

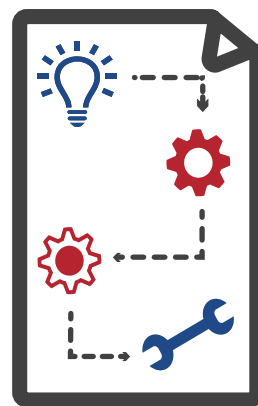
A candidate's guide to talking CLIMATE ACTION with constituents



If you are asked about how you will support communities in your riding achieve their climate goals, will you know how the 3 levels of government interact to impact emissions and climate action? **Let's review!**

Local governments have direct or indirect impact on over more than **55%** of GHG emissions in BC.

Well more than half the **200** communities in BC have Community Energy Plans (CEPs).



78% of BC residents live in communities covered by a CEP.



What's a CEP?

A Community Energy Plan (CEP) is a tool that drives community priorities around energy with a view to increasing efficiency, reducing emissions and driving economic development.

BC communities care about energy & climate innovation and so do the people of BC. **CEPs can:**

- Strengthen local economies
- Reduce current & future energy costs & GHG emissions
- Create jobs

Roadmap to communicating how and where the 3 levels of government address climate change.

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The federal government uses national standards & funding in climate action because provinces have constitutional jurisdiction over both energy and local governments. **Local governments are the front lines of climate action because communities are where the buildings & vehicles are.**



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	Plans	Authority	Actions/Levers
Federal	Pan-Canadian Framework on Climate Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National standards • Funding • International commitments • Taxation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle fuel efficiency standards • Green Infrastructure funding • Model national building codes • Energy ratings & tools (e.g., energuide) • Green infrastructure bank • National carbon price
Provincial	Climate Leadership Plan (CLP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitutional authority for Energy and for Municipalities • Taxation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Codes ie Building code (incl. Step Code) • Data (ie CEEIs) • Green infrastructure (ie EV charging) • Provincial roads & transit funding • Direction to BCUC on BC Hydro, FortisBC and ICBC • Municipal regulation & authority • Carbon neutral government operations • Carbon tax
Local	> 120 Community Energy & Emissions Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land-use / community form • Local infrastructure • Local engagement • Waste management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sidewalks/bike & scooter lanes • complete compact walkable communities • transit • incenting building performance • local engagement • energy retrofit programs • organics diversion

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How do federal & provincial governments support local governments' climate action goals?

DATA



DOLLARS



POLICY & REGULATION



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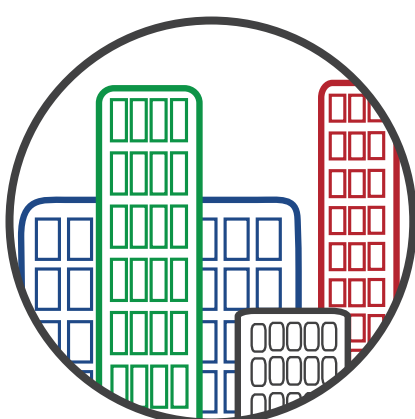
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Local Governments implement policy* to reduce emissions through **3** key impact areas:

Buildings



Transportation



Waste



CLIMATE ACTION!

*Local governments can do more with some help from the province. Examples include: step code to allow local governments to require more energy efficient buildings (they can't now), quality, timely data on energy use especially for transportation, funding for home energy retrofits, transit funding, and aligning provincial decisions with climate action commitments

With a core membership of over 11 leading mayors and councillors from communities across the province and ranging from rural to urban and suburban, BCMCLC has conducted peer mentorship of over **500** locally elected officials from communities across BC.



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