

news release



Subject:	City of North Vancouver Achieves Significant Reductions in Corporate and Community Emissions
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The City of North Vancouver continues to lead the way in building a sustainable community through innovative and effective energy and greenhouse gas management programs which are delivering results. Since setting ambitious reduction targets in 2005, the City has achieved an 11% reduction in corporate emissions and community-wide emissions have dropped 6% from 2005 levels.

The City is the first municipality in Metro Vancouver and the second in BC to create a Local Action Plan (LAP), setting targets for corporate and community-wide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction. The City has since implemented cost-effective actions providing significant economic and social benefits while also reducing emissions. Through initiatives such as building retrofits, sustainable fleet practices, higher efficiency standards for new buildings, as well as waste reduction and recycling, corporate emissions have been reduced by 11% since 2005 and community-wide emissions have been reduced by 10 - 14% per capita during the same time period.

The City recognizes the important role residents and businesses play in building a sustainable community. Several programs and initiatives have been implemented over the years, such as the popular ClimateSmart program which provides local businesses with tools and training to help reduce their carbon footprint and save operational costs, and the Home Energy Incentive Program, which connects residents with information on significant senior government and utility rebates for making energy improvements at home.

The City's energy efficiency density bonus program ensures that all new buildings in the City meet performance-based energy standards. As the first municipality in BC to implement this policy, the City continues to encourage a greener community by reducing energy consumption and GHG emissions.

The City continues to monitor and report on GHG reductions and seek new opportunities to further reduce energy and emissions. Continued efforts, particularly in reducing emissions from personal vehicles and working towards more sustainable transportation choices will be required to meet the City's ambitious targets of a 15% reduction in community-wide emissions and a 25% reduction in corporate emissions by 2020. For more information about the City's energy conservation and climate action initiatives, visit www.cnv.org/ClimateAction.

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