City of Delta
COUNCIL REPORT
Regular Meeting

To: **Council**

From: **Corporate Services Department**

Meeting Date: **June 15, 2026**

2025 Climate Action and Environment Report

The following report has been reviewed and endorsed by the City Manager's Office.

- **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

A. THAT the Local Government Climate Action Program Survey and Attestation Form, included as Attachment A, be endorsed for submission to the Province and shared with the public on Delta's website.

B. THAT this report be provided to Ravi Kahlon, MLA for Delta North, Ian Paton, MLA for Delta South, and Jill McKnight, MP for Delta.

C. THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, send a letter to the Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions advocating for the continuation of the Local Government Climate Action Program.

- **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on Delta's 2025 climate action and environmental initiatives and to obtain Council's endorsement of the climate action survey that will be submitted to the Province as a reporting requirement for funds received under the Local Government Climate Action Program.

- **BACKGROUND:**

The 2025 Community Satisfaction Survey revealed that environmental protection remains a high priority for Delta residents and that the natural environment ranked very high among the reasons why people like living here. Delta has a long history of supporting environmental and climate action initiatives, including the protection of Burns Bog, the Invasive Species Management Strategy, Birds and Biodiversity Conservation Strategy, Urban Forest Strategy, Electric Vehicle Strategy, and Community Energy and Emissions Plan.

In 2022, the Province announced a new funding program for local governments and Modern Treaty Nations to replace the previous Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program. The purpose of the new program was to provide funding to support local

government climate action initiatives. The Local Government Climate Action Program provided the City of Delta with $346,082 in both 2022 and 2023. These funds have been fully spent on climate action projects, meeting the Province's requirement to spend the funds by March 31, 2025. In 2024, the provincial government recognized the need for local governments to receive predictable funding to support climate action. As a result, the Province changed its funding approach and provided the anticipated 2024, 2025 and 2026 funding as a lump sum up-front payment. The City received $1,014,044 and is required to spend the funds by March 31, 2028.

- **DISCUSSION:**

In addition to the funding Delta received through the Local Government Climate Action Program, Delta staff continue to apply for additional funding and investigate financial incentives available through the Province, federal government, FortisBC and BC Hydro. The table below summarizes external funding for 2025 to support climate action and environmental initiatives.

Program	Agency	Amount
Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding Program	BC Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness	$75,000
Wildfire Fuel Management and FireSmart Activities	UBCM	$80,747
Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program for Fleet Chargers	NRCan	$100,000
EV Fleet Program	BC Hydro	$36,326
CleanBC Go Electric Fleet Charging Program	PlugInBC	$13,822
Invasive Plant Program	BC Ministry of Forests	$8,000
Community Energy Specialist Staff Position	FortisBC	$80,000
Incentives for Energy Efficiency Upgrades	FortisBC	$4,250
Total		**$398,145**

2025 Environmental Initiatives Highlights

Environment-related work at the City of Delta falls into the categories of environmental management, strategies and policies, and stewardship initiatives. In 2025, staff responded to environmental spill calls, managed invasive species, carried out ecological restoration, developed programs and policies to support environmental protection and provided public stewardship initiatives. Key projects included wildfire fuel management in Burns Bog and 20 community weed pull events with over 200 volunteers.

In 2025, Delta joined the Metro Vancouver team for the City Nature Challenge and claimed top spot for the most observations for a Canadian city. The annual Earth Day Photo Contest received 142 entries across all categories, and staff hosted the annual Watershed Park fish release event in April.

Highlights of Delta's 2025 environmental initiatives are summarized in Attachment B.

2025 Climate Action Highlights

Climate action in 2025 involved initiatives focused on increasing energy efficiency in City-owned buildings and increasing the number of electric vehicle chargers. Two key building projects were an LED lighting upgrade at City Hall and securing funding for rooftop HVAC unit upgrades at three recreation facilities. Delta installed an additional 11 Level 2 fleet chargers at various City-owned properties. Delta completed the Barns to Beaches bike route, a 16 km route connecting the breweries and farm stands in Ladner with the beaches and cafes in Tsawwassen. Staff also began development of a Climate Adaptation and Resilience Strategy for the City.

In 2025, Delta received a 2025 Efficiency in Action award from FortisBC for Public Sector-Municipal leadership in reducing natural gas use and taking proactive initiatives to improve energy efficiency across municipal operations. Climate action education was provided through community outreach programs in addition to ongoing print and social media posts throughout the year. This included 15 Empower Me program workshops which deliver energy efficiency and related material to newcomers in their first language and the BC Sustainable Energy Association delivered Cool It! climate leadership training to 337 Delta school students.

Highlights of Delta's 2025 climate action are summarized in Attachment C.

Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP)

In March 2024, Delta received $1,014,044 for the 2024-2026 Local Government Climate Action Program to support local climate action initiatives. These funds were fully expended by the end of 2025 on projects such as public and fleet electric vehicle charging infrastructure, energy efficiency improvements in municipal buildings, and support for the Empower Me program. Delta is required to report annually on actions taken to reduce emissions and prepare for climate impacts.

As a condition of funding, Delta is required to:

1. Report on projects linked to one or more objectives from the CleanBC Roadmap to 2030 and/or the Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Strategy both corporately and at the community level.
2. Measure and report greenhouse gas emissions generated from delivering traditional services.
3. Complete the annual LGCAP survey and attestation form and submit these documents to the province before July 31.
4. Post the completed LGCAP survey and attestation form publicly by September 30.

The LGCAP survey found in Attachment A summarizes programs and actions taken to support climate action in Delta and includes the greenhouse gas emissions associated with the City delivering traditional services. With Council's endorsement of the documents in Attachment A, Delta will meet the reporting requirements for 2025.

In April 2026, the Union of British Columbia Municipalities released a statement outlining that the Local Government Climate Action Program had not been renewed in the Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions' 2026/27 service plan. While the Province has not made an official announcement on the future of the program, staff are continuing to engage with advocacy groups like UBCM and the Community Energy Association and will monitor the situation accordingly. Further funding support is crucial to Delta's climate action efforts, and other BC municipalities have written to the Province advocating for continued LGCAP funding. It is recommended that the Mayor, on behalf of Council, send a letter to Adrian Dix, Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions, expressing the necessity of this funding stream and requesting that the Province continue the LGCAP program.

Implications:

Financial Implications - Staff will continue to seek external funding sources to advance climate action and environment projects. Continued access to external funding programs, including the Local Government Climate Action Program, will assist the City in advancing climate mitigation and adaptation initiatives. Changes to the availability of such funding may affect the timing or implementation of future projects and may require consideration of alternative municipal funding sources.

- **CONCLUSION:**

Delta continues to work towards meeting its climate action and environmental goals. Funding received through the Local Government Climate Action Program and other sources has been used to further advance climate mitigation and adaptation and natural ecosystem protection actions in the community.

It is recommended that the attached Local Government Climate Action Program survey and Attestation form be endorsed for submission to the Province and be posted on Delta's website as a funding requirement of the Local Government Climate Action Program.



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This report has been prepared in consultation with the following listed departments.

Concurring Departments		
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Facilities and Major Projects	Doreann Mayhew	DM
Engineering	Steven Lan	SL
Engagement & Integration	JoAnne Kleb	JK

- **ATTACHMENTS:**

A. Local Government Climate Action Program Survey and Attestation Form
B. Delta's 2025 Environmental Initiatives Highlights
C. Delta's 2025 Climate Action Initiatives Highlights