



**Community Energy**  
Association

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

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*Cover photo: Bear Mountain Wind Park near Dawson Creek, BC  
Photo by Rob van Adrichem, CEA*

# Message from the Chief Executive Officer

2025 marks my first full year as CEO of Community Energy Association. It was a year of growth, learning and accomplishment in which I discovered the importance of mentorship, friendship and partnership in navigating challenges and opportunities.

At the outset, I committed to four principles: to maintain a learning mindset, to prioritize my health and family, to work very hard, and to be clear on priorities. Embodying these principles has been possible, even in a dynamic and busy organization like CEA, thanks to the team I'm surrounded by. The successes we share in this report reflect the cumulative efforts of our leadership, staff and board, as well as our longstanding collaborations and relationships, and our collective commitment to impact and positive change.

In 2025, we delivered on our core mission of supporting local governments, Indigenous communities and partners to address climate and energy priorities. Some highlights from the past year (that really only scrape the surface):

- We led 73 peer network meetings, bringing together nearly 3,300 local government and Indigenous community representatives across BC, Alberta, and Canada. The Northern Climate Action Network convened 400 public- and private-sector participants, for example, and over 25% of these participants said that relationships built through the network helped secure funding and launch real-world projects.
- Over 500 homeowners applied to Retrofit Assist, almost double 2024's number. Our team helped participants access \$220,000 in rebates while navigating changing programs.
- We activated capacity in the construction sector in northern and rural communities through 26 online and in-person training sessions, the most popular being a panel discussion on cold climate heat pumps.
- Fleet Forward began delivering events and resources to support public and commercial fleets to decarbonize medium and heavy-duty vehicles. Events in four BC regions allowed 250 people to get hands-on with working vehicles, learn from OEMs, and network with peers.
- Our team delivered its first low-carbon resilience plan, a new area of focus to support local governments to adapt to extreme weather, advance energy goals, and build healthy, thriving communities.
- We also began a process to clarify and strengthen our strategic direction, guided by external consultant Intelligent Futures. This included a Reconciliation Assessment facilitated by Tatâga Inc., an Indigenous-led firm. The Reconciliation Assessment Report has clear recommendations for CEA that we will be implementing in 2026 alongside a strategic plan.

There is a tremendous momentum going into 2026. I am consistently reminded of how critical our relationships and collaborations—new and old—are to our work and impact. I extend gratitude to our many community and project partners and the funders who make this work possible.



Megan Lohmann,  
Chief Executive Officer



# Message from the Chair of the Board of Directors

Over the past year, the Board of Directors has continued to focus on our core responsibility: ensuring that the Community Energy Association (CEA) remains a strong, credible, and reliable partner for the communities it serves. At a time of heightened political uncertainty, fiscal pressure, and deepening polarization around climate issues, the need for organizations such as CEA—grounded in values, evidence, generative relationships and deep collaboration—has never been greater.

Local governments and Indigenous communities are stewards of community wellbeing, but they cannot meet today's climate and energy challenges alone. They require partners who bring consistency, integrity, and practical expertise over the long term. From the Board's perspective, CEA continues to demonstrate these qualities. This reliability is not incidental; it is the result of deliberate attention to organizational effectiveness, financial sustainability, and mission alignment.

The Board has a unique vantage point from which to observe the effort required to balance impact with resilience as an organization. Supporting communities while also investing in people, systems, and governance takes discipline and foresight, particularly in volatile times. We are proud of the way CEA has maintained this balance while continuing to evolve in response to the changing needs of its partners.

In 2025, the Board initiated strategic work to strengthen CEA's long term direction and clarify its role in a rapidly shifting landscape. As part of this work, we supported a formal Reconciliation Assessment led by Tatâga Inc., an Indigenous-led firm. The Board views this assessment and the outcomes of the strategic framework as important steps toward greater accountability and learning. The recommendations from these initiatives will inform both organizational priorities and governance practices moving forward.

The progress made this past year reflects the leadership of CEA's executive team and the dedication of its staff. The Board has confidence in their ability to steward the organization through continued flux and change while remaining grounded in CEA's purpose, values, and guiding principles.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I extend sincere thanks to CEA's staff for their professionalism and commitment, and to the funders, partners, and communities who place their trust in this organization. Your confidence in CEA makes its work possible, and we look ahead to 2026 with a shared commitment to Truth and Reconciliation and lasting, community-driven impact.



John Madden,  
Chair of the Board of Directors



CEA's Danielle Wiess (centre) leads a round table discussion on fleet electrification on the Kamloops leg of the Fleet Forward event series.



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# ABOUT CEA

Community Energy Association accelerates bold action by local governments and Indigenous communities related to climate and energy.

