# Pacific Carbon Trust's Role in the BC Offset Market

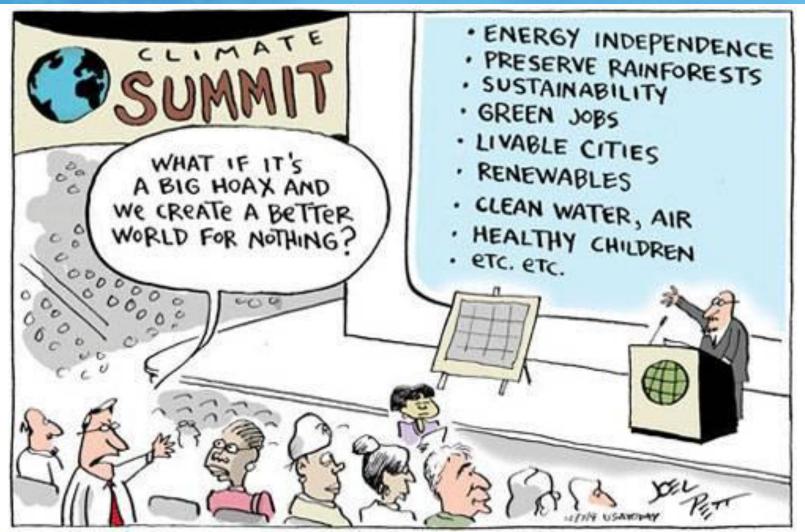
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## Overview

