

NEXT CLIMATE ACTIONS 2025 – 2026 – ADDITIONS TO THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Mitigation

Objective (BIG MOVE) 1: Retrofit Existing Buildings

EXISTING BUILDINGS 1: Improve Energy Efficiency and Enable Fuel Switching							
Action		Adaptation co-benefit	Lead	Supporting	Financial resources	Time involved	Timing
1.1	Encourage and enable deep energy retrofits.	X	DS	CM, CS	\$\$\$	Low	Ongoing
Project Actions proposed for 2025 -2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider implementing a mandatory emission benchmarking program for larger commercial and multi-family buildings. The City of Victoria and District of Saanich staff were direct by their Councils to investigate the feasibility. With assistance from CRD staff, they have been engaging with local building owners and managers in 2024, with initial implementation possibly scheduled for 2025, (with Council bylaw adoption). Initially, building owners would need to report emissions to the municipality or another public benchmarking program. 							

Adaptation and Resilience

Objective 1: Integrate Climate Change Thinking and Response

Strategy 1.2: Increase community level of knowledge on Climate Change.							
Action		Adaptation co-benefit	Lead	Supporting	Financial resources	Time involved	Timing
1.2a	Enhance climate change education and awareness initiatives for Township residents and staff.	X	DS	CM	\$\$\$	Low	Ongoing
Project Actions proposed for 2025 -2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the BC Sustainable Energy Association’s (BCSEA) Cool It! Climate Leadership Training Program (The Cool It! Program) to work with local teachers to encouraged students to investigate, reflect, and choose from a variety of actions that would reduce theirs and their family’s carbon and ecological footprints. Join the Capital Regional District, District of Saanich, City of Victoria, District of Central Saanich, District of Oak Bay and the District of Sooke in financially supporting this program annually by sponsoring classes in local schools. 							

Objective 3: Reduce Risk to Buildings and Property

Strategy 3.2: Prepare for the impacts of rising sea levels.							
3.2a	Increase knowledge about the localized effects of sea-level rise and storm surges with Esquimalt residents and staff.		DS	CM, PR, EPW, CRD	\$	Low	2025
<p>Project Actions proposed for 2025 -2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborate with the City of Victoria, District of Saanich and Town of View Royal on the City of Victoria led Coastal Flood Adaptation Strategy for the Gorge Waterway and Portage Inlet (the “Gorge CFAS”) project. (City of Victoria received the grant in September 2024 with project completion due by August 2026.) 							