



SAANICH 2026 CLIMATE PLAN

Engagement Report



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On November 4, 2024, Council endorsed a detailed Terms of Reference for a targeted update to the 2020 Climate Plan; the 2026 Climate Plan. This report provides a summary of the engagement activities and feedback received during the development of the 2026 Climate Plan. It builds upon extensive engagement undertaken with community and key stakeholders for the development of the 2020 Climate Plan and implementation of climate actions since, including, for example, other orders of government; the local health authority; construction and development industry; businesses; utilities; building, home, and strata owners; schools, faith groups and civil society; community associations; and residents.

Therefore, the 2026 Climate Plan focused specifically on targeted engagement with:

- key stakeholders, marginalized communities and service providers;
- First Nations and Indigenous populations; and
- the general public, with a specific desire to understand current climate change awareness.

Majority of engagement was undertaken during Phase 1 - seeking input on key themes, issues, opportunities and potential actions related to climate change. The objective of Phase 2 was to share and receive feedback on the Draft 2026 Climate Plan, the proposed strategies and actions and identify any gaps.

In total, over 1,500 individuals were engaged at 22 key events/activities throughout 2025 and 2026. Activities varied in type and included hosting a climate stall at local events, key stakeholder workshops and presentations, riding major bus routes in Saanich to speak to passengers, public open houses and workshops, and more. A varied audience was reached through the engagement activities. However, it is important to note that surveys were not statistically valid.

Highlights:

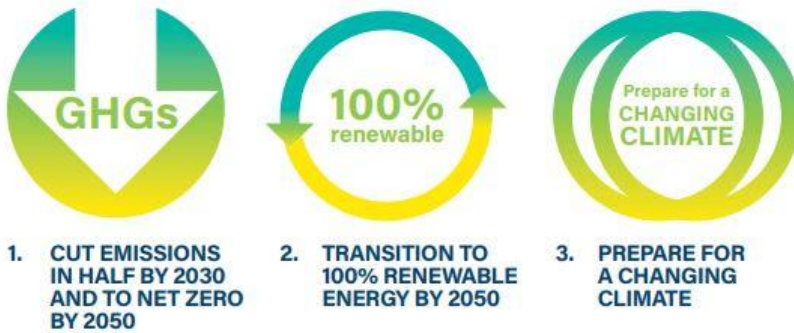
- Most people want Saanich to reduce GHGs in both municipal operations and across the community, and to act to protect our community from and adapt to climate hazards.
- Participants identified that their biggest reasons to act on climate change are to protect future generations, improve health and wellbeing, and protect local ecosystems.
- Most respondents have already experienced and are concerned about climate-related impacts, mainly extreme heat events/heatwaves and wildfires/poor air quality.
- Respondents place a high priority on protecting vulnerable residents (e.g., unhoused and low-income people, seniors, children, people with disabilities, outdoor workers, etc.) when planning climate adaptation to address climate hazards.
- Compared to the engagement feedback for the 2020 Climate Plan, there were some public survey responses related to affordability and costs, a small decrease in survey respondents rating it “somewhat/moderately–very important” that Saanich take climate action, and a very small proportion of survey respondents that did not believe in climate change.

The findings from both phases of engagement have been used to inform the final 2026 Climate Plan and will be used to support climate action implementation moving forwards.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

At the November 4, 2024, Committee of the Whole Meeting, Council endorsed a detailed Terms of Reference for a Climate Plan Targeted Update. The Climate Plan Targeted Update (the 2026 Climate Plan) builds upon the work of the 2020 Climate Plan, which outlines a commitment to the following climate goals:

Saanich Community-wide Climate Goals



District of Saanich Corporate Climate Goals



Figure 1. Saanich Climate Plan Goals

The 2020 Climate Plan identified 131 actions to be implemented, most of which have now been completed or are well underway. We have made significant progress towards our goals, including a 19% reduction in community-wide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from our 2007 baseline.

The 2026 Climate Plan will be a streamlined document, with a focused five-year action plan that will confirm the additional actions needed to meet our 2030 and 2050 targets. It will reflect major local and global shifts since 2020, including more frequent extreme weather and climate hazards, updated climate science, a housing and affordability crisis, and a changing policy landscape. The Updated Plan will align with and build upon recent Council-adopted strategies, including the Official Community Plan, updated Active Transportation Plan, Biodiversity Conservation Strategy, updated Urban Forest Strategy, E-Mobility Strategy, Building Retrofit Strategy, Zero Emission Fleet Strategy, and upcoming Zero Waste Strategy.

The Update is being developed in five phases and will be informed by public and stakeholder engagement (Figure 2).

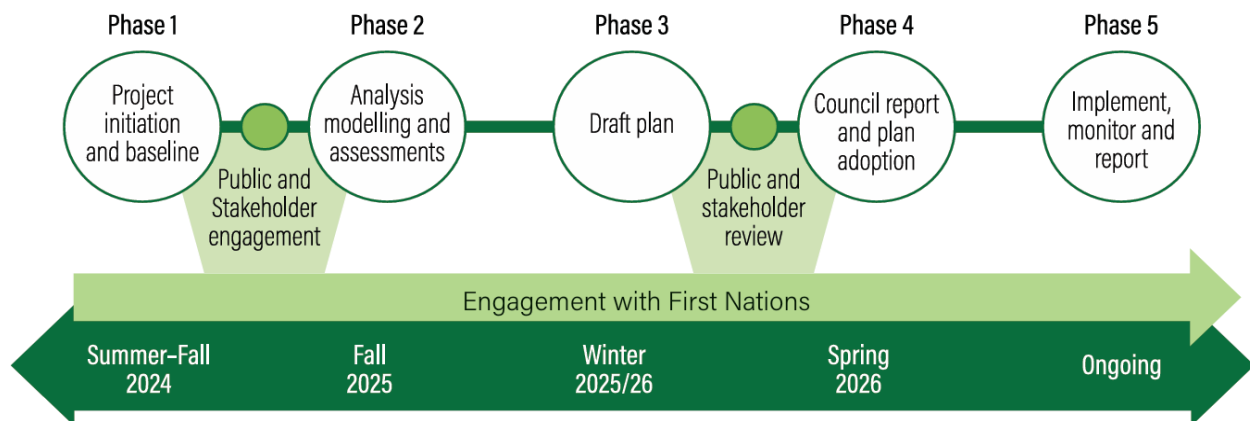


Figure 2. Saanich Climate Plan Update Timeline

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of engagement activities and feedback received during Phase 1: Public and Stakeholder engagement, and Phase 2: Public and Stakeholder review of the Draft Plan.

The engagement strategy is based on the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) spectrum of public participation, and has been designed to achieve the following goals:

- **Inform** – to provide balanced and objective information that will keep key stakeholders and public up to date and assist them in understanding the issues, problems, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.
- **Consult** – to obtain key stakeholder and public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.
- **Involve** – to work directly with key stakeholders and the public throughout the process to ensure that their concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered as part of the decision-making process.
- **Collaborate** – to partner with key stakeholders and the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.
- **Empower** – to provide resources and support for Saanich residents, organizations, and businesses, to take their own climate actions to improve their resilience and reduce their own greenhouse gas emissions, through education, promoting rebates, and the One Planet Saanich initiative.

2.0 ENGAGEMENT APPROACH

A considerable amount of engagement was undertaken with key stakeholders and the community to develop the 2020 Climate Plan. Since the last Climate Plan was approved, there has been continued and extensive engagement undertaken with the community and key stakeholders including the local health authority, construction and development industry; retail businesses; building, home, and strata owners; schools, faith groups and civil society; and neighbourhoods through the Plan's implementation and initiatives such as Step Code Engagement, Circular Economy Accelerator, District 2030, Strata Energy Advisor, One Planet Saanich, A Hot Topic: Feeling the Impacts of Extreme Heat research, the Zero Waste Strategy, Emobility Strategy, Building Retrofit Strategy and the Neighbour to Neighbour initiative. Therefore, the Update builds upon the engagement from the 2020 Climate Plan and engagement from multiple climate related projects since the Plan was adopted, and focuses specifically on the following:

- Engagement with certain key stakeholders, marginalized communities and service providers;
- Engagement with First Nations and Indigenous populations;
- General public engagement to understand current climate change awareness, to inform development of actions and to receive input and feedback.



Figure 3. Climate Plan Engagement at Strawberry Festival

2.1 Audience

2.1.1 First Nations and Indigenous Engagement

In recognizing the strong connection between reconciliation and climate work the updated Climate Plan centers respect for Indigenous rights and knowledge. This commitment is reflected in the budget for the project, which includes funds for Indigenous people and organizations providing feedback on the Plan. In March 2024, letters from the Mayor's office were sent to the local Nations -Songhees, Esquimalt, W̱JOLE̱LP (Tsartlip), BO̱KÉ̱CEN (Pauquachin), STÁUTW̱ (Tsawout), W̱ SIKEM (Tseycum) and MÁLEXEL (Malahat), to inform them about the project and see if there was any interest in engaging with staff, and including offers of funding or honoraria to staff, Council and Knowledge Holders in the Nations for their work on the Saanich Climate Plan update. These letters were sent very early in the process of updating the Climate Plan to be sure to provide adequate time for the Nations to be involved. Local Indigenous artists were contacted for art commissions in the updated Plan, and we are grateful to Sarah Jim for providing her native plant art. Staff have completed various cultural safety and humility training opportunities to strengthen our capacity to engage respectfully with the local Nations and community. Staff have also completed a review of written materials by Indigenous organizations relating to climate change (see more in Landscape Scan section below).

Meetings occurred between Sustainability Staff and representatives from the W̱SÁNEĆ Leadership Council and the Malahat Nation. We were grateful to have met with the W̱SÁNEĆ Leadership Council Elders J, SINTEN, SELILIYE and ØOSINIYE, the W̱SÁNEĆ Technical Advisory Committee (WTAC), W̱LC Internal Working Group for the District of Saanich MOU, Knowledge Holders, Language Speakers and members, including ŠW, XELOSELWET Tiffany Joseph who shared knowledge on W̱SÁNEĆ perspectives on Way of Life and Environmental issues and provided input to the Plan. We look forward to meeting with other First Nations whose territories we operate on in the future.

We will continue to seek out opportunities to partner with or support First Nations on climate action and implementation of the 2026 Climate Plan.

2.1.2 Marginalized Communities

To identify the unique needs, aspirations and barriers faced by certain members of the community, targeted engagement was conducted with key stakeholders, marginalized communities and service providers. In addition to the engagement described in this report with youth/students, the Accessibility, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (ADEI) Committee, and transit riders, the Community Social Planning Council (CSPC) was contracted to lead engagement with a range of community groups, including seniors, newcomers, people with disabilities, and low-income people (see section 3.6). Certain vulnerable groups and marginalized communities were also reached through the Climate Plan Update Survey and Climate Adaptation Workshops, which are discussed below.

2.1.3 Key Stakeholders

Staff have engaged internal and external stakeholders, as outlined in Appendix A, including community organizations, other governments and health institutions, educational institutions, economic development agencies and businesses, food and agricultural groups, transportation groups, environmental groups and the Sustainability and Climate Action Advisory Committee.

2.1.4 Community Members

Community members have been engaged on the progress Saanich has made since the 2020 Climate Plan and the need for a targeted update. As described in the methods section below, staff reached out to residents where they were already gathered, in addition to hosting events that drew people specifically interested in climate change. Saanich has gathered feedback from community members on options, including community aspirations and concerns to incorporate into the Updated Climate Plan.

2.2 Methods of Engagement

Several methods of engagement were used throughout both engagement phases, informed by the IAP2 spectrum of public participation. These included:

- **Project Website and Hello Saanich** - development of a project page on the Saanich website (www.saanich.ca/climateplan), which includes a link to the HelloSaanich platform to provide access to information about the project, key reports and ways to be engaged.

