Modern Treaty Nation measure and publicly disclose corporate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions?	No, and we are not intending to undertake due to lack of expertise/technical capacity
3. For calendar year 2021, did your local government or Modern Treaty Nation measure and publicly disclose a community-wide emissions inventory?	No, and we are not intending to undertake due to lack of expertise/technical capacity
4. Is your local government or Modern Treaty Nation tracking progress on its community-wide GHG reduction target?	No
4.e. If no, select all that apply:	"No, due to a lack of resources"

<p>5. Describe up to four climate initiatives, and their outcomes, your local government or Modern Treaty Nation is currently undertaking for Buildings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Repairs and upgrades to the Municipal Office Geothermal Heating that will make our heating and cooling more efficient.</li> <li>-Replace Arena's geothermal controls to ensure the geothermal is fully working.</li> <li>-New high efficient Freon Chiller at the Arena to replace very old ammonia ice plant that was the oldest in the province. The new Freon Chiller will take much less energy to run.</li> <li>-Arena upgrade that includes exterior cladding and insulation to make heating and cooling more energy efficient. There also will be Infrared heating over the stands. New LED light fixtures. New metal entry doors with pressed steel frames to hold heat better.</li> </ul>
<p>6. Describe up to four climate initiatives, and their outcomes, your local government or Modern Treaty Nation is currently undertaking for Transportation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Signage and wayfinding to promote walking in our community</li> <li>-Planning to put bike stands and area's to be able to tie up dogs to promote walking</li> <li>- investment in current sidewalks as well as possible new areas to put sidewalks to promote walking</li> <li>-Research on EV Stations to be ready to install (2) by 2023</li> <li>-New Electric Zamboni</li> <li>-budget increased to maintain walking trails around town</li> </ul>
<p>7. Describe up to four climate initiatives, and their outcomes, your local government or Modern Treaty Nation is currently undertaking for Community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Currently doing OCP that is being planned around reducing carbon footprint</li> </ul>
<p>8. Describe up to four climate initiatives, and their outcomes, your local government or Modern Treaty Nation is currently undertaking for Climate Resilience</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Consultant doing Wildfire Resiliency Plan which is phase 1 which will be done 2022, to then move forward and action this plan in 2023</li> </ul>
<p>9. Which elements of your community's current official community plan (OCP) (or other relevant strategies, policies and/or plans) support the creation of more complete, compact communities?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Currently doing OCP that is being planned around reducing carbon footprint</li> <li>-small town, able to walk to all amenities within 15min or less</li> </ul>
<p>10. What actions has your local government or Modern Treaty Nation taken to increase community completeness and compactness since 2020 (e.g. urban containment boundary, increasing density by allowing secondary suites and laneway or carriage housing options)?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Waiving building permit fees on Garden/basement suites to promote population density</li> </ul>

11. What data would be most valuable to your local government or Modern Treaty Nation in decision-making related to the creation of complete, compact communities?	Population Employment #'s/Economic Ind #'s Best practice Bylaws to achieve this goal Land use planning Active Transportation
12. From 2021 to now, has your local government or Modern Treaty Nation taken any action(s) to address climate impacts?	None taken for a particular service run by the Municipality but have donated to the local Cold Weather Shelter
13. Has a climate risk and vulnerability assessment (or similar assessment) been undertaken for your local government or Modern Treaty Nation?	No, and we are not intending to undertake due to lack of expertise/technical capacity
14. What are the <u>three</u> most significant climate hazards faced by your jurisdiction	① "Extreme cold, snow and ice", ② "Wildfire", ③ "Ecological, cultural and/or human health impacts (examples of cultural impacts include threats to identities, languages, and livelihoods; examples of ecological impacts include biodiversity loss, erosion, invasive species, ecosystem changes)", "Wind, rain, and other storm events", "Overland flooding", "Extreme heat and heat stress", "Water shortage", "Coastal flooding, storm surge events and/or other coastal hazards"
15. Are you responding to this survey on behalf of a Modern Treaty Nation?	No
16. Based on the hazard you indicated as most significant in question 14, as a local government, which groups are most exposed/vulnerable to the impacts of that climate hazard?	"Indigenous peoples"
17. Based on the hazard you indicated as second most significant in question 14, as a local government, which groups are most exposed/vulnerable to the impacts of that climate hazard?	"Seniors"
18. Based on the hazard you indicated as third most significant in question 14, as a local government, which groups are most exposed/vulnerable to the impacts of that climate hazard?	"Indigenous peoples"

19. Select the top three factors your local government or Modern Treaty Nation needs most to increase the capacity to adapt to climate impacts and build community resilience.	"Increased funding", "More partnerships and collaboration across levels of government", "Increased staff capacity"
20. How does your local government or Modern Treaty Nation ensure equitable access to, and distribution of, climate action opportunities and benefits?	"There are no specific measures in place at this time to ensure equitable access to, and distribution of, opportunities and benefits"
21. Do the climate action plan(s) and priorities of your local government or Modern Treaty Nation align with the climate action plans and priorities of senior levels of government?	"No, our resource capacity doesn't permit us to collaborate or align more effectively with senior levels of government"
22. Is your local government a signatory to the B.C. Climate Action Charter or a Modern Treaty Nation?	Yes
23. To demonstrate commitment to climate action, climate investments (i.e., matching funding or in-kind contributions) equivalent to 20% of the provincial funding received are required of local governments and Modern Treaty Nations. The intent is to show past, current, and future investments in climate action and create awareness and education.	"Staff time", "Climate resilient infrastructure and/or capital project(s)"
24. Please provide your (or survey primary contact's) first and last name.	Rachelle Willick
25. Please indicate your (or survey primary contact's) position with your local government or Modern Treaty Nation.	Chief Financial Officer

26. Please provide your (or survey primary contact's) business email address.	rachelle@fortstjames.ca
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## Local Government Climate Action Program Attestation Form


**Instructions for the Attestor:**

1. Complete and sign this form by filling in the fields below.
2. Email the completed and signed form to [LGCAP@gov.bc.ca](mailto:LGCAP@gov.bc.ca).

I, the Chief Financial Officer, or equivalent position, of District of Fort St. James (name of local government) confirm the following:

1. That Local Government Climate Action Program funding has been, or will be, allocated to climate action.
2. That if funds are held in reserve, they will be spent by the end of March 2025.
3. That a completed and signed version of this form will be submitted by email to the Climate Action Secretariat, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy by July 29, 2022.
  - a. If council approval is required, it will be submitted no later than September 30, 2022.
4. That a completed and signed version of this form will be publicly posted by September 30, 2022.
5. That a completed and exported version of the program survey (submitted online) will be publicly posted by September 30, 2022.

Attested to by me at (name of local government) District of Fort St. James  
on (date) July 19<sup>th</sup> 20 22

Signature of Attestor: 

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