CEA grew from a committee established by the Government of BC and the Union of BC Municipalities in the 1990s, was incorporated as a non-profit in 2003, and registered as a charity the following year.

CEA's members and staff live in communities large and small and share in the benefits of being a community of practitioners. We bring our collective expertise, experiences, passion, and commitment to Truth and Reconciliation to the work of reducing local greenhouse gas emissions while maximizing co-benefits, so that communities are truly healthy and resilient.

## Members

**CEA's work on local climate and energy is both enabled and amplified by its members.**

In 2025, CEA's 48 members included regional, municipal, and Indigenous governments as well as public and private sector organizations, associations, and foundations that are actively working to advance local climate action and community resilience. Members and CEA staff form a community of practitioners with diverse expertise and perspectives shaped by their experiences and geographic locations.

### ASSOCIATIONS & FOUNDATIONS



### LOCAL GOVERNMENTS & INDIGENOUS ORGANIZATIONS



### PRIVATE SECTOR



### PUBLIC SECTOR & CROWN CORPORATIONS





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**Megan Lohmann**  
Chief Executive Officer,  
Community Energy Association

## Board of Directors

As a charitable non-profit organization incorporated under the Societies Act of BC, CEA is governed by a Board of Directors.

## Chief Executive Officer

The Board of Directors works with and oversees the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to deliver the mission and purpose of the organization.

## Core Values & Guiding Principles

**Well-Being.** We strive to create a supportive and inclusive work environment that fosters personal and professional growth, promotes work-life balance, and recognizes and values the contributions of all team members.

**Relationships.** We value a culture of relationship-building, transparency, open communication and mutual respect where our staff, leadership, Board, clients and partners feel heard, respected and valued. We prioritize trust and respect in our collaborations. We endeavour to meet communities where they are at and seek opportunities to learn from community members' lived experiences and contributions.

**Two-way Knowledge.** We merge our practice with local experience and knowledge. We collaborate in the design and implementation of solutions that will have the most impact locally. We deliver foundational capacity-building opportunities to support communities' self-determined long-term success.

**Equity.** We prioritize, model and facilitate equitable engagement and decision-making, which means creating the conditions for all community members, especially those who have been historically excluded, to have an opportunity to provide input and be involved in solutions. We shall strive to design and deliver projects in partnership with others to ensure benefit to equity-deserving communities.

**Accountability.** We ensure transparency and accountability in all our work, which means communicating clearly – both internally and externally - about our intentions and progress. We create clear goals in collaboration with organizational and community needs and priorities and track progress.

**Truth & Reconciliation.** We commit to developing strategies that support the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the articles of UNDRIP. Our work with, and in, Indigenous populations and communities will give us opportunities for two-way learning and understanding. It will help us to develop humility and flexibility in our relationships with the Indigenous communities we are collaborating with.

**Transformative Change.** We acknowledge the systems change required to activate this decade of climate action and seek to engage and uplift other organizations working in this space to enable lasting, transformative change. Our work is informed by collective knowledge systems, and focused on designing and delivering technical, structural and social solutions that have impact now, while also creating the conditions for future systems change.

**At CEA, we are focused on strengthening these core values and guiding principles. We recognize we are at a place of growth and development and are working to advance each of these values and guiding principles through our processes, policies and projects.**



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# REACH AND RELATIONSHIPS

Communities that are at the forefront of incorporating sustainability and climate action into their operations and planning were recognized with Climate & Energy Action Awards at the 2025 Union of BC Municipalities convention in Victoria. City of Maple Ridge staff received an award for their Resilient Future 2050 Plan, presented by CEA's CEO Megan Lohmann (far left). For more on the awards see page 11.

## Bringing Local Voices to CleanBC Review

CEA helped to ensure local government voices were represented in the review of BC's signature climate action program, CleanBC.

CEA facilitated special meetings with various peer networks, leading to [two submissions](#) from peer networks and one from CEA itself. The submissions highlighted the need for a provincial energy strategy, sustained funding (especially for local governments), more consistent data, the different contexts in BC's regions, and stronger provincial leadership on workforce development and communications.

When the final CleanBC Review report, *Rising to the Moment*, was released on Nov. 26, 2025, CEA [created a summary](#) of the Report's recommendations and potential implications for local governments and hosted a "deep dive" for CEA members.

## Rapid Response to Rebate Changes

When the Federal Government announced on Sept. 17, 2025 that the Canada Greener Homes Loan program would permanently close two weeks later, CEA's Retrofit Assist team knew it would impact homeowners hoping to access the loan to fund home energy upgrades.

The process to apply for the loan normally takes two months and includes getting an EnerGuide evaluation, reviewing the Energy Advisor's report, and getting quotes from contractors.