- **Survey** – development of an online and paper copy survey to gather feedback from the community during Phase 1, and a second survey to gather public feedback on the Draft Plan during Phase 2 engagement.
- **Prize Draw** – those who completed the online and paper survey in Phase 1 had the ability to enter a free prize draw to win a \$500 gift card to their local bike store of choice, \$100 gift card to the Aunty Collective store, or one of three \$40 gift cards to Big Wheel Burger.
- **Climate Quarterly** – the Climate Quarterly has over 800 members and provides information about climate change news and events in our region.
- **Media & Advertising** – Both paid and free advertising were used to raise awareness about the project and promote opportunities for individuals to be engaged. The open-house events and survey were promoted through radio advertisements and newspaper articles. Other means of advertising the project included social media posts, Saanich web page updates, posters, newsletters, Saanich on-hold messages and advertisements through community associations and other organizations.
- **Festivals & Events** – key Saanich and regional festivals and events were attended with our staffed climate stall, which included climate engagement games and kids' activities (including a spin wheel and waste sorting game), a 'What would you like to see in Saanich's Climate Plan Update' ideas board, and other information and handouts on climate-friendly grants and rebates, emergency preparedness, Saanich's Residents' Climate Action Guidebook and more.
- **Recreation Centre & Facility Displays** – a display was set up at Saanich Commonwealth Place that included a 'What do you want to see in Saanich's updated Climate Plan' ideas board and paper surveys for residents to complete. A table was also set up at the Municipal Hall during the month of June, during tax time which promoted the project and handed out useful climate-friendly resources.



Figure 4. Climate Plan Engagement at Music in the Park

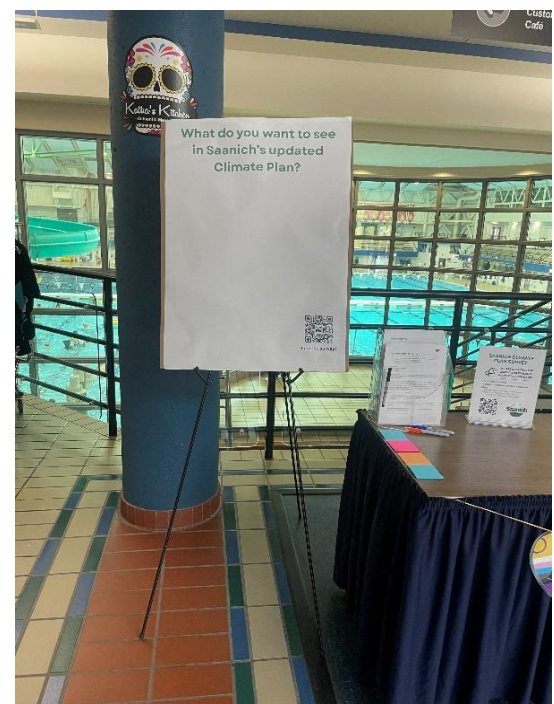


Figure 5. Climate Plan Update booth at Saanich Commonwealth Place

- **Engaging on Transit** – staff rode several key transit routes in Saanich to discuss the Climate Plan with transit passengers and gain feedback and input through discussion or completion of the survey while passengers made their trips.
- **Engaging with students** – staff completed presentations and adaptation workshops with students at the University of Victoria, Claremont Secondary School, Mount Doug Secondary School and Royal Oak Middle School.
- **In-person engagement with marginalized groups** – staff contracted the Community Social Planning Council (CSPC) to engage with marginalized groups and community members in-person at a variety of community gatherings.
- **Emails and phone calls** – emails and phone calls were made to key stakeholders, organizations and individuals to answer questions and provide updates about the project.
- **Public Open Houses & Workshops** – open houses and workshops were held in October 2025 to enable individuals the opportunity to participate in activities and provide feedback through information boards, discussions with staff, interactive workshops and the survey.

2.3 Rights Holders and Priority Populations Landscape Scan

Staff conducted a scan of recent climate engagement or climate strategy documents that were relevant to Saanich. The scan included engagement completed with and by Indigenous groups, the Provincial government, local governments and academic institutions. The scan complements in-person engagement activities to help inform the updated Climate Plan. Recommendations for local governments identified through these engagements are discussed in Section 3.5.



Figure 6. Climate Plan Engagement at Bowker Creek Biodiversity Day

3.0 PHASE 1 ENGAGEMENT

The purpose of the first phase of engagement was to receive input on key themes, issues, opportunities and potential actions related to climate change from key stakeholders and community members to add the considerable engagement input received over the last five years.

3.1 Engagement Events

Saanich began the first phase of engagement on April 19, 2025, with an engagement tent at the Saanich Earth Day Festival. Throughout the spring, summer and fall of 2025, Saanich attended and hosted a variety of engagement events and methods to capture input from a large and diverse audience, with Phase 1 engagement concluding in November 2025.

Over 1,200 individuals were engaged at 18 key activities. A variety of information was shared with attendees at these engagement activities, including:

- Climate Plan Survey
- Discussion boards for input
- Handouts with QR codes to the project website and survey
- Information on climate-friendly rebates and resources, including the Saanich Residents’ Climate Action Guidebook

The key Phase 1 engagement events are outlined in Table 1.

Table 1. Key Phase 1 Engagement Events

Event	Date (2025)	Involvement	Approximate # Engaged
Saanich Earth Day Festival	April 19	Climate Stall with spin wheel quiz for kids	50
Mount Doug School	April 2	Presentation + workshop	29
Unstaffed Table at Municipal Hall	Month of June	Table with resources	Unknown
Gorge Canada Day Picnic	July 1	Climate Stall	200+
Saanich Strawberry Festival	July 6	Climate Stall	200+
Unstaffed Table at Saanich Commonwealth Place	July-October	Engagement board and survey	64 sticky notes
Cadboro Bay Festival	August 10	Climate Stall	200+
Music in the Park	August 19	Climate Stall	30
Bus Engagement	August 22	In-person engagement	100+ handouts
Bus Engagement	August 27	In-person engagement	100+ handouts

Event	Date (2025)	Involvement	Approximate # Engaged
University of Victoria Environmental Sciences Climate Policy	October 1	Online presentation	35 asynchronous, 6 in-person
Claremont School	October 8	Presentation + workshop	58
Bus Engagement	October 9	In-person engagement	100+ handouts
Public Open House #1	October 18	Engagement + workshop	28
Mt Doug School	November 12	Presentation + workshop	23
Public Open House #2	October 29	Engagement + workshop	47
Saanich Accessibility, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (ADEI) Advisory Committee	November 5	Hybrid presentation	8
Saanich Sustainability and Climate Action Advisory Committee	November 13	Hybrid presentation	6

3.2 What We Heard in Phase 1

3.2.1 Response Rate

Table 2 provides a summary of response rates to the key Phase 1 engagement opportunities.

Table 2. Phase 1 Engagement Response Rate Summary

Project Phase 1	Response Rate
Number of key engagement events/activities	18
Number of attendees engaged during key events/activities	1,284+
Number of surveys completed	643
Number of attendees at the stakeholder Climate Adaptation Workshops	95
Number of attendees at the Open House Climate Adaptation Workshops	49
Number of attendees at the Open Houses	75

3.2.2 Public Open Houses and Feedback

Two Public Open Houses were held:

- October 18 (Lambrick Park Secondary School) from 12:00-4:00 PM
- October 29 (Victoria Hellenic Centre) from 3:00-7:00 PM

Residents were encouraged to pop into the Open House and provided the opportunity to:

- Read the [information boards](#)
- Speak with Saanich staff
- Comment on the interactive boards
- Sign-up for an adaptation workshop
- Complete surveys and feedback forms
- Learn about local rebates and programs
- Try an e-bike test ride
- Watch a DIY air filtration demonstration to learn how to build an at-home air filtration system
- Tour of the renewable energy upgrades at Gordon Head Recreation Centre
- Childcare and children’s activities were provided



Figure 7. Climate Plan Engagement at Lambrick Park Secondary School

Engagement Boards Feedback

Engagement boards were used at the open houses and other key events in Phase 1 engagement:

1. **What would you like to see in Saanich’s updated Climate Plan?** This board was displayed at the climate stall during events and at the unstaffed display in Saanich Commonwealth Place. Feedback gathered informed staff about the community’s familiarity with actions completed since the 2020 Climate Plan and captured resident’s priorities for the Climate Plan Update.
2. **What actions related to this focus area would you like to see in the updated Climate Plan?** A total of 29 [boards](#) were displayed at the public open houses to explain the Climate Plan Update and showcase progress within each focus area- Transportation; Buildings and Infrastructure; Food, Consumption and Waste; Ecosystems; Community Well-being; and Leading by Example. A feedback board at the end of each focus area invited residents to contribute ideas and indicate their priorities for actions with the use of sticky notes.

Table 3. Public Feedback and ideas from engagement boards for all six focus-areas

Transportation
Key Ideas (by most responses)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand the protected cycling and active transportation network • Some concerns regarding the location and placement of some bike lanes (arterial vs. side roads) and active transportation infrastructure and around traffic calming measures that reduce traffic flow • Improve/expand on end-of-trip facilities and infrastructure for bikes and e-bikes • Provide incentives for the purchase of e-bikes and electric vehicles (EVs) • Improve electric battery recycling programs • Expansion and more convenience of EV charging infrastructure • Improve public transit frequency and convenience • Safe and convenient transit and active transportation options for all schools

Buildings and Infrastructure

Key Ideas (by most responses)

- Increase incentives for home retrofits and electrification
- Ban fossil fuel use in new buildings; varied opinions on the use of renewable natural gas (RNG)
- Prioritize protecting trees and green spaces through new development and densification
- Build with fire resistant materials
- Provide ample tree shading for buildings
- Air conditioning in all multi-use residential buildings (MURBS)
- Regulations around the use of wood burning stoves

Consumption, Waste, Food and Materials

Key Ideas (by most responses)

- Grow food in more underutilized spaces (boulevards, rooftops, balconies)
- Provide grants for gardening and balcony growing
- Use/acquire more municipal land for agriculture
- Support leasing land to farmers as part of climate adaptation measures
- Measure carbon sequestration by local farms
- More repair cafes and tool libraries
- Support curbside pickup for soft plastics
- Provide clearer recycling pathways for hard-to-recycle items (e.g., e-bike batteries)
- Hold producers accountable for packaging materials
- Provide support and education for composting
- Develop embodied carbon resources and regulations

Ecosystems

Key Ideas (by most responses)

- Protect mature trees and urban canopy; concerns around replacing one large tree with several small trees
- Increase biodiversity and conservation work (e.g., implementation of Biodiversity Conservation Strategy, more ecological restoration and invasive plant management)
- Ecologically conscious building designs and development
- Better management of urban forests to reduce wildfire risks
- Re-forest parks in decline
- Rename parks/green spaces with Indigenous place names
- More beach clean ups
- Enhanced shoreline stewardship through clam gardens and restoration efforts

Community Well-Being

Key Ideas (by most responses)

- Provide more public amenities for cooling (e.g., water stations, pools, cooling centers)
- Provide more shade/tree canopy for shading

- Increase park and greenspace access across Saanich
- Support and provide grants to residents and organizations for climate action
- Develop equitable neighborhoods by ensuring densification aligns with affordability and livability

Leadership in District Operations

Key Ideas (by most responses)

- More solar on District facilities
- Improved intermunicipal collaboration and leadership

3.2.3 Climate Adaptation Workshops and Feedback

A total of four Climate Adaptation workshops were hosted at the Open Houses. Workshops were also hosted with the following community stakeholders:

- Claremont Secondary School (2 workshops)
- Mt. Doug Secondary School
- Saanich Sustainability and Climate Action Advisory Committee
- Saanich Accessibility, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (ADEI) Advisory Committee

The intent of the workshops was to:

- Provide information on climate projections and climate hazards for the region;
- Seek input on how these climate hazards will impact/are impacting the community; and
- Generate ideas on resilience actions that Saanich, other levels of government, community organizations, businesses, individuals/households, etc. can implement to build resilience to these hazards



Figure 8. Climate Adaptation Workshop at Open House #1

A short presentation at the beginning of the workshop described the climate projections and linked them to trends and hazards we are already observing in Saanich. Small groups selected a local climate hazard: extreme rainfall, drought, extreme heat, wildfire smoke/ combined heat and smoke, or another hazard of their choice, and then reviewed a brief scenario for that hazard. The groups were then invited to identify the consequences the community could face if no adaptation actions are taken, including to disproportionately vulnerable demographics or geographies, and brainstorm resilience actions.

