

## **Mayor’s Task Force on Climate Change (MTFCC) – 2021 Annual Report**

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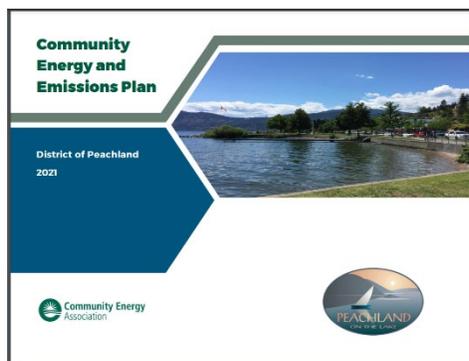
### **2021 Overview:**

2021 was a busy year for the Mayor’s Task Force on Climate Change (MTFCC) that included nine committee meetings, a Climate Change information display, a new Community Energy & Emissions Plan (CEEP), promoting the Make Water Work! Campaign, applying for an Active Transportation Network Plan grant, purchasing an e-bike purchase for District staff, and a “Green Citizen” award.

### **Peachland Library MTFCC Information Display:**

- An MTFCC display has been up at the Okanagan Regional Library Peachland branch since 2018 to share relevant information about Climate Change with the community.
- The revolving display had a “Think Globally” and “Act Locally” theme, while topics related to climate change and sustainable living were rotated regularly.
- Related reference materials were also kept at the branch for the public to use.
- 2021 was the final year of the display, and the MTFCC is extremely grateful for the library’s cooperation and support over the last four years.

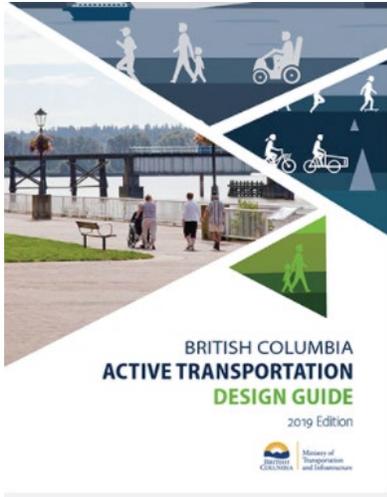
### **2021 Community Energy & Emissions Plan (CEEP)**



- The MTFCC worked with the Community Energy Association to develop a new Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP) for Peachland.
- The purpose of this important plan is to outline a practical approach for District of Peachland to help residents and businesses save energy, save money and reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs).
- Peachland Council endorsed the CEEP on October 26, which will help to guide District and MTFCC policies and actions to reduce GHG emissions in the years ahead.

## Promoting Sustainable Transportation Locally

### Active Transportation Plan Grant:



- As recommended in the 2021 CEEP to reduce GHG emissions, the MTFCC researched grants to undertake an Active Transportation Network Plan. Council approved the grant submission, and the Province announced that the District's project grant application was successful.
- This project will involve creating an Active Transportation Network Plan for Peachland in 2022 with input from the entire community. Key objectives are to connect our community to businesses and amenities through healthy low-carbon transportation options (walking, cycling, e-bikes, etc.).

### New District E-bike:



- E-bikes provide an emerging and important opportunity to connect Peachland's residents while reducing GHG emissions.
- The MTFCC purchased a new e-bike for use by the District's Bylaw office and other staff while carrying out their responsibilities.
- The e-bike will be primarily used by the District's Bylaw Officer in their day-to-day duties to showcase practice sustainable transportation options while improving his accessibility and approachability in serving our community's residents and businesses.

## ***Make Water Work! Campaign:***



- The regional “Make Water Work!” campaign is delivered in partnership with local governments and water utilities throughout the Okanagan. It raises awareness about the importance of water conservation throughout the valley, particularly in light of climate change’s impacts on water availability.
- The title of “Make Water Work Community Champion” is awarded each year to the community that collects the most water conservation pledges per capita.
- With the help of the MTFCC promoting the campaign locally, the District of Peachland once again claimed the Championship for the region-wide competition, as we did in 2019 and 2016.

## ***2020 Annual Green Citizen Award:***



Bargain Bin chairperson Janet Drinnan received a bouquet from United Church board secretary Louise Corbeil (shown left to right) on behalf of the United Church congregation, to acknowledge the Bargain Bin’s achievement in receiving the Green Citizen of the Year civic award. (Photo Credit: Joanne Layh)

- The Mayor’s Task Force on Climate Change helped to select the Bargain Bin for the 2020 Green Citizen of the Year Award, for their contributions in protecting our environment.
- The Bargain Bin and its many volunteers significantly contribute to the reduction of waste in our environment through the resale of donated items. Any items not suitable for resale are recycled or gifted for reuse.
- After the 2017 flood, Bargain Bin also upgraded its space to include more efficient heating/cooling systems, increased insulation and effective lighting to increase its energy efficiency.

## **2021 Budget:**

In 2021, MTFCC was given a budget of \$3,000. Of the budget, MTFCC spent \$2,500 on an e-bike and \$450 on advertising costs, leaving \$50 in unused funds.

## **2022 Budget Request:**

The MTFCC requests a budget of \$3,500 from Council to continue its work in 2022, and to be used by the MTFCC for information, outreach and educational purposes.

## **Going forward into 2022:**

The 2021 CEEP will largely guide the MTFCC's discussions and actions moving forward. Key goals of the MTFCC for 2022 include:

- Developing an Active Transportation Network Plan for Peachland using a Provincial grant.
- Promoting e-bikes as a viable transportation alternative in Peachland.
- Promoting existing home energy rebates and heat pump incentives, including hosting a Clean BC webinar for Peachland's residents and businesses.
- Accelerating the District's adoption of the Province's Building Step Code.
- Downtown revitalization and supporting a shop local event.