#### **Carbon Emissions 101**

**Climate Action Plan** 

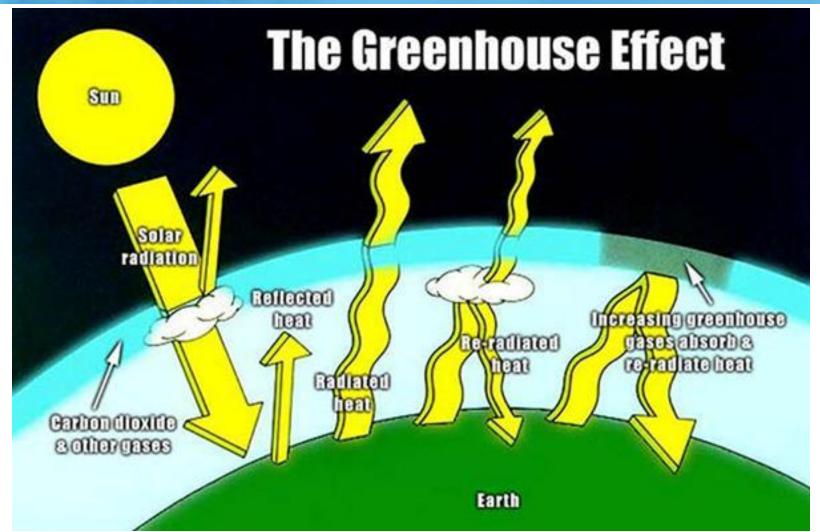
**Carbon Offsets** 

**Climate Charter** 

**Opportunities** 











## GHGs & Global Warming Potential

O=C=O Carbon Dioxide (
$$CO_2$$
) = 1

H

H

N=N-O

Nitrous Oxide ( $N_2O$ ) X 298

F

F

Sulphur Hexafluoride ( $SF_6$ ) X 22,800

Hydrofluorocarbons & Perfluorocarbons

## **Carbon Emissions**







## 1 Tonne CO<sub>2</sub>e is equal to:









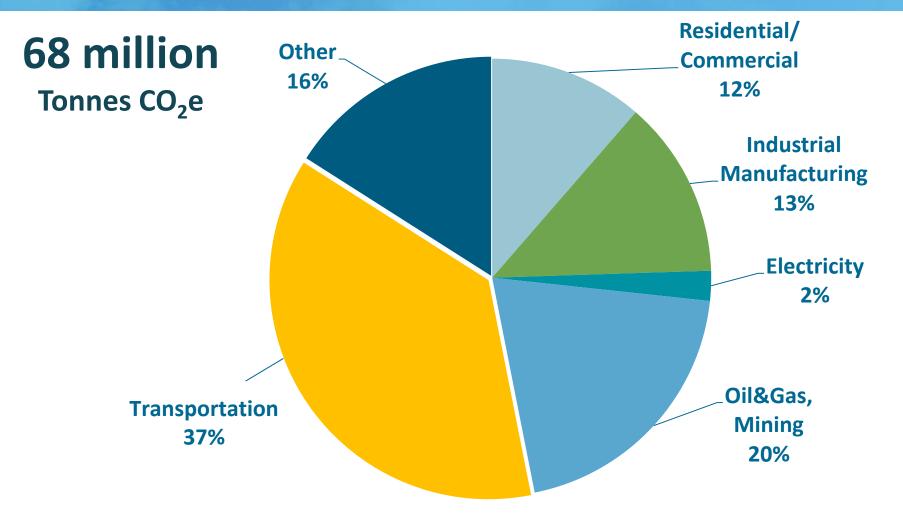


Hot water for one year





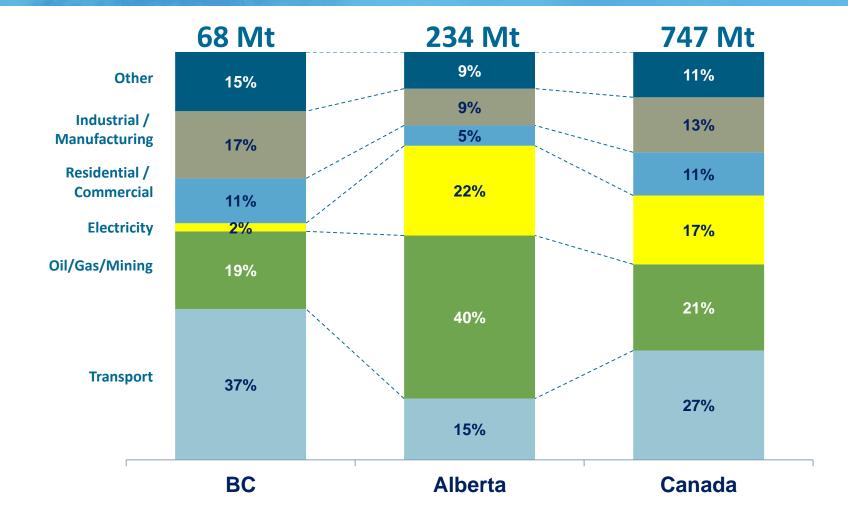
## **BC** Emissions







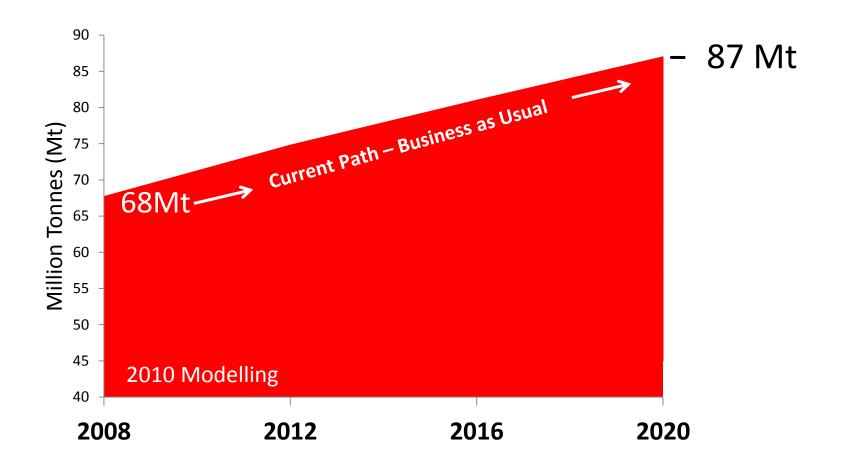
## BC's Unique Emissions Profile







## **BC's Emissions Pathway**







## BC Climate Action Plan

Standards (Regulations)