Climate Adaptation Workshop Results

The key concerns and suggested resilience actions for each hazard are included below:

Table 4. Key concerns and resilience actions from Climate Adaptation Workshops

Extreme Heat
Key Concerns
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health risks: increased heat illnesses and mortality risks; increase in hospitalizations; difficulty keeping vulnerable groups safe. • Systems and Infrastructure: Higher energy demand and costs for cooling; more GHG emissions from increased A/C use; shorter lifespan/faster deterioration of certain infrastructure. • Environmental impacts: stresses on native ecosystems, biodiversity and water supply. • Increasing housing density leading to loss of large trees to provide shading and cooling.
Key Suggested Actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand access to cooling: community cooling spaces, public pools/hours, AC/heat pumps in public buildings, more support for home heat pumps and air conditioning programs. • Public education, including heat-alerts and guidance on what to do during high-risk periods. • Preserve mature trees, plant shade trees at schools and along active transportation routes, increased permeable surfaces to reduce urban heat islands. • Targeted support for lower-income residents and people experiencing homelessness (resources, outreach, transportation to cooling spaces). • Retain and expand the urban tree canopy.
Extreme Rainfall
Key Concerns
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and safety risks: mental and physical health stress and mobility barriers, especially for vulnerable groups; increase in landslides; street safety and driving risks. • Infrastructure and property damage and associated financial losses. • Stresses on native ecosystems, biodiversity and water quality. • Certain areas in Saanich are more vulnerable than others (e.g., low lying parks/communities), localized flooding. • Removal of urban tree canopy and greenspaces leading to more flooding.
Key Suggested Actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve storm drains, increase stormwater capacity, flood-proof and elevate at-risk structures. • Install rain gardens, permeable pavements and rain barrels/cisterns. • Adopt climate-informed design standards and proactive stormwater management plans; limit impervious surfaces; develop regional holding/reservoir ponds and retain/build wetlands. • Public guidance on protecting homeowners from flooding (e.g., installing drains, tiles, and site grading); targeted outreach in flood-prone neighborhoods. • Protect floodplains from upstream pollution and maintain urban trees to reduce erosion. • Promote 15-minute access to groceries and essential services to reduce reliance on roads during flooding events.

Drought
Key Concerns
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dry soil leading to erosion; limits to crop growth; water wells drying; increased irrigation costs for local farmers; decrease in local food production; local food price increases. • Shrinking waterways and wetlands; biodiversity losses. • Equity concerns for rural well users and leasing farmers; increased community conflict over water use.
Key Suggested Actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information and guidance on drought tolerant landscaping and resilient species; education on watering schedules. • Cisterns and rainwater capture; dual plumbing for greywater reuse. • Stable agricultural water rates; increase access to organics for soil management. • Retain and expand the urban tree canopy. • Emergency water supply systems; peak demand management.
Combined Heat and Smoke/ Wildfires
Key Concerns
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compounding health risks (heat illness plus respiratory impacts); mental health impacts. • Impacts on pets/animals. • Heightened vulnerability for low-income and unhoused residents. • Reduced photosynthesis and crop yields, impacts on local agriculture and biodiversity loss. • Economic/labour impacts for outdoor workers. • Homes not equipped with the right infrastructure to protect from both heat and smoke; reduced solar panel efficiency.
Key Suggested Actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribute masks (prioritize vulnerable populations) and respirators; improve indoor air filtration in homes, schools and public spaces; provide public clean air spaces; provide portable HEPA or DIY Corsi-Rosenthal kits to the public. • Partner with Island Health to develop preparedness and alerts, including dual smoke and heat advisories, guidance on how to limit exposure, etc. • Expand FireSmart education and home upgrades (ember-resistant materials, defensible space, metal roofs); update building code requirements for smoke filtration and fire-resistant construction; plant more fire-resistant tree species. • Increase volunteer firefighting capacity and response; conduct fuels management/underbrush removal with volunteers where appropriate.

3.2.4 Workshop Evaluation Forms

Following the Open House workshops, participants received evaluation forms. These forms assessed the workshop’s effectiveness in informing residents about climate change in Saanich and in gathering participants’ ideas. They also collected optional demographic information to help staff understand who we heard from.

A total of 24 evaluation forms were submitted. We heard from a variety of age groups and income levels, with most participants being seniors (aged 66+). Two participants indicated they were 2SLGBTQ+ and two indicated they were from a visible minority group.

Most participants (87%) agreed or strongly agreed that the workshops increased their understanding of Saanich’s projected climate changes and the progress that has been made on community resilience to date (Figure 9). All participants (100%) reported having the opportunity to express their priorities and learn from peers during the sessions (Figures 10 and 11).

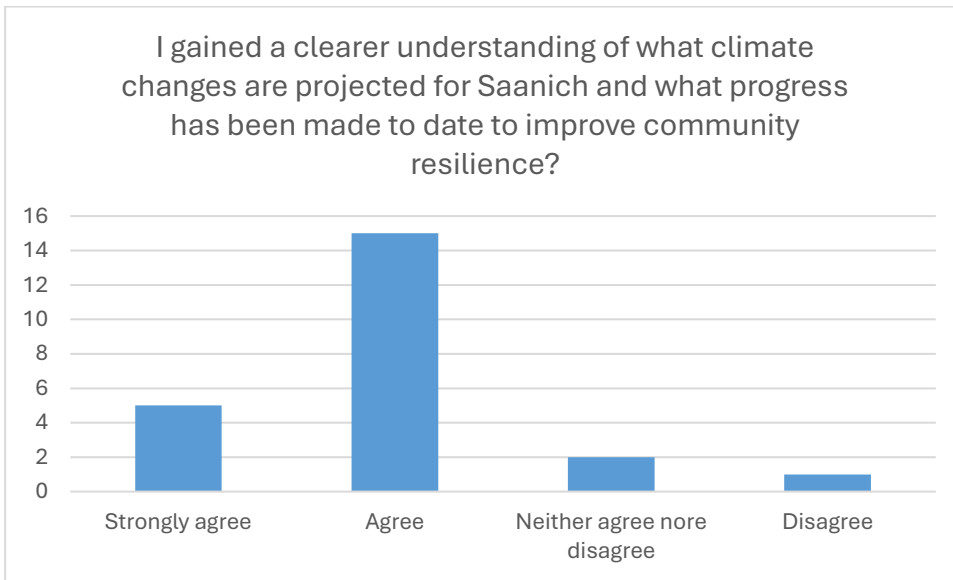


Figure 9. Participants' understanding of Climate Changes and Adaptation in Saanich from Climate Adaptation Workshops

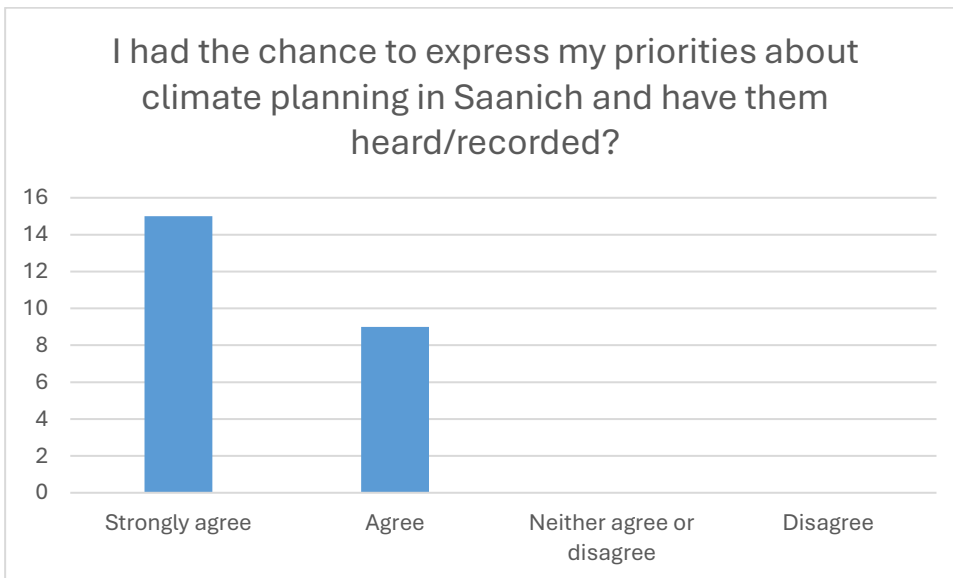


Figure 10. Participants' experiences from Climate Adaptation Workshops

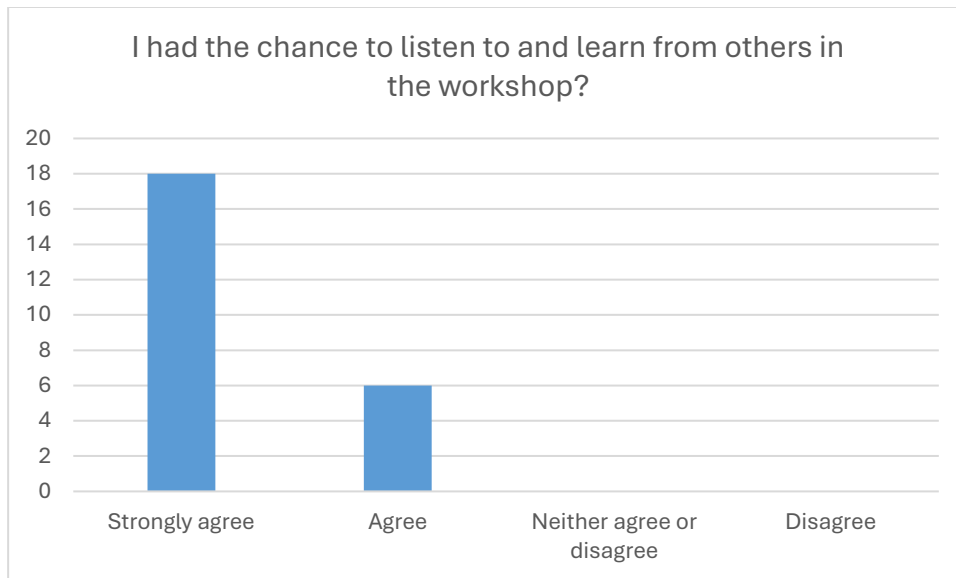


Figure 11. Participants' experiences learning from others from Climate Adaptation Workshops

3.3 Climate Plan Update Survey and Results

The Climate Plan survey was launched on June 26, 2025 and closed on October 31, 2025, following the public open houses and workshops. The survey consisted of 35 questions. A copy of the paper survey is included as Appendix B, and the full multiple choice survey responses can be found in Appendix C.

The survey was open to residents, workers and visitors to Saanich. It covered questions on general climate action, climate mitigation and adaptation, and included specific questions on the key theme areas of transportation, buildings and infrastructure, and waste, food and consumption. The survey was intended to get an understanding of the public’s current knowledge of climate change, their interest in Saanich taking climate action as well as what they are doing as an individual, the issues and opportunities associated with climate action and where individuals would like action to be prioritized. Respondents were encouraged to reference the 2020 Climate Plan and 2024 Climate Plan Report Card while completing the survey.

3.3.1 Response rates and Demographic Information

Paper and online surveys were available, and 643 surveys were fully completed/submitted, and an additional 197 surveys were partially completed. Only fully submitted surveys were included in the survey analysis below albeit responses from all surveys were reviewed and used to inform the updated Climate Plan. There was participation from Saanich residents across all neighbourhoods, with 83% of respondents living in Saanich or 94% regularly visiting Saanich for other reasons such as work, school recreation, visiting friends and family, errands etc. Respondents ranged from under 15 to 66+, with the two highest age groups being 66+ (23%) and 15-25 (19%). There was representation from a variety of genders, identities and income levels, however representation from some of these groups was low (e.g., non-binary, Indigenous, newcomers and immigrants, etc.) as shown in Figures 12-15.

