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City of Coquitlam

Climate Action Plan



Full Strategy and Action List




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Explore the full list of strategies and actions that make up the Climate Action Plan. The tables below present the strategies and actions across the plan’s five focus areas, along with anticipated timelines and approximate costs (where anticipated).

Implementation Timeline

ESTIMATED START DATE	
Short Term (ST)	Within 2 years
Medium Term (MT)	2 to 5 years
Ongoing	Currently underway

Expense Estimate

ABBREVIATION	VALUE / FUNDING SOURCE
\$	\$0 – \$50,000
\$\$	\$50,000 – \$100,000
\$\$\$	\$100,000 – \$500,000
\$\$\$\$	>\$500,000
NAC	No additional cost to the City under the Climate Action Plan (i.e., action is already funded through operational budgets, potential use of climate action reserve funds or does not have an associated cost), but in some instances there could be costs to external stakeholders.
OB	Potential integration into, or use of, other City budgets
TBD	Explore further to quantify costs and determine feasibility subject to funding and other corporate priorities.
	High potential for alignment with external funding opportunities

How We Move




These actions complement existing actions outlined in the *Environmental Sustainability Plan* and the *Transportation Plan* to support climate action related to *How We Move*.

M1. Increase low-carbon and sustainable transportation.

#	ACTIONS	TIMELINE	EXPENSE ESTIMATE	LEAD DEPARTMENT
M1.1	Complete and implement the Transportation Plan and E-Mobility Strategy.	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>TBD OB</i>	<i>EPW</i>
M1.2	Support expansion and use of low-carbon car sharing and shared micromobility.	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>NAC</i>	<i>EPW</i>
M1.3	Advocate with other local jurisdictions to TransLink and the Province for increased funding for more accessible, reliable and affordable public transit and active transportation.	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>NAC</i>	<i>EPW</i>

M2. Support the transition to low- and zero-emission vehicles.

#	ACTIONS	TIMELINE	EXPENSE ESTIMATE	LEAD DEPARTMENT
M2.1	Advocate to the Province to implement regulations to standardize the provision of electric vehicle charging requirements for new residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, and other types of developments.	<i>MT</i>	<i>NAC</i>	<i>PD/EPW</i>
M2.2	Explore options to expand the public electric vehicle charging network on city-owned land and streets, and explore related funding and income-generating opportunities.	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>\$\$\$\$ OB/</i> 	<i>EPW</i>
M2.3	Support the expansion of the electric vehicle charging network further by creating a supportive policy environment, addressing regulatory barriers, and communicating opportunities and information to businesses, stratas, and institutions.	<i>MT</i>	<i>NAC</i>	<i>EPW</i>
M2.4	Partner with other levels of government to inform businesses about the opportunities and advantages of transitioning to low-carbon and zero-emissions medium and heavy-duty vehicles.	<i>ST</i>	<i>NAC</i>	<i>EPW</i>

How We Build



These actions enhance ongoing efforts in the *Environmental Sustainability, Transportation, and Climate Adaptation Strategic Plans*, advancing climate action through *How We Build*.

B1. Expand the stock of high-quality, low-carbon resilient homes and buildings in the community.

#	ACTIONS	TIMELINE	EXPENSE ESTIMATE	LEAD DEPARTMENT
B1.1	Consider advancing the Zero Carbon Step Code ahead of Provincial requirements, where feasible, for applicable building types.	<i>ST</i>	<i>\$ OB</i>	<i>PD</i>
B1.2	Explore opportunities to encourage innovative, low-carbon and resilient construction, including heating and cooling solutions in new residential construction.	<i>MT</i>	<i>NAC</i>	<i>EPW/PD</i>
B1.3	Continue to participate in regional committees and working groups to learn and share information about emerging initiatives, technology, and best practices to reduce emissions in buildings.	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>NAC</i>	<i>EPW/PD</i>


B2. Improve the safety, comfort and performance of existing homes and buildings.

#	ACTIONS	TIMELINE	EXPENSE ESTIMATE	LEAD DEPARTMENT
B2.1	Explore ways to support and promote programs and initiatives that help protect vulnerable individuals from extreme weather events including ones that support access to cooled indoor spaces and cleaner air spaces, as well as income-qualified programming through government and utility partners.	<i>ST</i>	<i>NAC</i>	<i>EPW/PD/CS</i>
B2.2	Provide municipal input to the Province in the development of existing and emerging initiatives such as the BC Highest Efficiency Equipment Standard, Existing Buildings Renewal Strategy and CleanBC programs.	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>NAC</i>	<i>EPW/PD</i>
B2.3	Advocate to other levels of government, NGOs, and utility partners to expand programs that address energy affordability, and educate the public on initiatives that increase energy efficiency, lower heating bills and improve thermal comfort.	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>NAC</i>	<i>EPW/PD</i>

B3. Support low-carbon buildings and neighbourhoods.