But participants with Retrofit Assist, a program designed to ease the retrofit process for homeowners and contractors alike, had extra assistance as the team was able to help 36 participants complete loan applications within the tight, two-week deadline.

## The 'Rise' of Whole-Community Activation

In 2025, CEA continued to collaborate with a coalition of five leading non-profits in municipal climate action through the Scaling Up initiative. We joined Climate Caucus, Climate Action Partnership, ICLEI and QUEST to engage with hundreds of stakeholders to understand why local climate implementation stalls and how to better involve whole communities in moving solutions forward.

The outcome is the Rise Approach—an AI-enabled, community-powered action engine that helps small and mid-sized cities turn local knowledge into practical change. It identifies actions that reflect shared priorities and can be advanced by a wide range of community members because they connect with the issues, energy, and opportunities already present on the ground.

We continue to work together to secure funding to develop and test an active prototype that can be brought to communities across Canada.

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## New Community Resources

Local government staff are often looking for examples of how their peers have advanced policies and programs related to climate and energy. In 2025, CEA produced a series of practical resources and case studies to help local governments leverage successes and learning from other communities.

They include:

- [Guides and Toolkits](#) covering topics such as solar and battery permitting, accessible EV charging, and retrofit levers.
- [Power to Act](#) offering practical legally vetted guidance on regulatory tools and pathways available to local governments in BC.
- [Case studies](#) describing how communities have planned and implemented climate and energy related policies.

## 2025 Climate and Energy Action Awards

Recognizing and celebrating local climate leadership is one of the main reasons CEA initiated the Climate & Energy Action awards nearly 30 years ago. 2025 saw a record 29 nominations from BC communities and eight winners were announced at the annual Union of BC Municipalities convention.

All of the nominated projects showcase real, meaningful, local climate action, and offer inspiring, and in many cases replicable, solutions for communities large and small.

[Read about the 2025 Climate & Energy Action nominees and winners.](#)

## In Dialogue at UBCM: Coming Together For Climate Action

CEA and the BC Municipal Climate Leadership Council (BCMCLC) hosted a dialogue during the UBCM convention that involved community leaders and Government officials. Their objective: finding the synergy between climate action, economic strength, and community well-being and bringing climate action to the level of government closest to the people.

The conversation is held alongside the UBCM convention every year, and is a unique opportunity for local elected officials involved with BCMCLC to meet with Provincial government ministers and share local circumstances related to climate, energy, and community resilience.

[Read more about the dialogue.](#)

## Select Conferences and Presentations

- Everything Electric Showcase (Vancouver)
- Electric Mobility Canada Annual Conference (Vancouver)
- Summit on Climate Mis/Disinformation (Ottawa)
- ICLEI Canada Livable Cities Forum (Halifax)
- BC Assembly of First Nations Low-Carbon Transportation Forum
- Local Government Management Association Convention (Kelowna)
- Future Fuels Forum (Prince George)
- FCM Sustainable Communities Conference (Fredericton)
- Alberta Ecotrust Environmental Gathering (Calgary)
- Retrofit Canada Conference (Toronto)
- Union of BC Municipalities Convention (Victoria)



*Mayor of Cumberland, Vickey Brown (right) spoke about the importance of watershed protection during a dialogue involving BCMCLC members and seven Provincial Government ministers during the UBCM convention.*



## Highlight on: Peer Networks

**CEA's first peer network, the BC Municipal Climate Leadership Council (BCMCLC) started back in 2010. By the end of 2025, CEA was facilitating 16 networks: some on a particular topic (e.g. electric mobility and new construction), some organized by region (e.g. Northern BC and the Thompson-Okanagan), and some focused on a particular constituency (building officials and elected officials).**

Convening at this scale requires involvement across CEA's teams. In fact, more than 20 CEA staff regularly contribute to the planning, administration, and implementation of peer network activities.

**Support on Digital Permits** – The Government of BC has launched a new building permit hub to standardize and streamline processes provincially, and CEA responded with a new Digital Permit Peer Network in 2025 to help local government planners and building officials transition to the digital tools.

**Innovation and Leadership** - Two First Nation governments attended Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Network in November to present powerful examples of Indigenous climate leadership and community driven innovation. Kwiakah First Nation shared how they are shaping sustainable local economic development with Kwiakah Centre of Excellence in the southern Great Bear Rainforest. Uchucklesaht Tribe highlighted their values-driven Climate Action Plan.

**A Space to Activate** – CEA launched the BC Lower Mainland Peer Network in March 2025 and held two meetings in its inaugural year, with attendance from 24 of the 32 member municipalities in the region, and three First Nations.