The survey was an open online survey, allowing people to respond whether they lived in Saanich, elsewhere in the CRD or beyond. Survey participants were not controlled, and responses were not spread evenly across all Saanich neighbourhoods and demographics, which may lead to under- or

over- representation of some groups. We did not restrict submissions by IP address, so some individuals may have responded more than once, though protections were in place to deter automated (bots) entries. As a result, the survey is not statistically representative of all residents in Saanich and should be read as the view of the respondents who chose to participate.

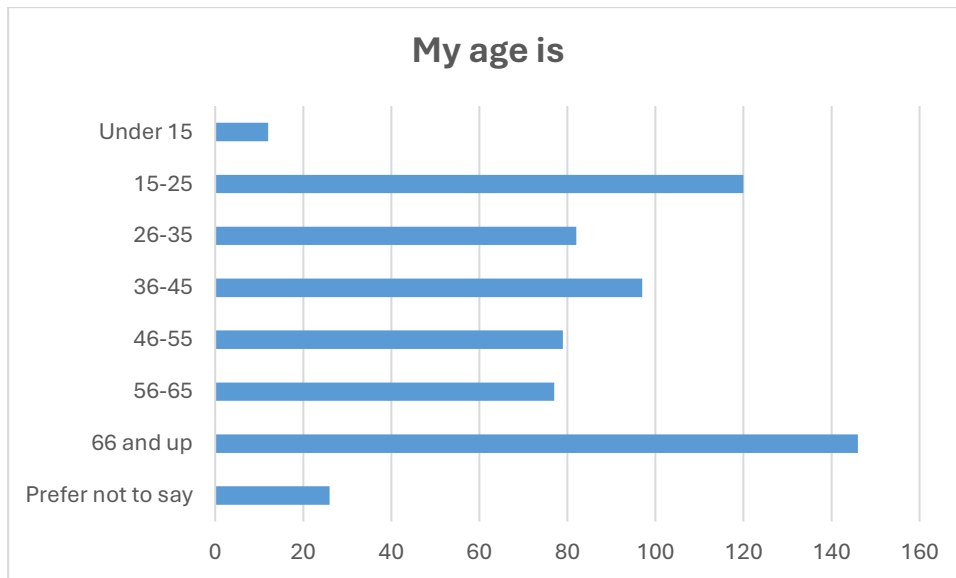


Figure 12. Age ranges from survey responses

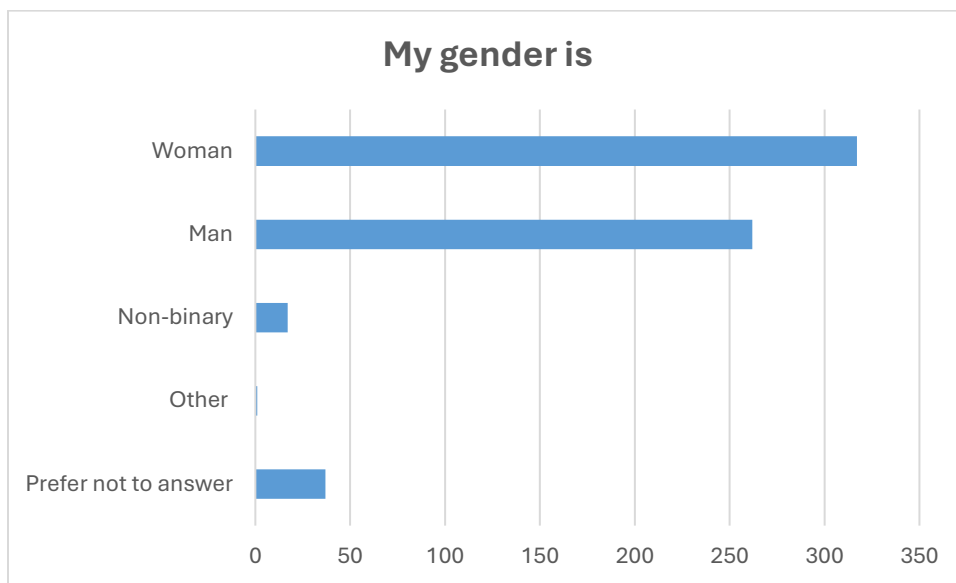


Figure 136. Gender identification from survey responses

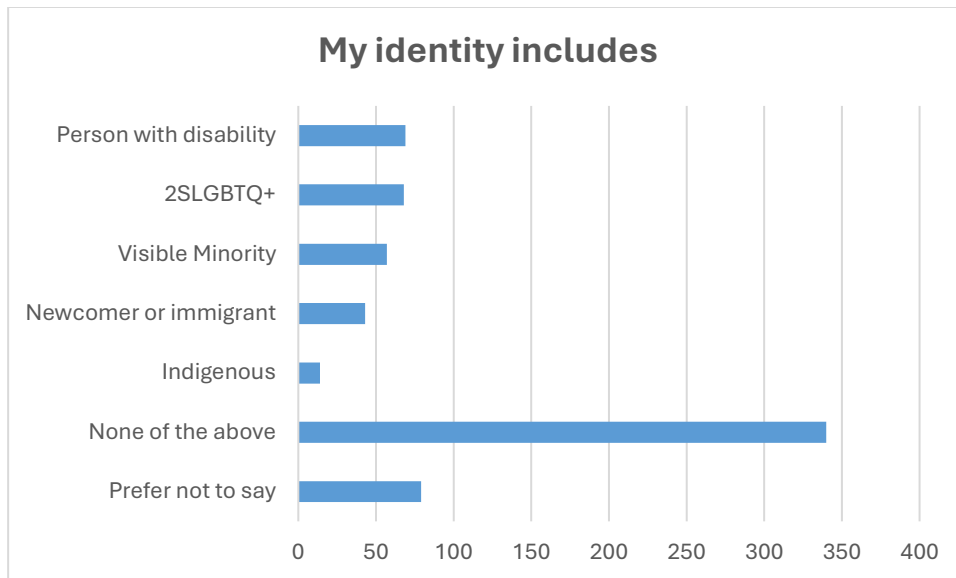


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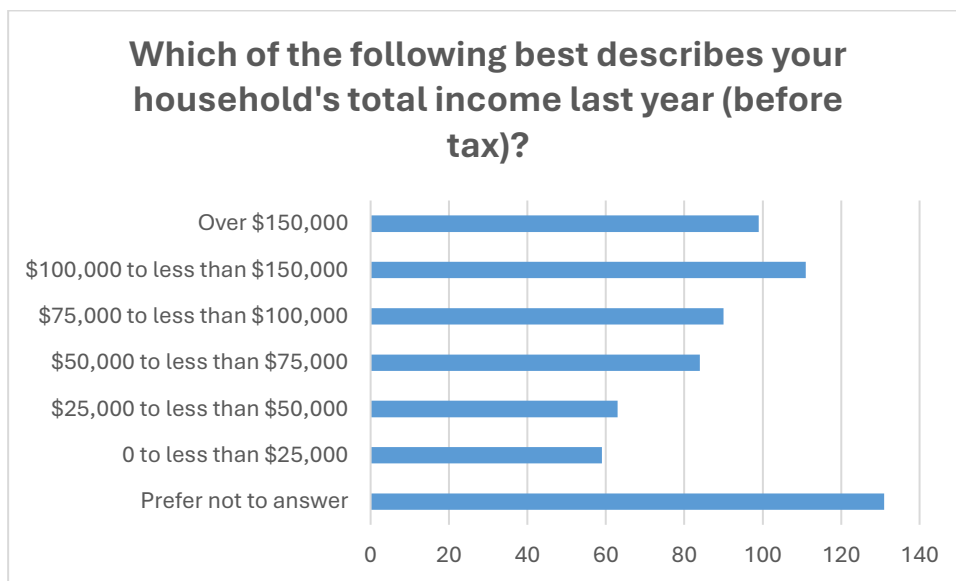


Figure 8. Income identification from survey responses

3.3.2 Priorities for Taking Climate Action in Saanich

73% of respondents indicated they are extremely or very concerned about climate change, while 9% said they are not concerned at all (Figure 16). Overall, 82% said it is extremely, very, or moderately important for Saanich to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in municipal operations and in the community, and 11% said it is not at all important (Figure 17). This represents a 10% decrease from the 2019 Climate Plan survey, when 92% rated climate action as very to moderately important.

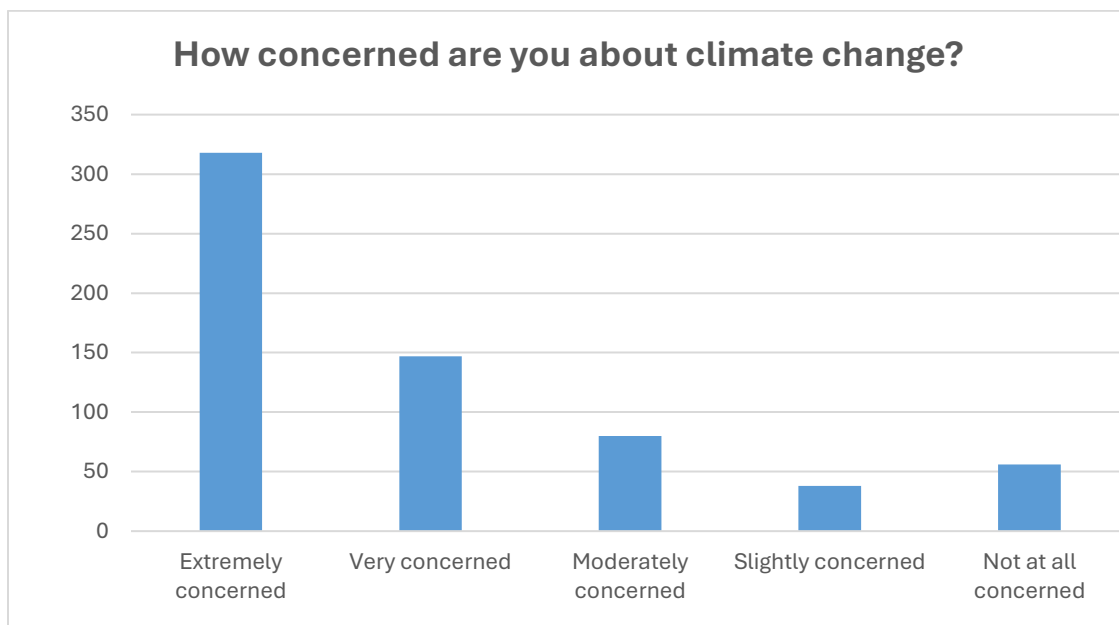


Figure 16. Climate change concerns from survey responses

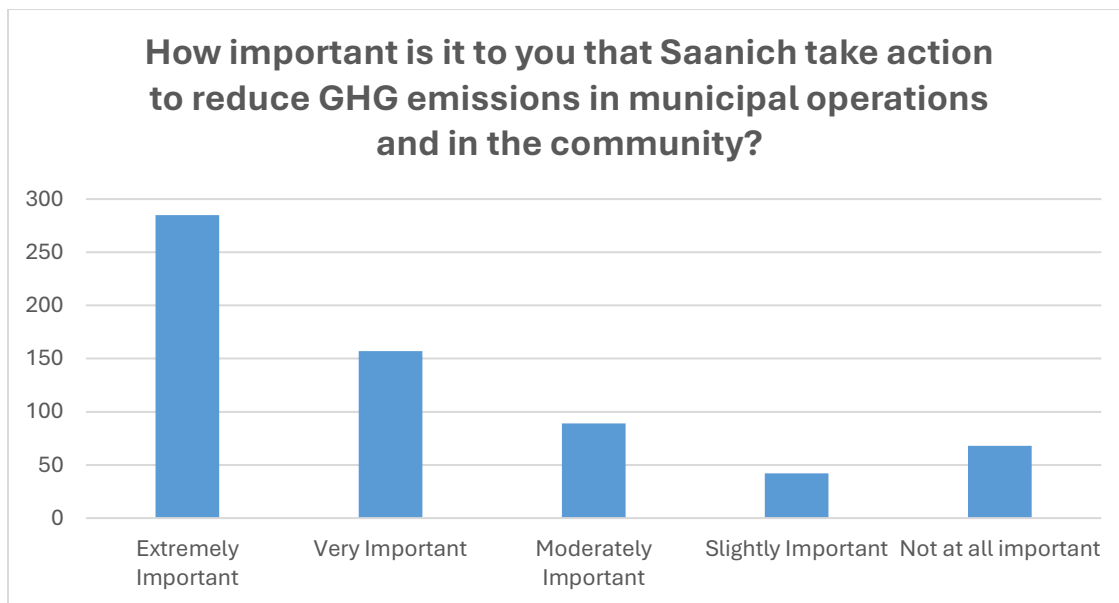


Figure 179: Importance of Saanich municipal climate action from survey responses

Respondents also provided feedback on the co-benefits of taking action to address climate change (Figure 18), with respondents indicating the most important (absolutely essential/very important) co-benefits are protecting future generations (80%), increased health and well-being (79%), and protected and biodiverse ecosystems (77%).

