



HISTORY OF CLIMATE ACTION AT THE RDCK

- 2007** Joined the BC Climate Action Charter with a commitment to work towards carbon neutrality.
- 2008** Launched [Carbon Neutral Kootenays](#) a partnership between Central Kootenay, East Kootenay, and Kootenay Boundary regional districts and Columbia Basin Trust to meet the targets established under the [BC Climate Action Charter](#).
- 2009** Completed the [Integrated Community Sustainability Plan](#) This initiative—SustainABLE Central Kootenay—gathered input and engaged citizens in a dialogue about sustainability in our region in 2009, and was intended to guide discussions on sustainability in our region. The RDCK’s vision for sustainability emerged from this process.
Read the [RDCK’s vision statement and a summary of community input from the ICSP](#).
SustainABLE Central Kootenay established a baseline that has helped inform subsequent action.
- 2010** [Climate Change adaptation Project](#) included the Village of Kaslo and Electoral Area D in partnership with Columbia Basin Trust.
- 2015** Joined [Federation of Canadian Municipalities` Partners for Climate Protection](#) – since then, RDCK has achieved Milestone 4.
- 2016** Created a regional & sub regional [Strategic Community Energy and Emissions Plan \(SCEEP\)](#)
- 2017** [Rural Development Institute \(RDI\) Climate Change Adaptation indicators](#) was a partnership Selkirk College
- 2018** [RDCK commits to 100% renewable energy by 2050](#)
Reso 257/18 That the Board commit to the development of strategies and implementation of projects to achieve the long-term goal of deriving 100% of its net energy from renewable sources by 2050, and commit to demonstrate strong political leadership and significantly contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gases in the region.
- 2019** RDCK Board declares Climate Action Imperative: [April 15, 2019 Media Release](#)
Reso 270/19
WHEREAS

1. Climate change is recognized to be an urgent reality requiring rapid decarbonisation of energy across all sectors;

2. Climate change is recognized to be an urgent reality where risks are compounded by increased climate change weather related events (more precipitation in the winter, dryer hotter summers) and increased levels of uncertainty. Preparing for increased resilience and adaptability is critical;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the Board direct staff to report back within 150 days on opportunities to build on work already being undertaken by RDCK, to increase and/or accelerate timelines for existing actions under the ICSP and the SCEEP, and to create a unified document highlighting this work.

Reso 272/19

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the Regional District of Central Kootenay Board recognizes that the world is in a global state of climate crisis. This reality creates an imperative for ALL ORDERS OF GOVERNMENT to undertake “rapid and far reaching” changes to building construction, energy systems, land use and transportation.

2019

The RDCK produces the annual RDCK State of Climate Action report to:

1. Help the RDCK track the progress towards its climate action objectives and targets
2. Evaluate and improve its climate action initiatives and efforts
3. Maintain public transparency on these processes
4. Demonstrate climate action leadership

By tracking and reporting on climate action, the RDCK will also be able to find ways to streamline its efforts, achieve co-benefits through integration and collaboration between projects and initiatives, and optimize the use of time and resources.

[2022 State of Climate Action](#)

[2021 State of Climate Action](#)

[2020 State of Climate Action](#)

[2019 State of Climate Action](#)

2019

RDCK participates in [100% Renewable Kootenays by 2050](#) Initiative led by [Neighbours United](#) in collaboration with nine other local governments from across the West Kootenays. The RDCK contributes to but does not endorse the [100% Renewable Energy Plan](#)

2019

RDCK enters into agreement with Selkirk College for the Regional Approach to Rural Climate Adaptation Project Partnership

2019

The Board directs staff to update RDCK Policy Framework to incorporate a climate action lens

Reso 701/19 That the Board direct staff to update the RDCK Policy Framework to incorporate a climate action lens; AND that, the 3-phased Climate Action Lens Policy strategy will seek input from the Senior Management Team to ensure smooth integration with operations and will bring recommendations to the Board for approval.

2022

The Board adopts science based carbon pollution reduction targets
Reso 125/22 That the RDCK Board adopt science based carbon pollution (greenhouse gas emissions) reduction targets of 50% below 2018 levels by 2030, and 100% by 2050; AND FURTHER that the Board directs staff in 2022 to prepare 4-year climate action plans as a pathway to 2030 climate action targets and bring a report back to the Board.

2022

Reso 259/22 That the RDCK Board approve the budget of up to \$80,000 for the development of the 2023 -26 Climate Action Plan and associated four (4) year Communication and Engagement Strategy, and that these funds be drawn from the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program(CARIP) reserve in General Administration Service S100.

2023

RDCK launches pilot year of Community Ambassadors
Reso 125/23 That the Board support the development and delivery of the Climate Action Ambassadors program in partnership with Youth Climate Corps-Wildsight; AND FURTHER, the Board provide a letter of support to partner with Youth Climate Corps through Wildsight for the application to the Rural Economic Diversification & Infrastructure Program (REDIP) contributing in-kind support (\$58,000) and cash contribution (\$40,000 previously approved in reso 259/22) to be funded from the Local Government Climate Action Plan for training in each of the departments and oversight of development and delivery of the program.

2023

RDCK Climate Action Plan engagement
Reso 268/23 That the Board refer adoption of RDCK Climate Actions to the August 17, 2023 Board meeting to allow for continued engagement through to July 26; AND FURTHER, that Staff are directed to conduct public in-person meetings at the request of Directors (all requests be submitted no later than Friday May 5).

2023

RDCK Climate Action Plan engagement
Reso 391/23 That the Board approve up to the amount of \$121,700 to support communication and engagement related to RDCK Climate Actions from the Local Government Climate Action Program funding in Service 100 – General Administration; AND FURTHER, that the Board utilize the Community Sustainable Living Committee, as an advisory committee, to inform communication and engagement related to building the RDCK Climate Plan.

2024

The Board directed staff to explore climate action priorities that are practical and affordable and based on [RDCK Ideas for Climate Action](#). In order for an idea to move forward, staff would need to do a business case and bring it to the Board of Directors to vote on at a public meeting.