

## **Corporate Carbon Neutral 2032 Plan Approved**

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) Board has approved a new plan to achieve and sustain carbon neutrality by 2032. The Corporate Carbon Neutral 2032 Plan (CCNP) identifies actions required to reduce emissions from RDN services in support of carbon neutrality over the long term. The CCNP is a key part of the RDN's Strategic Climate Change Goal to be a leader in climate change adaptation and mitigation and to become net zero by 2032.

"The CCNP complements the RDN's Strategic Plan and provides the necessary framework to reach our carbon neutral goals," said Tyler Brown, RDN Chair. "A core element of the plan is to eliminate emissions from buildings, fleet vehicles, solid waste collection and other traditional government services. This is good for our environment and human health."

Internal subject matter experts developed the CCNP and received input from the Climate Action Technical Advisory Committee (CATAC). This approach identified potential barriers to action and ensured the inclusion of solutions to overcome them, enabling the RDN to implement climate-friendly approaches and technologies more effectively.

"The CCNP was developed with guiding principles and specific actions required to support corporate carbon neutrality by 2032," said Stuart McLean, RDN Director and CATAC Chair. "This includes taking data-driven, evidence-based approaches, maintaining reliable service as a priority while reducing emissions, and ensuring that CCNP activities do not create additional environmental or social impacts outside RDN boundaries."


As the first strategic step towards implementation, the RDN will develop the costs required for specific emission reduction approaches so that a long-term financial plan can be developed, and the appropriate grants and funding can be secured. This costing will focus on proven, market-ready technologies so that the RDN can move quickly on existing, low-risk opportunities.


View the CCNP online at [rdn.bc.ca/corporate-energy-and-climate-change-plan](https://rdn.bc.ca/corporate-energy-and-climate-change-plan) and for information on other RDN climate change initiatives, visit [rdn.bc.ca/action-on-climate-change](https://rdn.bc.ca/action-on-climate-change).

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