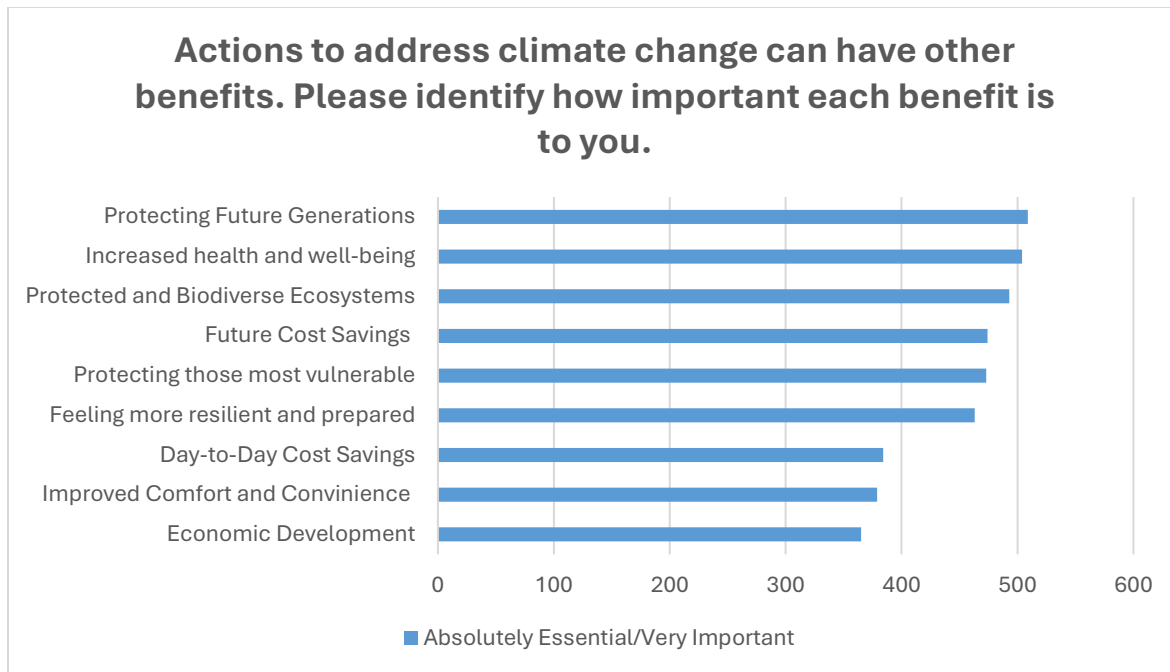


Figure 18. Importance of climate action co-benefits from survey responses

3.3.3 Personal Experiences with Climate Change

Respondents were asked about personal experiences with climate-related impacts and risks (Figure 19).

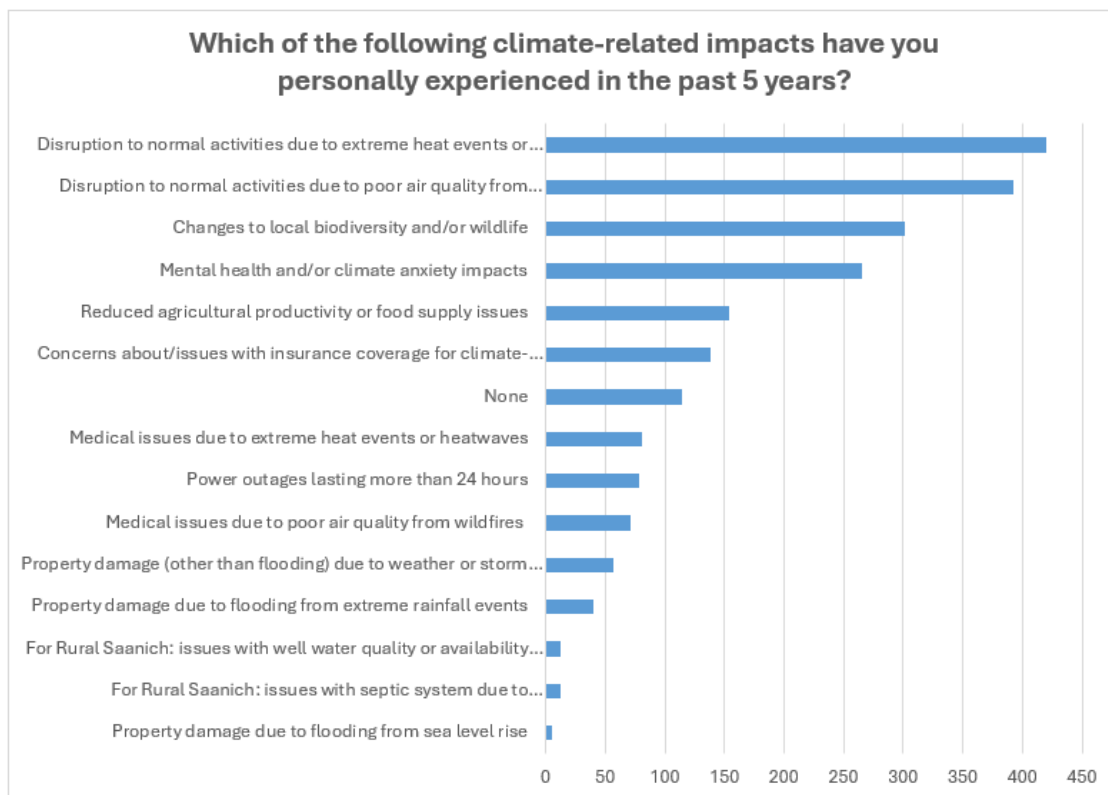


Figure 19. Personal Experience with climate-related impacts from survey results

Over the past five years, the most commonly experienced impacts were disruption to normal activities due to extreme heat event or heatwaves (66%); disruption to normal activities due to poor air quality from wildfires (61%); and changes to local biodiversity of wildlife (47%).

The hazards and/or risks of greatest concern were heatwaves and extreme heat events (51%), wildfires and damages from wildfires happening in our community (41%), and poor air quality from wildfires (36%) (Figure 20). The top hazards/risks that were identified in the 'other' category included loss of biodiversity and urban forests; social instability and mental health impacts; decreasing water quality and marine life.

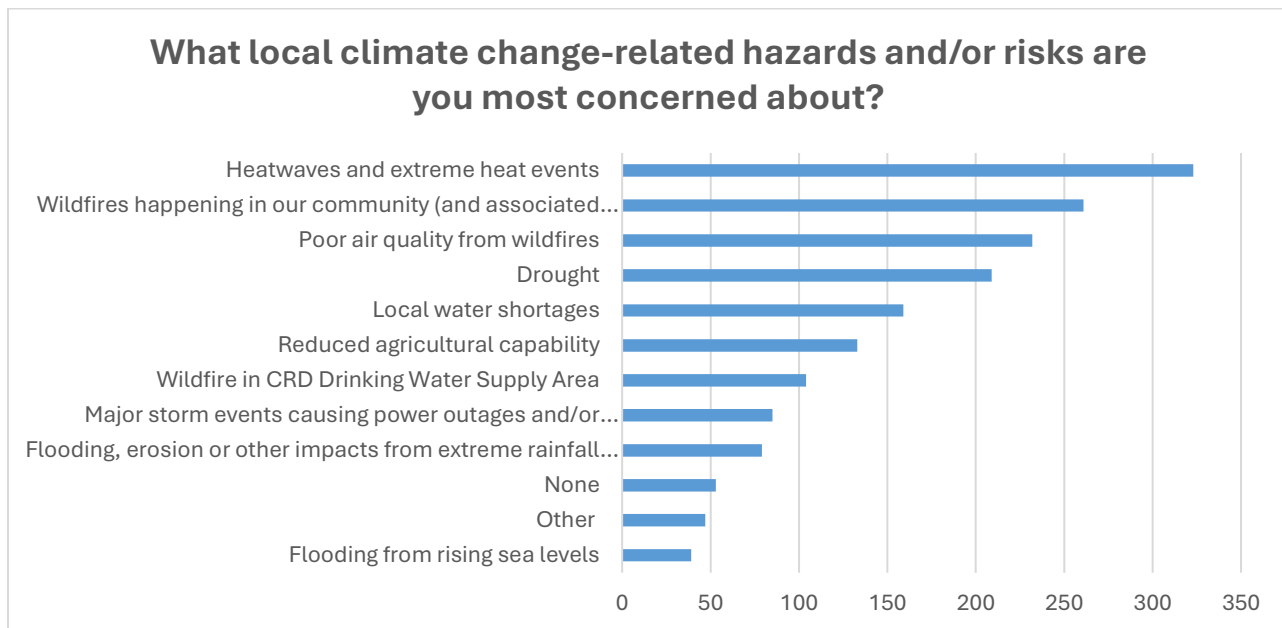


Figure 2010. Climate change-related risks and hazards of concern from survey responses

The expenses that have increased for most respondents potentially due to climate-related factors, include food costs (70%), home or property insurance (54%) and utility bill expenses (48%) (Figure 21).

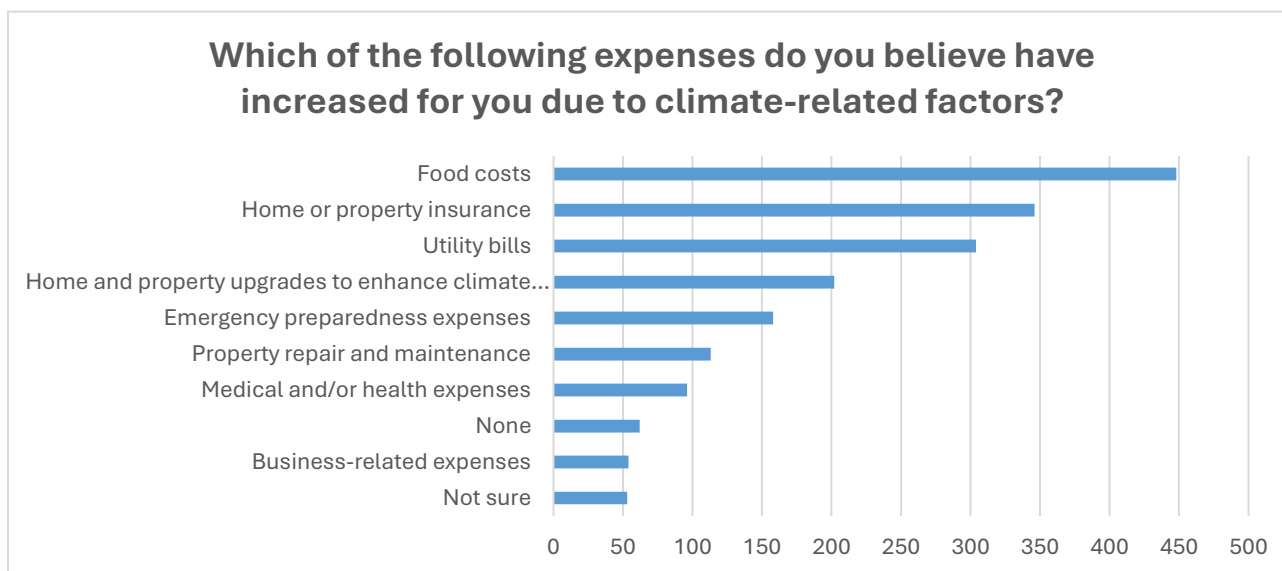


Figure 2111: Expenses increasing due to climate-related factors from survey responses

3.3.4 Survey Questions on Transportation

When asked for their primary mode of transportation (Figure 22), individual driving was the most common mode of transportation (44%), followed by walking or wheelchair (16%) and public transit (16%). When aggregating the categories, there is a relatively equal split between primary transportation modes by motor vehicle (49%) (e.g., individual driving, carpooling, taxi, etc.) vs. transportation by public transit or active transport (51%).

