



Kamloops Recognized as a Climate Action Game-Changer

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The City of Kamloops plans to establish partnerships with a network of private-sector property owners, with the goal of lowering the greenhouse gas emissions from large, local buildings. As local governments aim to reduce the emissions from their communities, the Kamloops idea is being recognized as a potential “game-changer” by the Community Energy Association (CEA).

The Game-Changer program provides local governments with access to CEA’s staff expertise in order to develop a local climate action initiative that has the potential to drive change within communities. The program is new in 2021 and is part of a suite of CEA programs and services intended to provide enhanced support to communities during this decade of climate action. A home energy leadership program in the City of Rossland and a guide to embodied carbon emissions being developed by Squamish and Whistler have also been identified by CEA as 2021 game-changers.

See the Game-Changer web page for more info: <https://www.communityenergy.ca/cea-gamechanger-grant/>

The “Better Buildings Kamloops” initiative will involve the establishment in 2022 of a local network of owners/managers of commercial, light-industrial, and multi-unit residential buildings with the goal to increase energy efficiency of the buildings and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Through partnerships with network members, this program will offer targeted support and capacity-building for building owners, helping them to understand their energy consumption, participate in benchmarking, conduct energy modelling, and leverage available incentives that ultimately lead to their planning and execution of high-impact building energy retrofits. The work is consistent with the Kamloops Community Climate Action Plan and the City’s targets for zero-carbon homes and buildings.

The Kamloops Climate Action Plan: <https://www.kamloops.ca/our-community/environment-sustainability/climate-action>

“We are excited to work with the Community Energy Association to create a network of building owners with common climate goals and challenges and make connections to available resources and local know-how,” says Glen Cheetham, Sustainability Services Supervisor with the City of Kamloops.

CEA is a member-based, non-profit organization working since 1995 to help communities reduce emissions, conserve energy, and progressively transition to a low-carbon, resilient economy. CEA staff are distributed around BC and its Board is comprised of representatives from local governments, utilities, and the private sector. Kamloops Councillor Arjun Singh is one of two municipal Councillors on the CEA Board.

"For all communities to reach their targets for greenhouse gas emission reductions this decade, significant changes have to be made," says Dale Littlejohn, CEA Executive Director. "Communities across BC are already implementing many of the known, high-impact solutions to reduce emissions, and some are ready to push the boundaries of what is possible. Communities such as Kamloops are game-changers; they are advancing bold initiatives with the potential to have impacts beyond their borders. We're proud to leverage our expertise and assist them in understanding the complete picture of emissions associated with where we live and work."



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