#	ACTIONS	TIMELINE	EXPENSE ESTIMATE	LEAD DEPARTMENT
B3.1	Advocate for and promote programs that increase local industry capacity and provide equitable homeowner access (including for multi-unit residential buildings) to energy efficient, low-carbon, resilient and renewable upgrades and retrofits.	Ongoing	NAC	EPW
B3.2	Continue to integrate a climate and sustainability lens into new and updated land-use plans by developing complete and well-connected neighbourhoods that offer a mix of land uses, and that support transit and active transportation.	Ongoing	NAC	PD/EPW
B3.3	Support other levels of government to develop and implement innovative online tools to raise public awareness, guide decision-making, and aid in implementing low-carbon and resilient solutions for building upgrades.	Ongoing	NAC	EPW/PD

B4. Support the transition to low-carbon and renewable energy sources.

#	ACTIONS	TIMELINE	EXPENSE ESTIMATE	LEAD DEPARTMENT
B4.1	Continue to explore district energy feasibility in areas where a high or medium potential is identified.	Ongoing	\$\$\$ 	EPW/PD
B4.2	Collaborate with utility partners to advance opportunities and investments in renewable energy sources including solar and district energy.	Ongoing	NAC	EPW/PD
B4.3	Work with utility partners to identify capacity-constrained neighbourhoods and advocate for the prioritization of electrical service upgrades that support housing growth.	Ongoing	NAC	EPW/PD

How We Consume



These actions complement existing actions outlined in the *Environmental Sustainability Plan* and the *Climate Adaptation Strategic Plan* to support climate action related to *How We Consume*.

C1. Reduce the creation of solid waste, increase diversion through proper disposal, and encourage the development of a circular economy.

#	ACTIONS	TIMELINE	EXPENSE ESTIMATE	LEAD DEPARTMENT
C1.1	Participate in the regional Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan update and leverage this work to develop, implement and promote circular economy initiatives.	<i>ST</i>	<i>NAC</i>	<i>EPW</i>
C1.2	Assess Coquitlam's building stock to identify opportunities to reduce and divert construction and demolition waste, and develop policies and approaches that prioritize the reuse, relocation and deconstruction of existing buildings, as well as the reduction of waste in new construction.	<i>ST</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>EPW/PD</i>
C1.3	Explore Coquitlam's role in supporting and advocating for a sustainable, equitable, and resilient food system, including improving access to local food and advancing strategies to reduce and recover food waste.	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>NAC</i>	<i>EPW/PD/ PRCF/DCAO</i>
C1.4	Develop initiatives to reduce solid waste generation and increase diversion at all City facilities, as well as City-hosted and City-led events.	<i>MT</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>EPW</i>

How We Steward



These actions complement existing actions outlined in the *Environmental Sustainability Plan*, *Climate Adaptation Strategic Plan*, and *Urban Forest Management Strategy* to support climate action related to *How We Steward*.

S1. Support a resilient, robust and healthy urban forest.

#	ACTIONS	TIMELINE	EXPENSE ESTIMATE	LEAD DEPARTMENT
S1.1	Complete and implement the City's Urban Forest Management Strategy.	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>OB</i>	<i>PRCF</i>
S1.2	Identify opportunities to integrate climate-resilient planting, shading features, and landscaping into design and improvement projects to enhance cooling, storm water management and storm resilience.	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>NAC</i>	<i>EPW/PRCF/ PD</i>

S2. Improve the health and connectedness of natural areas and ecosystems.




#	ACTIONS	TIMELINE	EXPENSE ESTIMATE	LEAD DEPARTMENT
S2.1	Continue to share data and information with other levels of government to support ecosystem connectivity planning and monitoring.	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>NAC</i>	<i>EPW/CS</i>
S2.2	Support the protection, enhancement, restoration and connectivity of ecosystems.	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>PD/EPW/ PRCF/DCAO</i>
S2.3	Increase biodiversity and resilience of City parks and greenspaces.	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>NAC</i>	<i>PRCF/EPW</i>
S2.4	Work with regional partners to advance nature-based solutions to address climate risks and hazards.	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>NAC</i>	<i>EPW</i>

How We Lead




These actions complement existing actions outlined in the *Environmental Sustainability Plan*, *Climate Adaptation Strategic Plan*, the *Strategic Energy Management Plan*, and the *Green Fleet Strategic Plan* to support climate action related to *How We Lead*.