**In and For the North** – The 2025 NorthCAN Forum in April attracted 100 registrants from 21 communities and 59 organizations. This was the third NorthCAN in-person event and highlighted climate-related initiatives in Northern BC. Along with presentations and panel discussions, the NorthCAN Forum was defined by the active involvement of

participants. In fact, more than 70% of the program provided opportunities for participation and engagement.

**Fostering Resilience** – Resilience Peer Network (RSPN) held eight meetings in 2025, addressing topics such as fleet electrification and bidirectional charging benefits for communities, watershed adaptation, and climate resilient retrofits. A total of 199 people have attended at least one meeting, representing 66 local governments, 3 Indigenous Communities and 25 organizations.

Two Climate Adaptation Roadmap Planning cohorts convened small groups to work through shared climate adaptation challenges and create an adaptation roadmap for their community.

## 2025 By The Numbers

- **16 networks**
- **1,100 individuals**
- **124 local governments**
- **16 Indigenous Communities**

### Topical Peer Networks:

- Step Code
- Retrofit
- Electric Mobility
- Embodied Emissions
- Resilience
- Building Official
- Digital Permitting

### Regional Peer Networks

- Vancouver Island & Coastal Communities
- Thompson-Okanagan
- Northern BC
- Kootenay
- Lower Mainland
- Alberta

### Elected Official Networks

- BC Municipal Climate Leadership Council
- Alberta Municipal Climate Leadership Council
- Vancouver Island & Coastal Communities Climate Leadership

Learn more:

[communityenergy.ca/peer-networks](https://communityenergy.ca/peer-networks)



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# PROJECTS AND IMPACTS

*In June 2025, CEA organized a two-day tour of communities in Northeast BC that have installed solar PV systems to achieve community benefits like cost-savings and energy reduction. One of the tour stops in Mackenzie, BC, showed how the community's need to replace the arena floor in the local Rec Centre led to the development of a solar-powered energy system that is greatly reducing operating costs. Read more about the solar tour on page 18.*

## Transportation

### Charge North: 1 million Emission-Free Kilometres

The CEA-facilitated EV charging network, [Charge North](#), hit a key milestone in early 2025: providing enough power to enable one million kilometres of emission-free travel, equivalent to driving across Canada 120 times. The milestone came after the charging stations in the network cumulatively hosted more than 16,000 individual charging sessions.

CEA collaborated with dozens of local governments, Indigenous communities, and tourism organizations in central and northern BC to add close to 60 EV charging ports over the last few years, often in communities that previously had no public EV charging.

Charge North stations connect 2,800 km of highways from Logan Lake to Fort Nelson and Haida Gwaii to the Robson Valley.

### Charging the Island

In spring 2025, CEA completed an [the Mid-Island EV network](#) through the middle of Vancouver Island, providing 55 charging ports in nearly a dozen communities from Tofino to Nanaimo to Campbell River. The Regional District of Nanaimo co-facilitated the project with CEA and included additional project partners from the region: City of Campbell River, Comox Valley RD, City of Courtenay, District of Tofino, Town of Comox, City of Nanaimo, District of Ucluelet, and Village of Cumberland.

### Carbon Credit Aggregation Service

CEA launched a [Carbon Credit Aggregation Service](#) in August 2025, designed to make it easier for local governments and other public sector organizations generate revenue from the public EV charging stations they own. The service allows public charger owners to pool BC Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) carbon credits with other organizations across the province, collectively benefitting from reduced administrative costs, the reliability of standardized legal agreements, and the potential for higher sale price per credit.

### Safe, Low-Carbon Transport For All

CEA worked with the BC Assembly of First Nations in 2025 to prepare a province-wide analysis of the challenges, gaps and opportunities of transportation for First Nations communities.

The First Nations Low-Carbon Transportation Assessment Report and Action Plan aim to promote and accelerate access to safe, affordable, and reliable low-carbon and active transportation. An accompanying planning guide gives communities a step-by-step framework to develop their own safe, equitable and low-carbon transportation plan, even if staff do not have pre-existing technical knowledge.

In May 2025, CEA's Jeremy Johnston spoke at the Assembly's first low-carbon transportation forum, presenting the results of a survey that included hundreds of respondents.

CEA also supported Nisga'a First Nation and Squamish First Nation with their low-carbon transportation plans in 2025.



(Top) CEA CEO Megan Lohmann (far right) joins Prince George-based CEA staff at a Charge North station in Lheidli T'enneh Memorial Park to mark a milestone for the charging network created in partnership with local governments, Indigenous communities, and tourism organizations.

(Bottom) CEA's Jeremy Johnston spoke at the BC Assembly of First Nations' first low-carbon transportation forum in 2025.