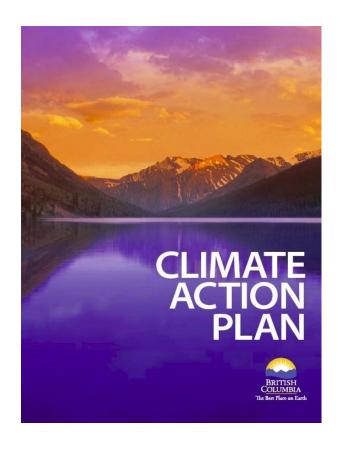
Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act Vehicle Emissions Standards Regulate Landfill Gas

Investments (Programs)

LiveSmart
Innovative Clean Energy (ICE) Fund
Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions

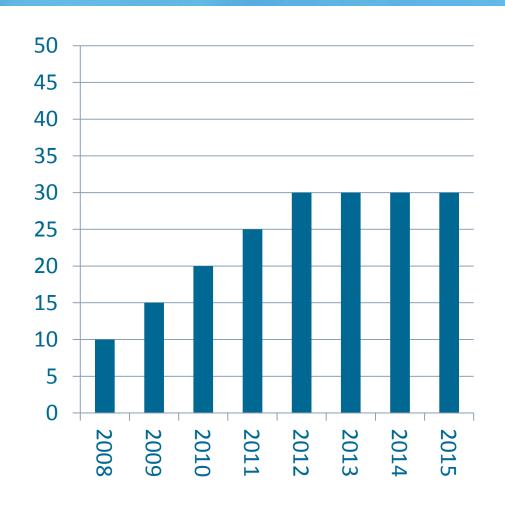
Price on Carbon (Fiscal/Market)

Carbon Tax Act
Cap and Trade (WCI)
Pacific Carbon Trust



## Carbon Tax

BC's Carbon tax is the most comprehensive in the world.





## Lead by Example:

Carbon Neutral Public Sector

**Universities** 

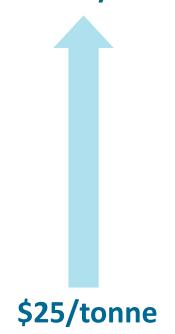
Hospitals

**Crown Corporations** 

**Schools** 

**Ministries** 

**Up to 1 Million Tonnes/Year** 









## Pacific Carbon Trust - Crown Corporation



#### Pacific Carbon Trust

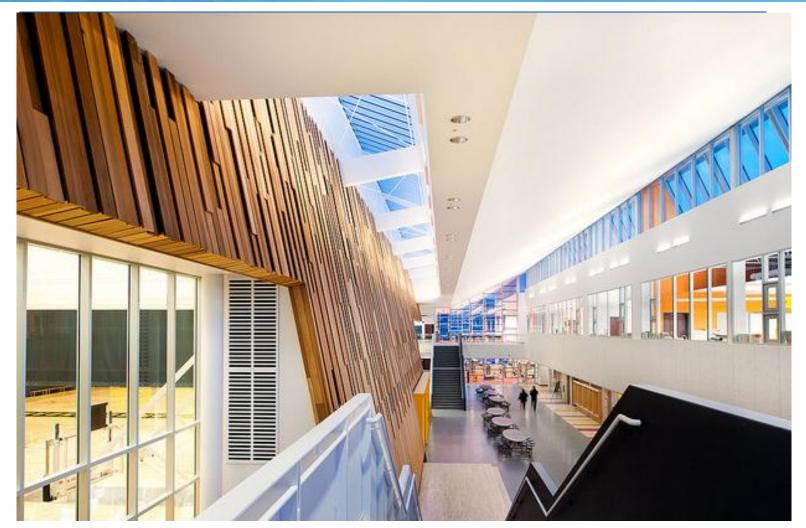
Deliver BC-based carbon offsets to clients

Grow BC's low-carbon economy





## **Duchess Park Secondary School**







## Cariboo Regional District and Houston

# Cariboo Regional District's Pine Valley Sewer Upgrade

Reduces energy consumption by increasing process efficiency

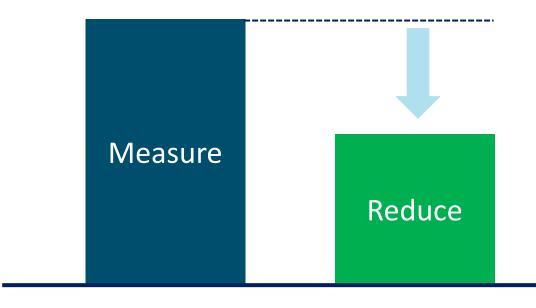
# Houston's Leisure Facility Geo-Exchange Energy System