L1. Design, build, and upgrade new and existing civic facilities to be low-carbon and climate resilient.

#	ACTIONS	TIMELINE	EXPENSE ESTIMATE	LEAD DEPARTMENT
L1.1	Collaborate with utility partners and/or other organizations to pilot new low-carbon technologies for civic facilities and fleet such as energy storage, solar and other renewables, or district energy to improve resiliency.	MT	\$\$\$ 	EPW/PRCF
L1.2	Continue to assess existing facilities for opportunities to improve energy efficiency, reduce emissions and enhance climate resilience and implement this work as part of asset renewal and capital planning processes, leveraging external funding opportunities where possible and realizing cost and operational benefits.	Ongoing	\$\$\$ 	EPW/PRCF/ DCAO/ CS
L1.3	Explore sustainability options for each new civic facility to address carbon pollution where feasible, improve energy efficiency and resilience to climate impacts, and realize cost and operational benefits.	Ongoing	\$\$\$ OB 	EPW/PRCF

L2. Transition towards a green fleet and encourage staff to use sustainable modes of transport.

#	ACTIONS	TIMELINE	EXPENSE ESTIMATE	LEAD DEPARTMENT
L2.1	Transition fleet vehicles and fuel sources to low-carbon alternatives in alignment with the Green Fleet Strategic Plan and fleet replacement schedule.	ST	\$\$\$ OB	EPW
L2.2	Expand fleet electric vehicle charging and low-carbon fueling infrastructure as recommended by the Green Fleet Strategic Plan.	ST	\$\$\$ OB/ 	EPW
L2.3	Explore a range of initiatives to support sustainable mode shift among staff.	MT	\$\$ OB	EPW
L2.4	Collaborate with utility partners, contracted service providers and/or other organizations to pilot and implement new low carbon fuels and technologies for medium/heavy duty fleet vehicles.	ST	TBD	EPW

L3. Build Climate Finance partnerships and pursue climate action funding opportunities.

#	ACTIONS	TIMELINE	EXPENSE ESTIMATE	LEAD DEPARTMENT
L3.1	Explore and establish partnerships with external organizations, such as financial institutions, to help fund civic climate action.	<i>ST</i>	<i>NAC</i>	<i>DCAO</i>
L3.2	Advocate to the Province for new and enhanced funding mechanisms and programs to support local climate action initiatives, including ones that prioritize equity-deserving groups.	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>NAC</i>	<i>EPW/DCAO</i>
L3.3	Building on ongoing success, continue to actively pursue resources and funding through grants, incentives, and in-kind contributions from other levels of government, NGOs, and utility partners to support civic climate initiatives.	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>NAC</i>	<i>EPW/PRCF</i>

L4. Raise staff awareness on climate action and support the integration of climate action into civic work.

#	ACTIONS	TIMELINE	EXPENSE ESTIMATE	LEAD DEPARTMENT
L4.1	Provide training and education opportunities to support staff to integrate climate action into their work.	<i>ST</i>	<i>NAC</i>	<i>EPW</i>
L4.2	Integrate new climate and sustainability considerations into new or renewed policies and plans including the Official Community Plan.	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>NAC</i>	<i>EPW/PD</i>

L5. Engage community members and encourage climate action through public communication and education.

#	ACTIONS	TIMELINE	EXPENSE ESTIMATE	LEAD DEPARTMENT
L5.1	Develop and implement a climate action communication and education plan that highlights the City's progress and successes, provides access to easy-to-understand information, and fosters participation in climate action initiatives.	<i>ST</i>	<i>NAC</i>	<i>EPW/CS</i>
L5.2	Explore internal implementation and public-facing communication tools to efficiently track and report on sustainability and climate action initiatives, and key performance indicators.	<i>ST</i>	<i>\$ OB</i>	<i>CS/EPW</i>
L5.3	Work with partners to develop and implement awareness and outreach programs that inform residents and businesses about climate action opportunities within their sphere of influence.	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>NAC</i>	<i>EPW</i>
L5.4	Explore ways to equip and empower youth to navigate projected climate impacts through training and increased youth participation in climate discussions and initiatives.	<i>ST</i>	<i>\$ OB</i>	<i>EPW/PRCF/ DCAO</i>