## Highlight on: Fleet Forward

**CEA has long been at the forefront of the shift to zero-emission vehicles with pioneering work that brought EV charging to communities across BC, Alberta and Ontario.**

In 2025, CEA built on the work it started in 2024 to address barriers to adopting medium- and heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles (MHD ZEVs). After province-wide engagement and dialogues with fleet decision makers from local governments and private businesses, CEA launched Fleet Forward. The cornerstone of the project was four in-person showcases in Victoria, Burnaby, Prince George and Kamloops in September and October, 2025.

By visiting communities in diverse regions, the events were able to increase awareness and familiarity with zero-emission vehicle technology in locally-relevant contexts and build connections between fleet decision makers who face similar barriers or challenges.

Along with presentations from early adopters, utilities, and solution providers, the events included hands-on exposure to a total of 27 vehicles ranging from an all-electric delivery van to a hydrogen-fueled transport truck.

“Wherever we went, there was a real curiosity about the latest vehicles and a genuine interest in learning from peers about early experiences people have had with incorporating electric and other zero-emission technologies into fleets,” says CEA’s Director of Transportation Initiatives, Danielle Wiess.

“We were blown away by attendees who travelled long distances to attend the sessions, including fleet operators who drove nearly 800km to attend the session in Prince George.”

Following the events, work transitioned to the creation of case studies to demonstrate how investments made in MHD ZEVs today can lead to long-term benefits including significant reductions in operating costs.

*Fleet Forward events in Victoria, Burnaby, Prince George, and Kamloops exposed participants to zero-emission vehicles and provided opportunities to build connections between technology providers and fleet operators in local governments, First Nations communities, and companies.*



The [Fleet Forward webpage](#) provides easy access to videos from the events and written case studies, while a monthly email newsletter gives ongoing updates to resources and sector news.

### By The Numbers

- 4 events
- 210 attendees
- 80 organizations
- 27 vehicles
- 12 newsletters
- 19 videos from Fleet Forward events and 6 case studies

***Fleet Forward has been made possible with funding and support from Natural Resources Canada, BC Hydro, and the Province of British Columbia.***



## Built Environment

### Efficiency Through Aggregated Retrofits

CEA joined an ambitious pilot project in 2025 to test whether multiple home energy retrofits are more efficient and scalable when executed under one project using an Integrated Design Planning process. The IDP approach brings a coordinated team of sub-trades together early in a project to identify issues and streamline work.

The LEEP10 project involved ten homes in Invermere and Windermere, in the Regional District of East Kootenay. Led by Invermere-based general contractor thinkBright Homes, the team created a fully-costed retrofit plan for each home, including projected energy savings, greenhouse gas reductions, and tiered implementation strategies.

Homeowners were supported by CEA's Retrofit Assist team to understand their retrofit options and to access loans and rebates for their chosen work.

Each stage of the process was documented with a [series of videos](#) produced by CEA.

*(Top) Heather Gemmell undertook a deep energy retrofit on her 90-year old home in Kimberley in 2025, reducing her energy use by 70 per cent in six months.*

The LEEP10 pilot project partners included BC Hydro, Canadian Home Builders' Association, City Green Solutions, CEA, Natural Resources Canada (Local Energy Efficiency Projects Initiative), Retrofit Assist, and thinkBright Homes.

### Advancing IDP around BC

CEA also brought the IDP approach to contractors across Northern BC and the Kootenays in 2025, with in-person workshops held in Prince George, Terrace, Williams Lake, Castlegar and Kimberley.

The one-day sessions introduced building professionals to the process and demonstrated how IDP can provide benefits such as helping to right-size heating and cooling systems.

### Retrofit Assist

In 2025, [Retrofit Assist](#) expanded to Vernon, embarked on its second year in Kamloops and Regional District of East Kootenay, and continued to provide guidance to homeowners and contractors in Whistler, Squamish, and Rosland. In each community, CEA's Retrofit Assist team provides locally-relevant support to homeowners who are looking to improve the comfort, health, and efficiency of their homes.

*(Bottom) Haru Watanabe (left) was one of ten LEEP10 participants whose home went through an extensive Integrated Design Planning process guided by general contractor Meredith Hamstead (right).*

### Training For High-Performance Homes

CEA delivers a variety of in-person and virtual training opportunities for building professionals in BC.

This professional development is intended to build capacity and knowledge of how to improve the energy performance of new and existing homes, particularly in rural areas and colder climate zones.

In 2025, there were 2,186 total registrations.