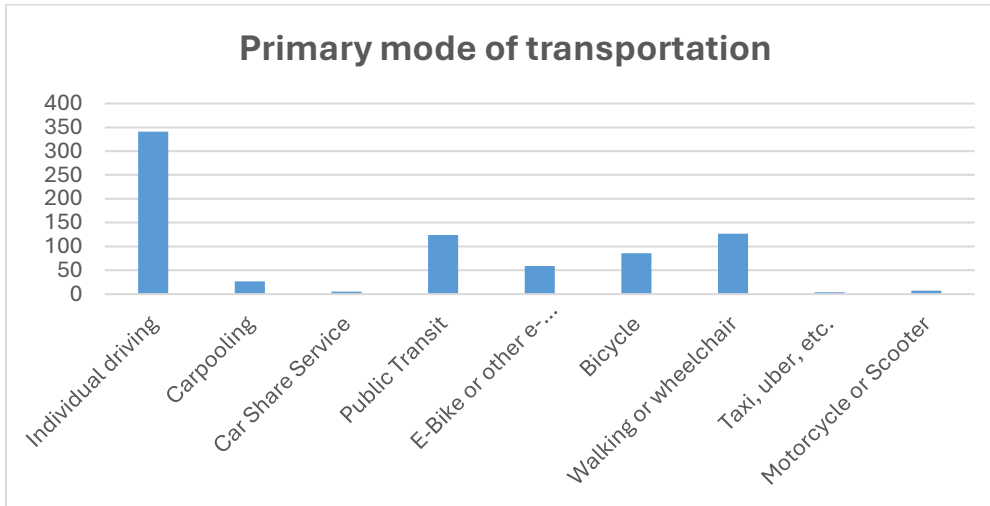


Figure 22. Primary transportation modes from survey responses

When asked what would help respondents choose active modes of transportation more often higher frequency buses (47%), free transit fare (37%) and more protected bike lanes (33%) and more/different bus routes (33%) were the top responses (Figure 23).

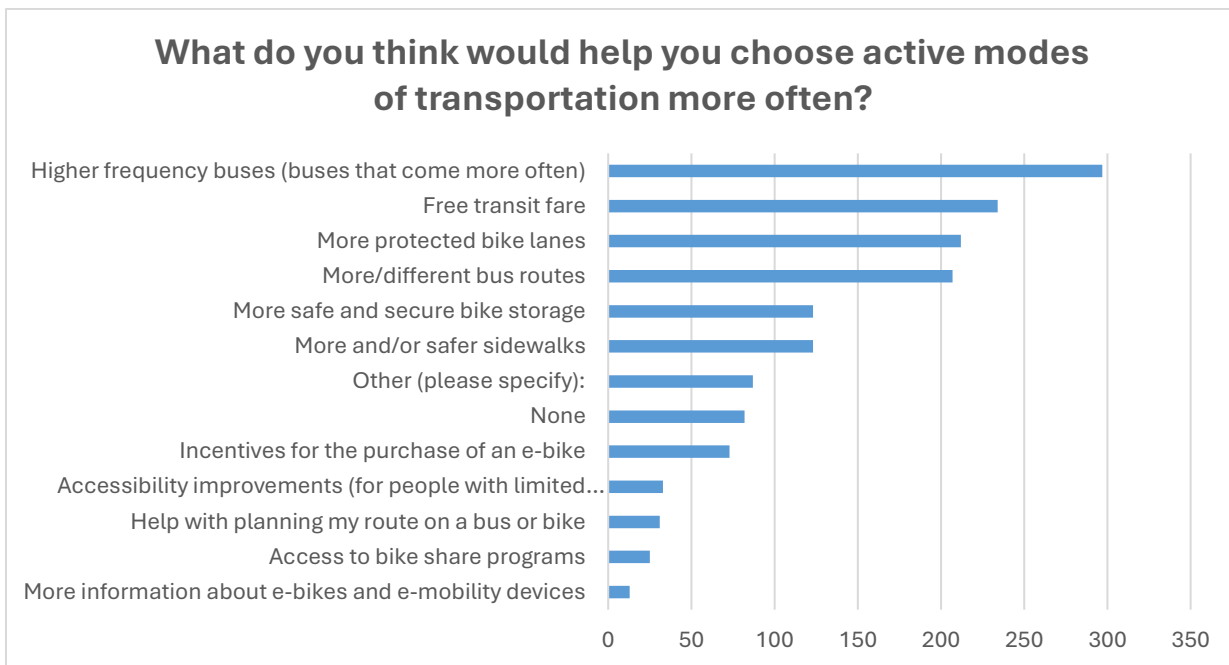


Figure 23. Actions that would help choose active transportation from survey responses

37% of respondents that planned to purchase a vehicle in the future indicated that their next vehicle was either very likely or likely to be an electric vehicle (EV). For those interested in purchasing an EV, purchase incentives (53%), higher performance in battery life and range (45%) and more public charging infrastructure (37%) were the main answers that would help respondents to choose an EV (Figure 24).

66% of respondents indicated that they did not currently own an e-bike or e-mobility device, 24% already own one and 10% were interested in purchasing one. The most impactful options for helping people choose an e-bike or e-mobility device were purchase incentives (39%), and more availability and convenience of end-of-trip infrastructure (e.g. secure bike storage, charging stations, etc.) (33%), as shown in Figure 25.

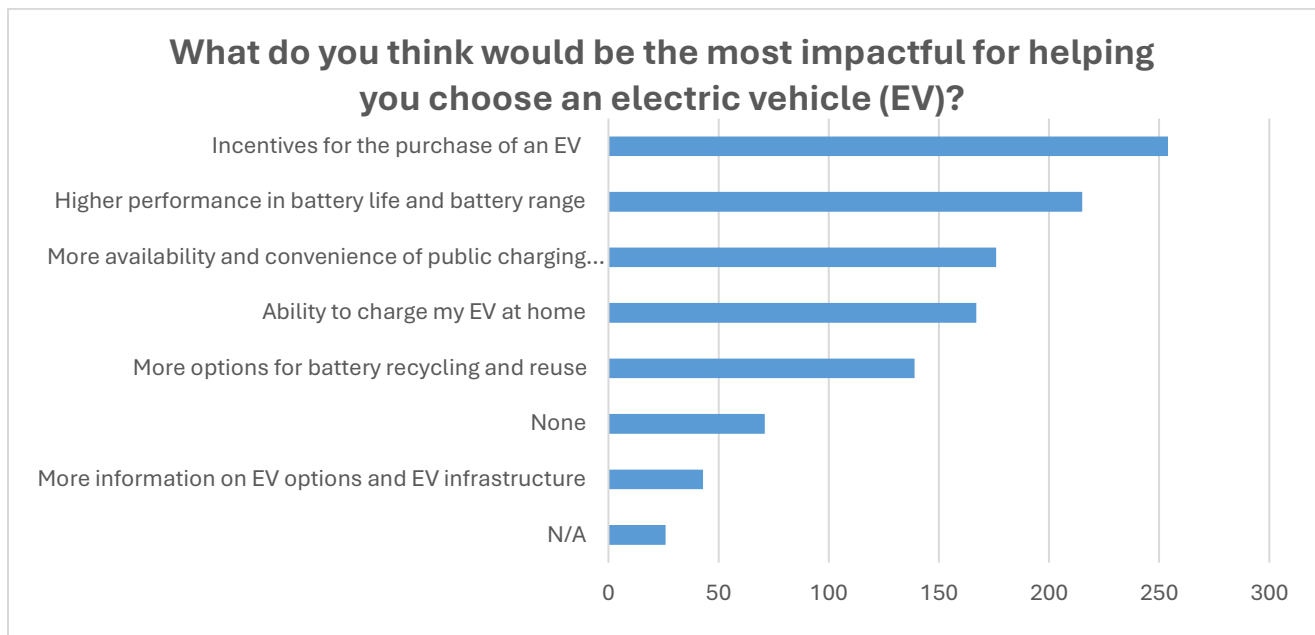


Figure 24. Priority supports for EV purchase from survey responses

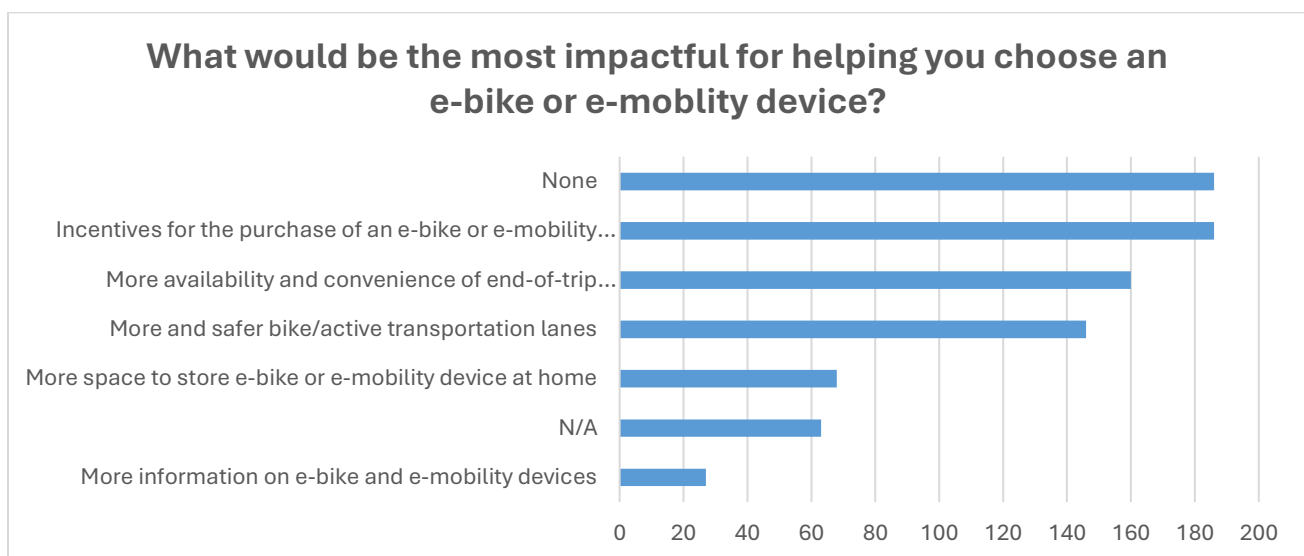


Figure 2512. Priority supports for e-bike or e-mobility device from survey responses

3.3.5 Survey Questions on Buildings and Infrastructure

Most respondents (445, 70%) were Saanich homeowners, with 164 (26%) indicating they were renters, 20 (3%) ‘other’ (e.g., retirement home, public subsidized housing, precariously housed, etc.), and 10 members (2%) in co-op housing. The most common housing type was single-family dwelling (61%), followed by condo/apartment (15%) and secondary suites (11%).