 Improves energy efficiency in providing space and water heating





## What is Carbon Neutral?



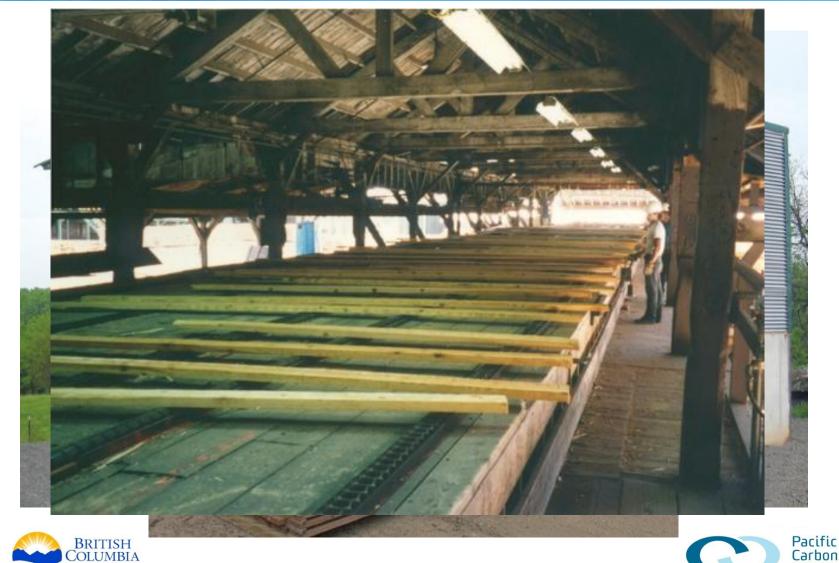
#### Offset

Avoided Reduced Sequestered



Trust

## Potential Offset Project



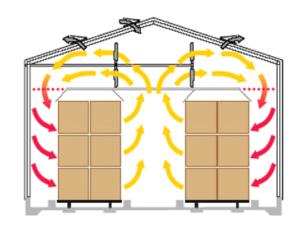
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## Lumber Kiln Fuel Switch

#### **Before**

**Natural Gas** 



#### **After**

**Wood Shavings** 

#### **Baseline (Annual)**

- 200 million bf lumber dried
- 240,000Gj of natural gas
- 12,000 tCO<sub>2</sub>e emissions

#### **Offset Project (Annual)**

- 200 million bf lumber dried
- Wood Shavings (carbon neutral)
- Carbon Offset Revenue =~\$120,000
  - 12,000 tCO<sub>2</sub>e reduction @ \$10/tonne
- Carbon Tax Savings = \$240,000
  - @ \$20/tonne
- Fuel Savings = \$\$,\$\$\$