#### 2025 Topics:

- Cold Climate Heat Pumps: Performance and Installation Considerations
- Understanding the Impacts and Risks of Building Envelope Upgrades
- Retrofitting with a House-as-a-System Approach
- Understanding BC Building Code Update: Bracing to Resist Lateral Loads
- Keeping Our Cool: How Builders can Protect Homes from Overheating
- How to Interpret F280-12 Calculations to choose the optimal heat pump

[View webinar recordings.](#)



## Plans for Action

Local community energy and emissions plans identify sources of local energy consumption and GHG emissions, forecast future energy demand, and identify opportunities to reduce energy consumption reflecting local circumstances.

The process of creating a community energy plan provides a special opportunity for residents and businesses to share their views, priorities, and visions for the future, and to identify ideas for reducing energy consumption based on their community knowledge.

In 2025, CEA worked closely with partner communities to build engagement activities that were critical inputs into planning processes for low-carbon resilience and local energy.

### Clearwater: Conversation Starter

The development of a climate action plan for Clearwater, BC, included a community engagement session to help ensure the plan reflects local priorities and values, in addition to reducing GHG emissions.

CEA staff encouraged participants to identify community priorities—examples included local jobs, health and well-being, and affordability—along with their interest in climate-related initiatives related to transportation, buildings, and local food. The input was then used to craft a plan that is both meaningful to residents and implementable.

### Atlin: School Tour of a Local Energy Showpiece

CEA collaborated with the community of Atlin throughout 2025 to support the development of a Community Energy Plan that will be the first since its local hydroelectric system was built more than 15 years ago, when it was the first 100% Indigenous-owned renewable energy project in Canada.

Community engagement for CEA in 2025 included a citizen workshop in Gibsons, BC, on the Sunshine Coast (top) and a school tour in Atlin, BC.



As part of local outreach to inform the new community plan, CEA organized a tour of the hydro system in September for students of the Atlin School. The tour was combined with assignments to help the students identify how they use energy and how they imagine energy in their community in the future.

### Gibsons: Inspiring Resilience

What changes will enable the residents of Gibsons to thrive even as climate change brings rising sea levels, more wildfires, and higher temperatures? This was the question posed to residents providing input into a new Low Carbon Resilience plan for Town of Gibsons.

Beyond thinking of ways to reduce emissions, residents contemplated how their community would respond in the face of new or more frequent climate-related hazards. What would those hazards mean for things like transportation, housing, and land use?



## Plans Completed in 2025

- Village of Lumby Energy and Emissions Plan
- District of Squamish Climate Action Plan
- Greenwood Energy and Emissions Plan
- Gibsons Low Carbon Resilience Plan
- Nisga'a Nation Climate Leadership Plan



## Highlight on:

### A Tour of Northern BC's Solar Projects

Northeastern BC is leading the province on community-scale solar energy. This is why in June 2025, CEA organized a two-day tour in the region for representatives of First Nations communities, municipalities, funding organizations, non-profits, community development organizations, and local solar installers.

The group visited a variety of solar installations of different sizes and ages and learned about the local context and purpose for the solar projects, barriers that were overcome, costs and funding sources, how the size of each solar installation was determined, and performance of the systems to date.

By meeting local proponents and seeing projects with their own eyes, tour participants learned that solar power just simply works in northern and rural communities. In addition to providing reliable and low-cost

electricity, solar installations can free up funding for local services and bring multiple other benefits to communities such as additional local jobs, external funding for critical infrastructure upgrades, and community pride.

CEA Director of External Relations, Rob van Adrichem led the tour and said: "Each community is different, each solar project was different, but each had an interesting angle or characteristic that made it inspiring - something we could only really discover by seeing them in person."

The solar tour is one of the projects funded through a \$1.8 million investment from the Province of BC and BC Hydro in the Community Energy Association over the next three years. The funding, announced in May 2025, is the largest in the history of CEA, and aims to build local capacity and accelerate the implementation of innovative, energy-efficient solutions.

**"What I liked most about the trip was the ability to meet so many different people that are all using solar power in very different ways."**

Sarah Powell,  
New Relationship Trust

(Top) In Saulteau First Nation, tour members learned about a project to [add solar panels on almost every home in the community](#). Here, solar is boosting energy security and reducing bills for residents.

(Middle) In Hudson's Hope, tour members learned how [BC's largest municipal solar project](#) is saving this municipality more than \$60,000 per year, cutting their electricity bill in half.

