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Green Communities in BC: A Collaborative Effort

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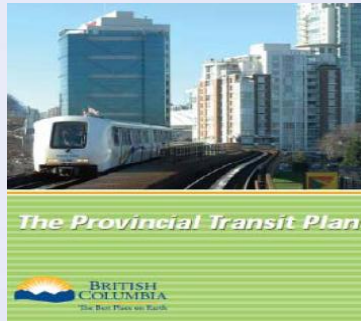
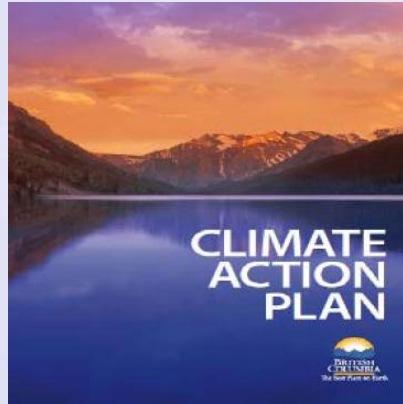
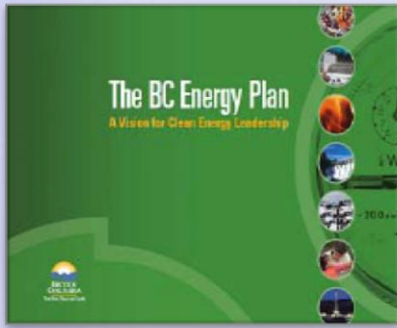
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Partnership is key



**Working
together for
Greener
Communities**



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The Climate Action Charter

- First introduced in 2007 at UBCM Convention
- 179 (95%) of BC local governments have signed on
- Local governments commit to:
 - Make their own operations carbon neutral by 2012.
 - Measure and report on community GHG emissions (i.e., CEEI)
 - Build complete, compact energy efficient communities.
- The Joint Green Communities Committee (GCC) established to support local governments to take action.



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Tools & Supports for Local Government Action

Work of the GCC:

- BC Climate Action Toolkit www.toolkit.bc.ca
- Guidance: Community Gardens, Urban Forestry
- Carbon Neutral Workbook
- Smarttool Pilot
- GHG Reduction Framework



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Work of the Province:

- Green Legislation - enhanced green tools and requirement for GHG targets on OCPs and RGSs
- Guidance: Green Choices, IRR, DPA
- CEEI data to measure community wide emissions
- Funding:
 - Federal Gas Tax
 - Towns for Tomorrow
 - CARIP



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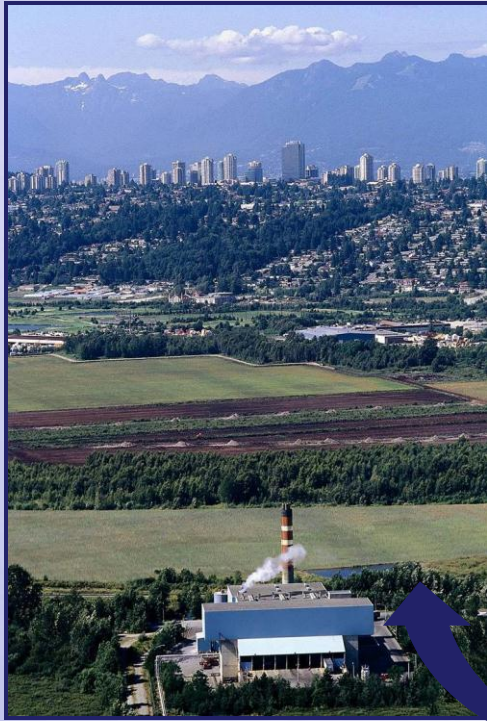




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Conclusion

- BC Local Governments are engaged and change is happening on the ground
- Progress being made but need to go further
- Partnership and working together is key
- We need to build on our successes to create better, more liveable, healthier, sustainable communities



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For more information on local government climate action tools visit www.toolkit.bc.ca