The survey collected household energy sources by end uses (space heating, domestic hot water, fireplace, cooking, clothes dryer and other ancillary uses). For space heating, electricity (e.g., electric baseboards, electric radiant heating, etc.) was the most common energy source, followed by heat pumps and then natural gas. Respondents also primarily used electricity for water heating and clothes dryers, where natural gas was the most common for fireplaces and cooking.

For those using fossil fuels at home, the survey asked if they would be interested in switching to a renewable energy source, with 27% wanting to switch as soon as possible, or sometime in the future, 10% unsure and 19% not wanting to switch at all (Figure 26). 51% were interested in switching to an electric heat pump for heating and cooling, 26% were still unsure, and 23% were not interested (Figure 27).

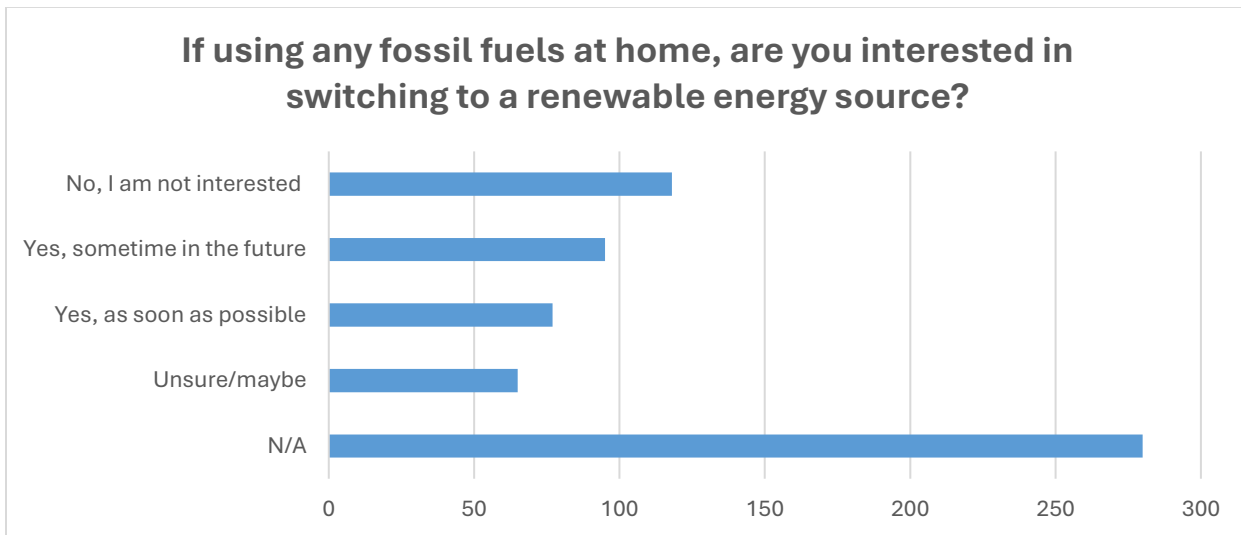


Figure 26. Interest in switching to a renewable energy source from survey responses

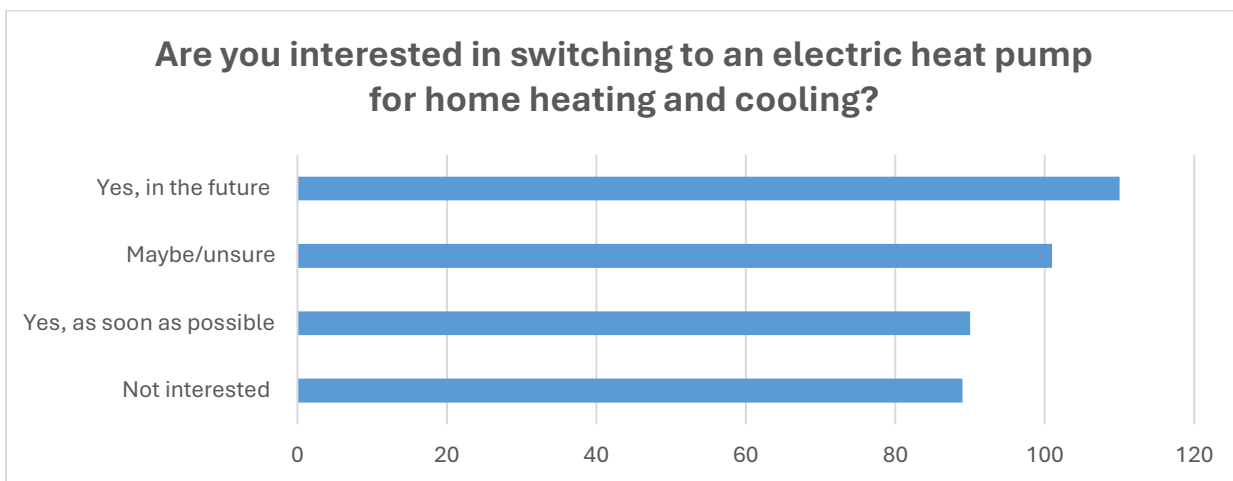


Figure 2713. Interest in switching to an electric heat pump from survey responses

When respondents were asked what they think are the most important actions to support climate action for existing buildings in our community, the top responses were rebates and incentives to lower the installation costs of climate-friendly home upgrades (63%), maintaining low hydro-electricity rates (41%), and incentives or support programs focused on energy upgrades for low income or vulnerable households (34%) (Figure 28).

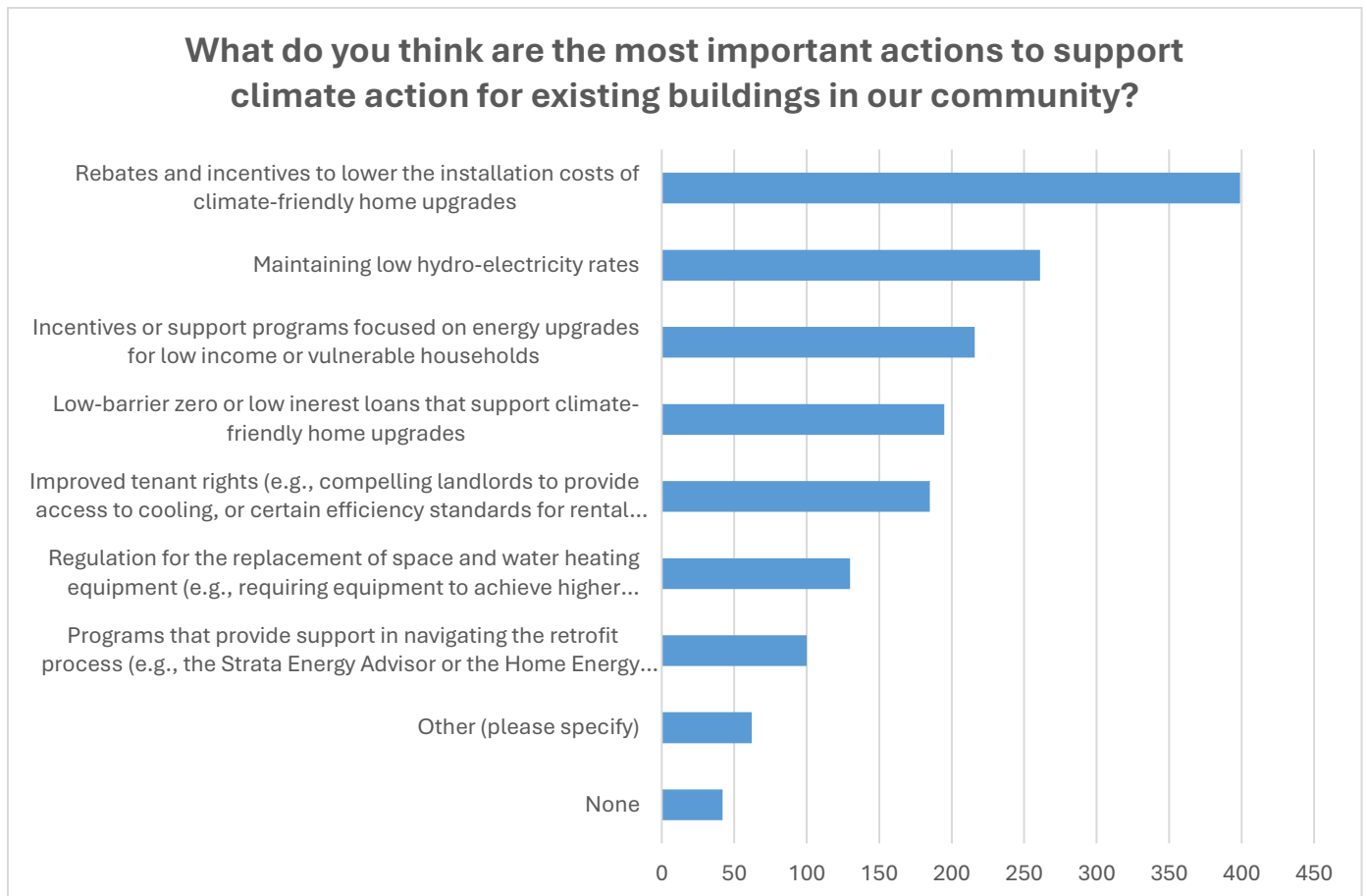


Figure 28. Most important actions to support climate action for existing buildings from survey responses

Homeowners

Homeowners were asked whether they were planning to undertake any home renovations in the next 5 years. Among those planning renovations (37%), the survey asked the likelihood of including energy improvements, fuel switching from fossil fuels to renewable energy or climate adaptation measures. Overall, 65% indicated they are likely or very likely to include one or more of these improvements (Figure 29).

Among those who recently completed upgrades, the most common were window replacements (60%), improved insulation (walls, floors, attic, etc.) (58%) and the switching from fossil fuel heating to a renewable electricity heating system (38%).

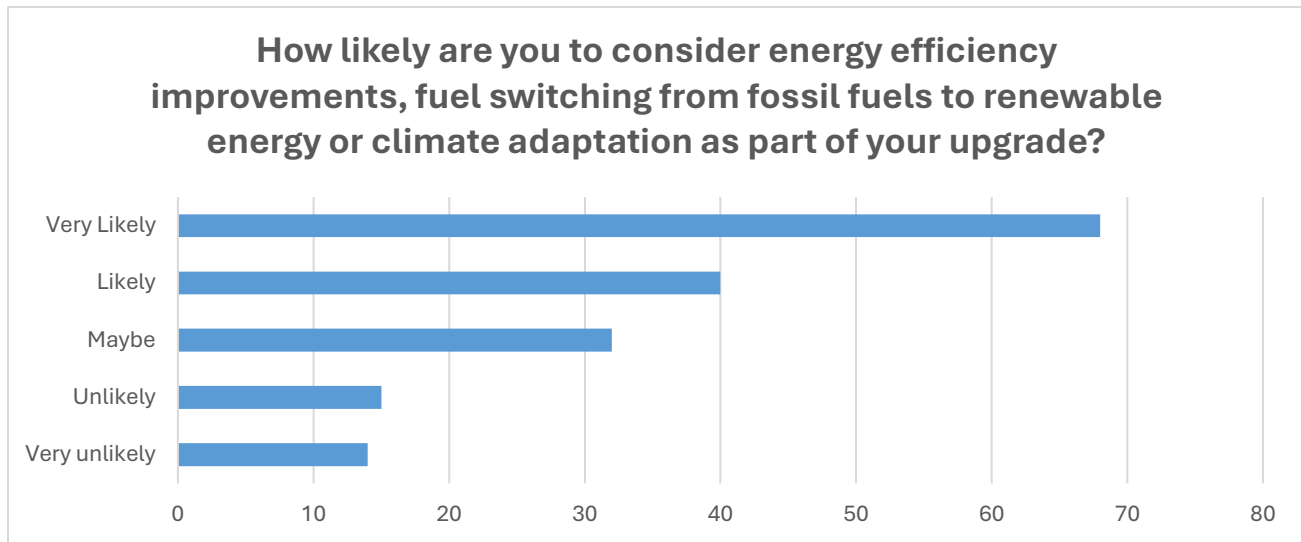


Figure 29. Likelihood of climate-friendly building renovations from survey responses

3.3.6 Survey Questions on Food and Consumption

The survey provided respondents with a list of lighter-living and zero waste measures and asked how frequently they participate in each. The top activities that respondents indicate they follow all the time were composting food scraps (27%), using reusable items (bags, to-go cups, containers, etc.) (18%) and reducing food waste (14%). The activities that were followed the least or never included using shared platforms and services (e.g., car shares, tool libraries) (1%), eating a vegetarian or plant-based diet (5%), recycling all eligible materials (6%) and supporting companies that are truly green or have strong sustainability principles and practices (6%).

