

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Financial Services

Date: June 18, 2025

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.

Due to the ongoing engagement with LGCAP participants and the Province recognizing the need for predictable and increased funding to support local climate action for local municipalities, they have allocated the equivalent of three years of program funding to all participants. By providing the funding upfront, local municipalities and Modern Treaty Nations can plan and fund their climate action projects with more certainty. The funding comes with flexibility as it can be utilized until March 31, 2028. The District of Mackenzie received \$196,555 for the three year period of April 2024 – March 2027.

For the 2024 year the funding was allocated to operational budget as well as the climate action reserve fund:

- Community Programs - Waste Diversion Program \$6,020
- Staffing - \$15,000
- Traditional Services Reporting \$3,000
- Climate Action Reserve Fund \$24,569

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 2024 year funds were used to leverage funding for the Food Cycler Pilot Project Phase II.

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