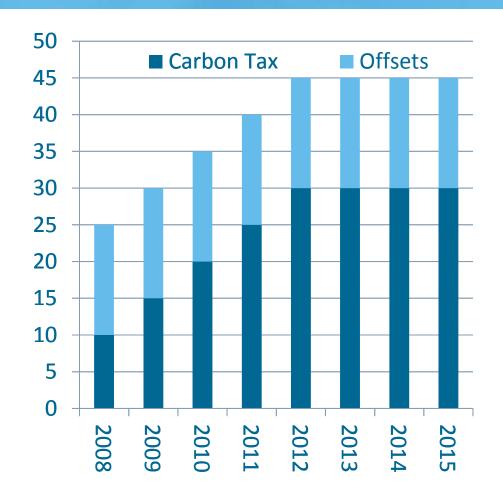




## Double Benefit

1. Reduce Carbon Tax

2. Sell Offsets to PCT





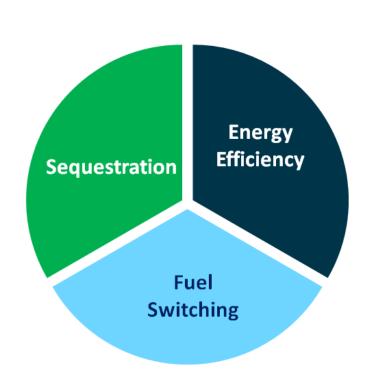


# Quality Criteria BC Emission Offsets Regulation

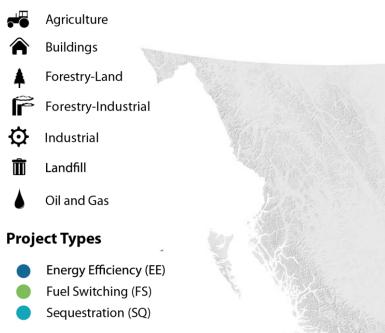
There are sound methods available to quantify the GHG 1 Real emissions from the proposed project Start date after November 2007 **Additional** Reduction in GHGs over and above business as usual. The offset has an impact that is lasting (i.e., 100 years +) 3 **Permanent** The **impacts** of the project can be readily identified, 4 **Verifiable** monitored, and audited post-implementation There is **clear**, **singular**, **ownership** of the offset attributes 5 **Counted Once** of the project



## Portfolio Balance



#### Sectors



#### Project Size (per year)

- Under 25,000 tonnes c02e
- 25,000 100,000 tonnes c02e
- Over 100,000 tonnes c02e





## **Carbon Neutral Solutions**



**ID2**COMMUNICATIONS





















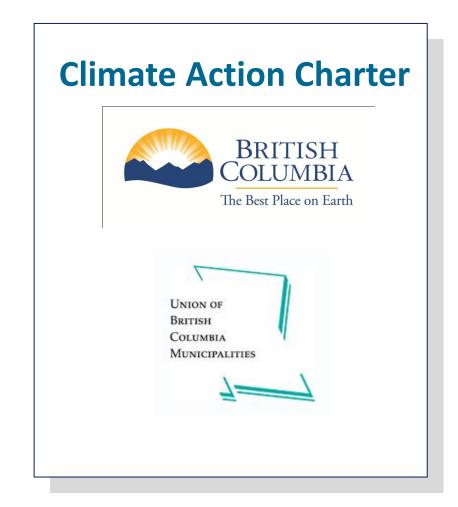




## Climate Action Charter

# Voluntary Commitment to be Carbon Neutral by 2012

- GHG Targets: Set individually in Community Plan
- Municipalities: 177 signed
   Climate Action Charter



