

VANCOUVER-HASTINGS CLIMATE ACTION TEAM

Terms of Reference

1. Background/Mandate:

Climate change poses a serious challenge for our community. Vancouver-Hastings needs a community-level climate action team to meet this challenge.

The VHCAT will put climate planning into action on local level - transitioning our community away from fossil fuels and helping us adapt to climate impacts in a socially just manner.

VHCAT will:

- a. engage the community with information sessions and resources (townhalls, door knocking, toolkits);
- b. develop local plans that align with the pillars of CleanBC;
- c. amplify available resources and programs to residents;
- d. help MLA Sharma engage with relevant stakeholders and ensure the voices of residents of Vancouver-Hastings are represented during Government discussions on climate policy.

2. Deliverables/Outcomes:

- a. Community is better prepared to face the impacts of climate change (better homes, emergency plans, etc.)
- b. Community plan(s) for:
 - i. Better Buildings
 - ii. Reducing Carbon from Businesses
 - iii. Reducing Emissions from Waste
 - iv. Cleaner Transport
 - v. Clean Energy Jobs
- c. Community is supported to transition away from fossil fuels, including local level infrastructure investments (eg. EV charging, active transportation infrastructure).

3. Membership:

The VHCAT will consist of 7 members including those with community level knowledge and experience in the following areas:

- a. Local Indigenous knowledge
- b. Transport (active/transit)
- c. Housing/Building

- d. Local food/organic waste reduction
- e. Small business community

The membership will be selected based upon their knowledge of the community, experience, expertise on climate change and/or one or more specialized skills that will help with the transformation to a society without fossil fuels.

4. Community Plan:

The community plan(s) will align government resource with local action by developing community-level strategies for climate mitigation and adaptation. The plans will align with the key pillars of CleanBC to help us reach our climate goals and help our community adapt to the impacts of climate change. The work will recognize that climate change has unequal impacts on people and that all work must be bring the lens of equality.