

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Financial Services

Date: September 19, 2023

Subject: Local Government Climate Action Program - Reporting

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receives this report for information.

BACKGROUND:

In conjunction with Clean BC's plan to lower climate-changing emissions by 40% by 2030 the provincial government has established the Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP). This program provides local governments and Modern Treaty Nations with predictable and stable funding to support the implementation of local climate action that reduces emissions and prepares communities for the impacts of a changing climate.

The objective of this program is to:

- Provide flexible, long-term funding to support climate action in local governments and Modern Treaty Nations.
- Enable community-specific action to reduce emissions and increase climate resilience.
- Enable robust reporting to track results and help improve the program over time.
- Enable knowledge sharing among local governments and Modern Treaty Nations to promote innovative climate action across the province.

The LGCAP will provide \$67,082.00 annually from 2022-2024 to support local climate initiatives. For the 2022 year the funding was allocated to operational budget as well as the climate action reserve fund:

- 50% towards Corporate Services operational expenses including - climate action staffing wages, Climate Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP) implementation, and reporting system software costs (\$33,541.00)
- 50% Climate Action Reserve Fund (\$33,541.00)



As a condition of the grant, local governments are required to annually complete and publicly post a copy of the program survey and attestation form. The documents have been included in this report as an attachment and will also be posted on the District of Mackenzie website and paper copies will be available at the District of Mackenzie Office.

For the 2022/2023 year funds were used to leverage funding for the Food Cycler Pilot Project, Electric Mobility Accelerator Project as well as providing leverage for the possibility of a level 2 charger through the Charge North Program.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Community and Social Development

- Our investment in the municipality's services and infrastructure, our commitment to principles of social equity and well-being, and our belief in the value of resident engagement, creates a healthy community in which everyone feels valued and enjoys a high quality of life.

Environmental Sustainability

- The way we operate has an impact on the environment. We are committed to integrating sustainability and Environmental, Social and Governance factors (ESG) into our decision making and business practices.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Kerri Borne, Chief Financial Officer

Reviewed By: Corporate Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer