

## 2019 Carbon Neutral Action Report

BC Oil and Gas Commission



## ABOUT THE BC OIL AND GAS COMMISSION

The BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) is the provincial regulatory agency with responsibilities for regulating oil and gas activities in British Columbia, including exploration, development, pipeline transportation and reclamation.

The Commission's core services include reviewing and assessing applications for industry activity, consulting with First Nations, cooperating with partner agencies, and ensuring industry complies with provincial legislation and all regulatory requirements. The public interest is protected by ensuring public safety, respecting those affected by oil and gas activities, conserving the environment, and ensuring equitable participation in production.



#### Vision

Safe and responsible energy resource development for British Columbia.

#### Mission

We provide British Columbia with regulatory excellence in responsible energy resource development by:

- Protecting public safety
- Safeguarding the environment
- Respecting those who are affected

#### Values

Transparency is our commitment to be open and provide clear information on decisions, operations and actions.

Innovation is our commitment to learn, adapt, act and grow.

Integrity is our commitment to the principles of fairness, trust and accountability.

Respect is our commitment to listen, accept and value diverse perspectives.

Responsiveness is our commitment to listening and timely and meaningful action.

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## TOP THREE ACTIONS TAKEN TOWARDS CARBON NEUTRALITY IN 2019

**1**. Vehicle Refresh - Disposal of three hybrid SUVs, replaced with more fuel efficient gas models and disposal of four <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-ton gas engine trucks, replaced with more fuel efficient models.

**2**. Electric Vehicle (EV) Pilot Program – Initiated pilot program to assess EV performance in Northern B.C. (in progress). Added an additional EV in Victoria.

**3.** Continue to utilize FOB authentication and printer defaults at print/scan stations. We replaced the multi-function printers in all locations (except Victoria, which happened in 2018), and reduced the number of machines in Fort St. John by two.

# FUTURE PLANS FOR EMISSIONS REDUCTION ACTIVITIES

#### VEHICLE

Refresh 10 high odometer vehicles with newer, more fuel efficient units – Fall procurement phase deferred at this time (due to COVID-19).

## ACTIONS TAKEN DURING 2019 TO STRENGTHEN ABILITY TO MANAGE THE LIKELY EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE COMING YEARS AND DECADES

The Commission initiated an electric vehicle pilot program which included adding an electric vehicle in Fort St. John to test capabilities in northern climates. In addition, an internal Sustainability Committee has been formed to provide input into a corporate sustainability plan and to support best practices.

## EMISSIONS AND OFFSET SUMMARY TABLE:

### BC OIL AND GAS COMMISSION GHG EMISSIONS AND OFFSETS FOR 2019

As per the Directive issued March 31, 2020, each Public Sector Organization (PSO) will use their 2018 GHG Emissions as a placeholder for the purposes of their 2019 Carbon Neutral Action Report.

Total Emissions (tCO2e)	447.3
Total BioCO2	10.3
Total Offsets (tCO2e)	437
Offset Investment (\$25 per tCO2e)	\$10,925

Figure 1: 2019 BCOGC GHG Emmission and Offsets Table

## **RETIREMENT OF OFFSETS:**

In accordance with the requirements of the Climate Change Accountability Act and Carbon Neutral Government Regulation, the BC Oil and Gas Commission (the Organization) is responsible for arranging for the retirement of the offsets obligation reported above for the 2019 calendar year, together with any adjustments reported for past calendar years (if applicable).

The Organization hereby agrees that, in exchange for the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (the Ministry) ensuring that these offsets are retired on the Organization's behalf, the Organization will pay within 30 days, the associated invoice to be issued by the Ministry in an amount equal to \$25 per tonne of offsets retired on its behalf plus GST.



## CONTACT

This is the 11th Carbon Neutral Action Report or Small Emitters Form prepared and submitted by the BC Oil and Gas Commission. It was prepared in accordance with the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets Act adopted in November 2007 by the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy's Climate Action Secretariat.

This submission is updated annually with new information and statistics. A current copy is available on the Commission website at www.bcogc.ca. For specific questions or enquiries regarding this report, please contact:

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