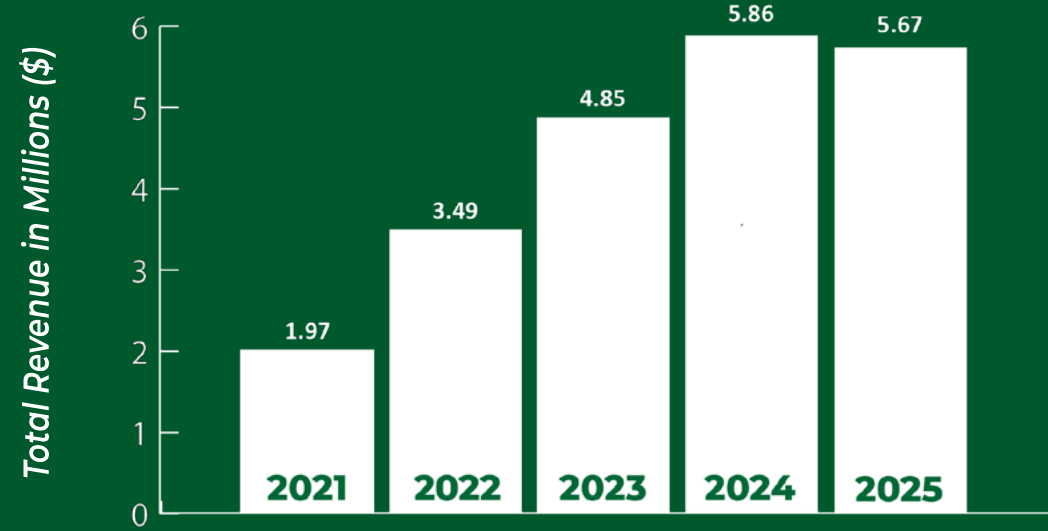
(Bottom) In Fort St. John, tour members learned how the [North Peace Museum](#) added solar as a way to save money that they will instead apply to staff and programming.



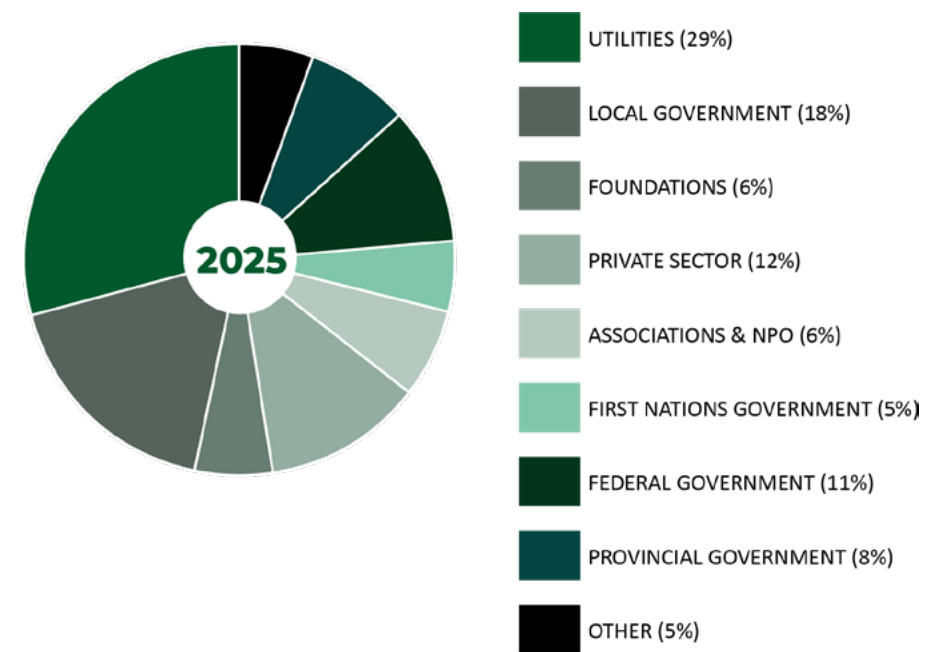
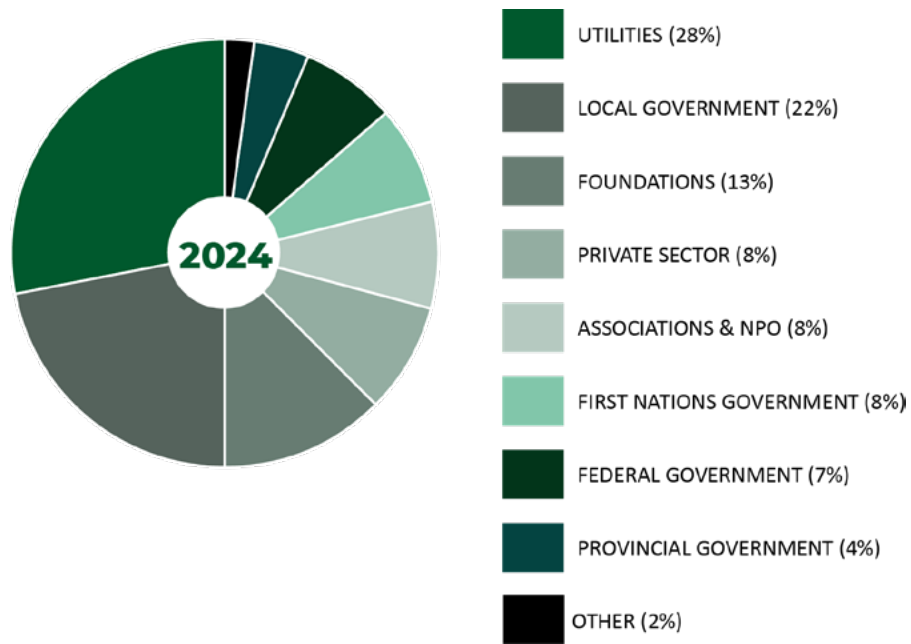
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# Revenue Summary