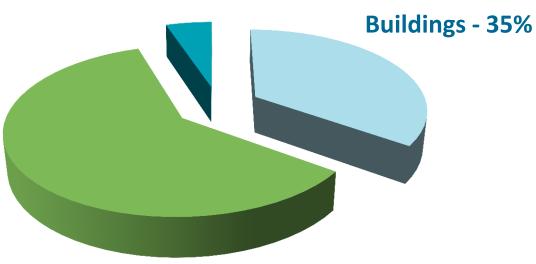




## Main Emissions in Communities

# **Total for BC Communities**



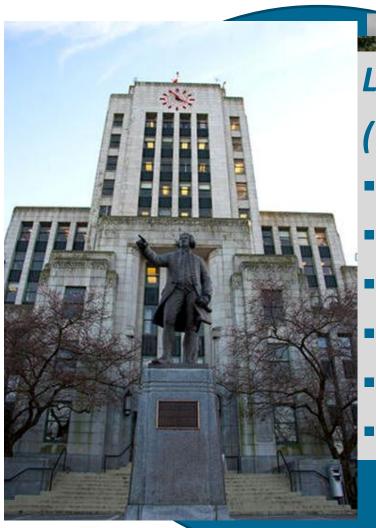


**On-Road Transportation - 60%** 





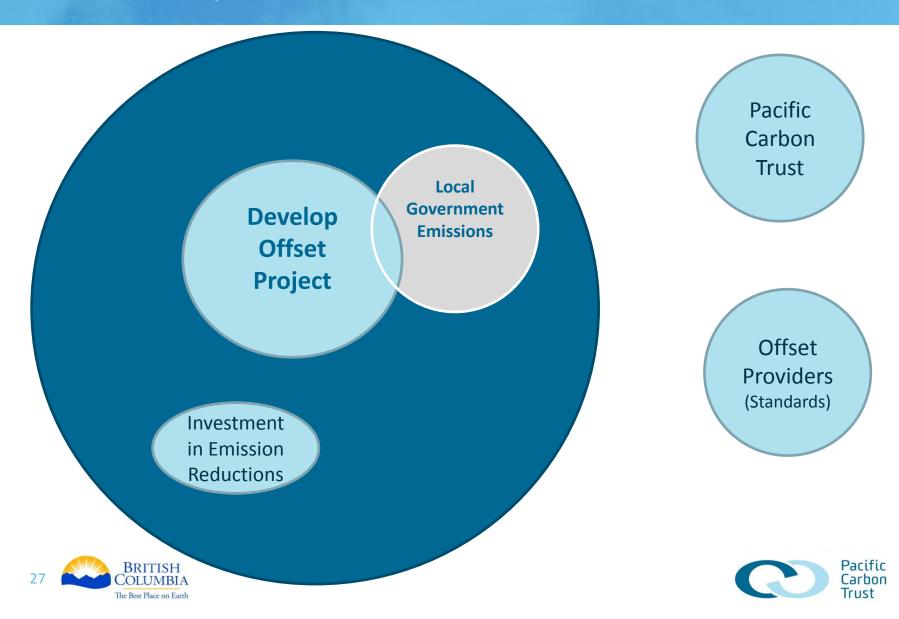
## Community and Local Government Emissions



## Local Government Emissions (Traditional Services)

- Solid waste
- Arts, recreation, cultural services
- Road and traffic operations
- Administration and governance
- Water: drinking, storm and waste
- Fire protection

## Community and Local Government Emissions



## Develop Offset Project: Building Retrofit

#### Offset 2,000 tCO<sub>2</sub>e

Buy Offsets \$50,000 Carbon Neutral Municipality
BC and Regional Benefits

Community Offset Project

\$1,500,000

Carbon Neutral Municipality
Community and BC Benefits

#### **Savings**

Offset Costs: \$50,000 (\$25/t)

Carbon Tax: Save \$20 / t carbon tax

#### Revenue

Offset Sales: \$5-15/tonne

**Energy Efficiency Savings** 







## Methane Capture Landfill Project



TYPE: Converts methane to energy LOCATION: Salmon Arm

ESTIMATED PROJECT VOLUME: 10,000 tonnes/yr

**BENEFITS: 25,000 Gj to heat community PARTNERS: Columbia-Shuswap Regional District, Terasen, Pacific Carbon Trust** 







## **Buildings Projects**

## **Energy Efficiency**

Conserve Water

Reduce Waste

#### **Examples**

- Heating systems (e.g. geothermal, heat pumps)
- Building envelope
- Lighting

Reduce emissions (lower water quantities, flows) –
in upstream supply or downstream treatment

- Reduction or diversion of waste
- Reduce refrigerant leakage





## **Transportation Projects**

## **Energy Efficiency**

- Improve Productivity
- Reduce Fuel Consumption
- Anti-Idling
- Logistics Management
- Training

## Fuel Switching

 Switch from high GHG fuel to lower GHG fuel source

- Biodiesel
- Natural Gas
- Hydrogen
- Electrification/Hybridization

Intermodal

From high GHG transport type
To lower GHG transport type

- Private Vehicle to Public Transit
- Private Vehicle to Walking/Bike
- Truck to Train/Boat





## Key Question: Build or Buy

#### Buy Offsets

- Who is the seller?
- Types of offset projects?
- Build to which offset standard?
- How is additionality determined?
- Counted once?
- Verifiable? By third party? Qualifications?
- Where are they located?
- Cost/benefit vs. other options?

#### **Develop Offsets**

- What are key emission sources/sinks?
- Volume of aggregated emissions?
- Offset development capacity?
  - Meet offset criteria, protocol
  - Expertise to plan, quantify, implement and report
  - Coordinate professionals, partnerships, investments
- Cost/benefit vs. other options?





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