## Funds Received by CEA

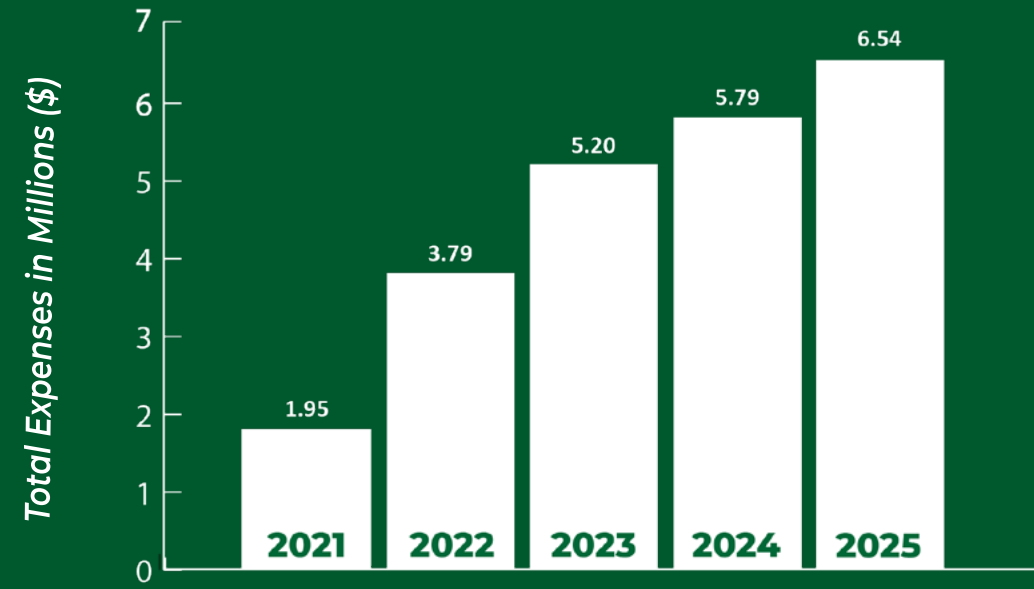


## Sources of Funding by Sector

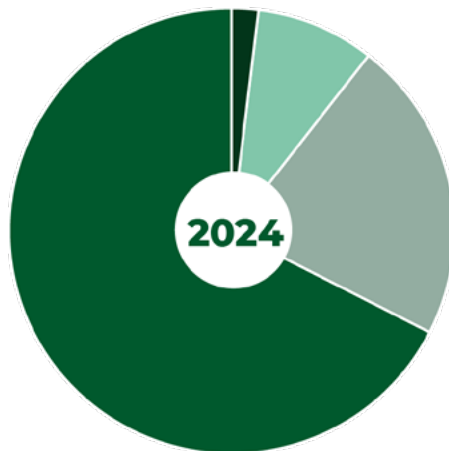


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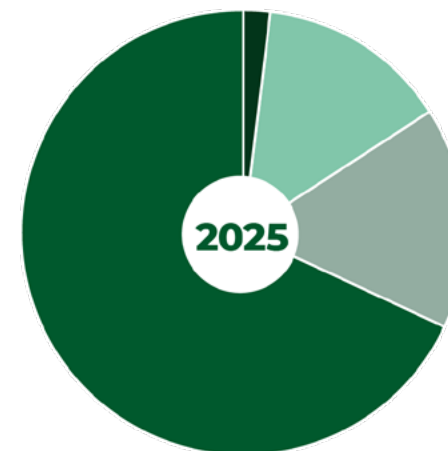
Funds Disbursed by CEA



## Annual Expenses



- SALARIES (68%)
- CONTRACTORS (22%)
- OTHER PROJECT EXPENSES (9%)
- ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES (2%)



- SALARIES (68%)
- CONTRACTORS (16%)
- OTHER PROJECT EXPENSES (14%)
- ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES (2%)

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