When asking residents what may prevent them from choosing climate-friendly foods (e.g., plant based or vegetarian foods) instead of meat and dairy, most indicated preference (51%), higher costs (33%) and dietary/health restrictions as the main reasons (19%). Some other reasons residents provided were concerns around intaking enough protein and nutrition and disliking the ingredients in meat alternatives (Figure 30).

Respondents were also asked about the different places they may get their food. The most common ways respondents access food on a weekly basis is by far through the grocery store (63%), followed by growing food at home (14%) and then local farm stands (6%). A higher number of respondents indicated that they purchase from local farm stands (26%) and farm markets (29%) on a seasonal basis (Figure 31).

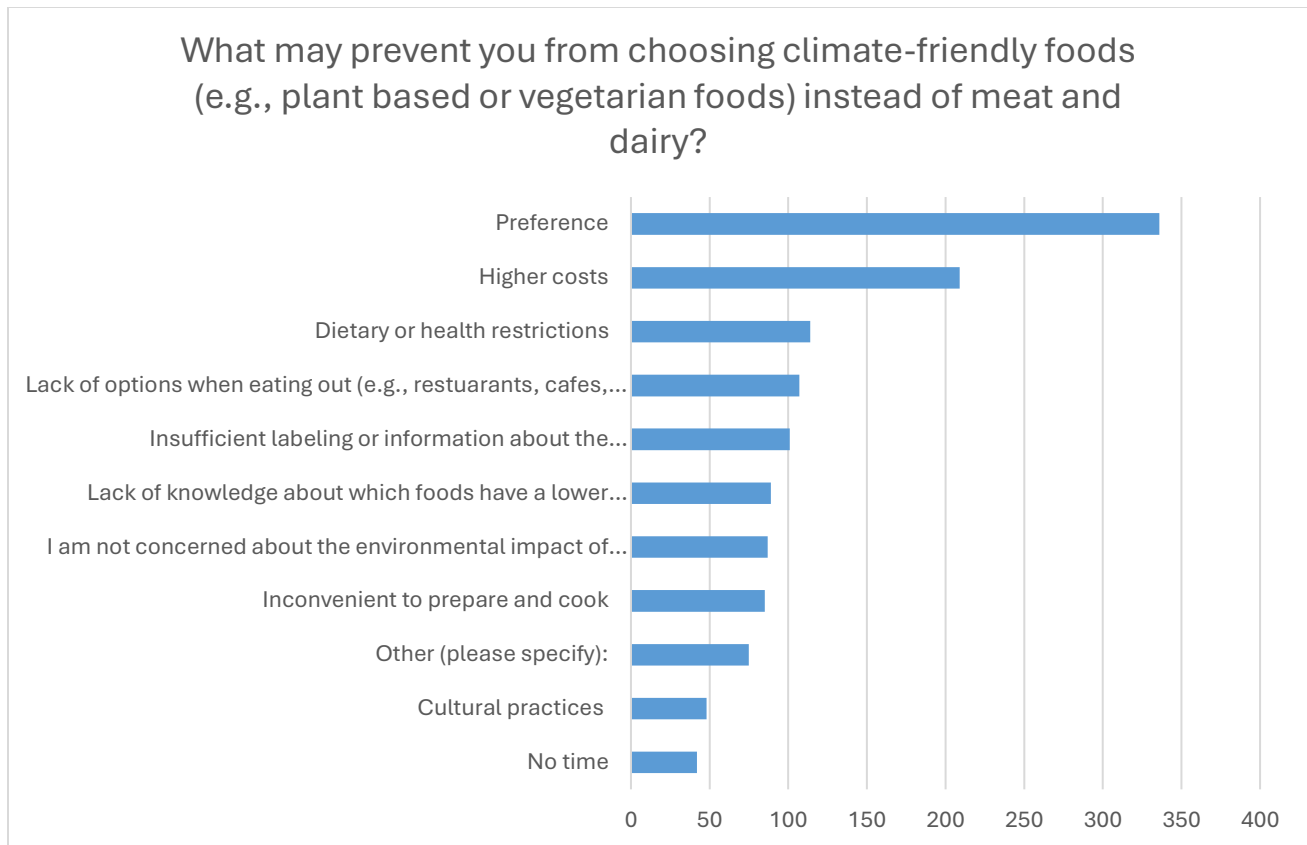


Figure 30. Reasons for consuming meat and dairy from survey responses

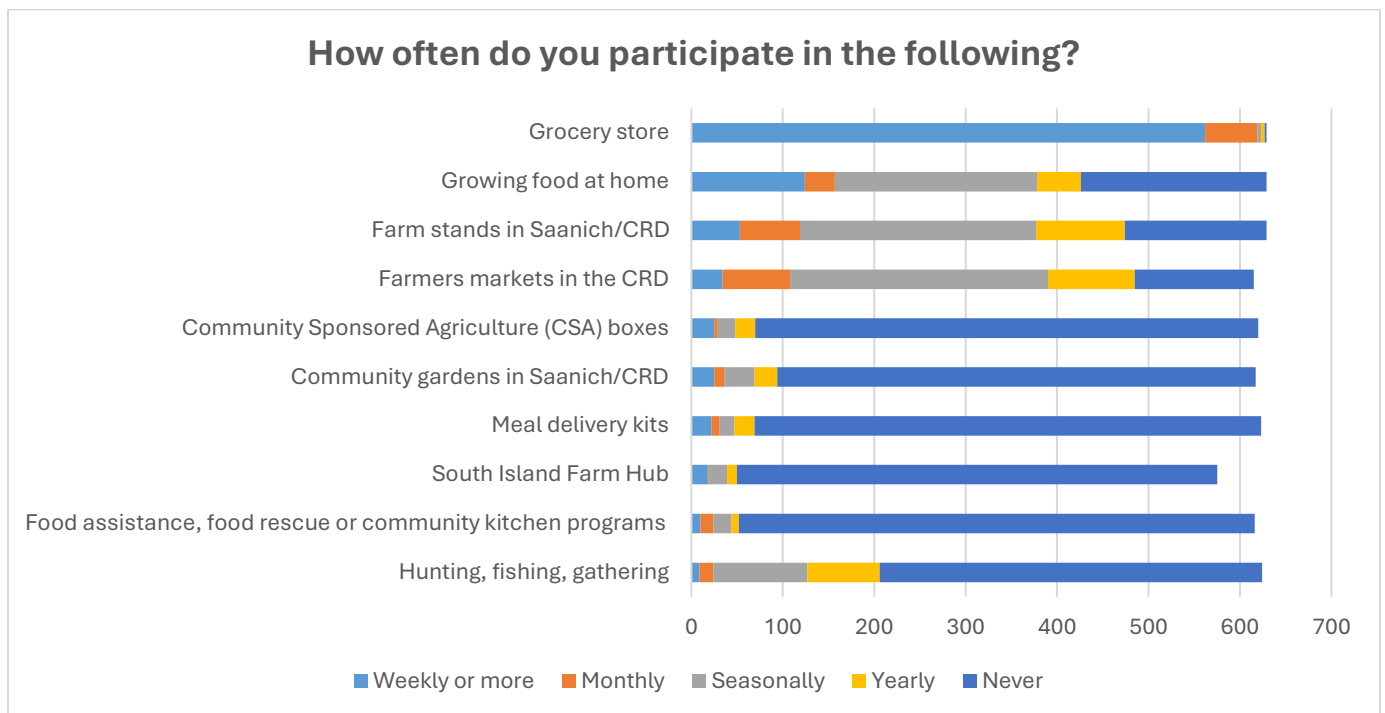


Figure 3114. Places respondents access their food from survey responses

3.4 Open-Ended Responses

The survey’s final open-ended question invited additional comments or ideas for the Climate Plan Update. A total of 243 comments were provided. The most common themes are summarized in Table 5 below:

Table 5. Open-ended question responses summarized by theme

Category	Number of responses	Typical Comments Raised
Transportation: Active modes and road space	44	Requests for more protected bike lanes, safer and more continuous active transportation networks; concerns around bike lanes causing congestion, limiting emergency access and acknowledging some people/ jobs largely rely on vehicles
Governance, Budget, Scope	39	Mixed support for accelerating climate action; concerns about increased taxes and value for money; desire to see increased funding related to urban forest and biodiversity; requests to link the Climate Plan to other Saanich Plans and accelerate related plans; some climate change denial
Urban Forest and biodiversity	35	Strong support for wetland, tree and habitat protection; concerns regarding conflicts with increased density, development and infill as it reduces impervious areas and urban tree canopy
Transit and Regional Trail	33	Frustration with speed, reliability, safety and coverage of bus system; desire for a regional rail system
Buildings and Energy	30	Support for decarbonization; concerns around affordability, incentives, barriers and utility rates
Education, engagement and equity	28	Desires for more outreach to schools and seniors; requests to improve communications to address climate misinformation

3.5 Landscape Scan - Recommendations for Local Governments

To supplement engagement, staff reviewed published documents from different organizations who conducted engagement and/or identified strategies for climate action that are relevant for Saanich.

The following documents were identified through the landscape scan:

- ÁTOL,NEUEL (“Respecting One Another”) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (2021)
- Tsawout Nation Consultation Protocol (2024)
- BC First Nations Climate Strategy and Action Plan (2022)
- Assembly of First Nations National Climate Strategy (2023)
- Métis Nation Climate Change Strategy (2024)

- Climate Change, Intersectionality, and GBA+ in British Columbia (2021)
- City of Victoria Adaptation Engagement (2025)
- A Hot Topic: Feeling the Impacts of Extreme Heat (2023)

The following recommendations from the documents above were identified as being relevant to local governments when undertaking climate action:

Indigenous Relations

- Align with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), B.C. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples' Act (DRIPA), and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) calls to action.
- Support recognition of local First Nations' rights, history, culture, land codes, marine use laws, etc., and follow proper consultation protocols.
- Recognize and protect the legitimacy of Indigenous Knowledge for responding to the climate crisis.
- Support First-Nations led conservation/restoration efforts.
- Recognize First Nations jurisdiction to access, use, and manage their territories and resources, including food and water sources and medicines, in their own self-determined ways.
- Strengthen emergency management, response, and recovery systems within and between First Nations communities.
- Improve public knowledge and understanding of the societal, cultural, health, and economic consequences of climate change impacts on First Nations.

Provincial Engagement

- Plan through an equity and intersectional lens: maximize co-benefits, build capacity, invest in housing/poverty reduction, use disaggregated data and Indigenous Knowledge, and embed Indigenous health/wellness in adaptation.
- Increase representation of women and equity-deserving groups, deepen engagement with those most at risk, and partner with provincial/NGO organizations.

Local Government Engagement

- Ensure transparent/accountable reporting, map climate risks with socioeconomic indicators to target priority neighbourhoods, and track equity indicators.
- Fund community-led initiatives (including peer emergency networks and micro-grants), deliver equitable financial assistance and green-jobs training, and provide culturally safe, trauma-informed resources.

Academic Engagement

- Extend hours at municipal cooling facilities during heat events, accommodate pets at cooling centers, and include pet emergency planning in all public emergency guidance.
- Resource neighbourhood networks to check on and assist residents during heat, and advocate to the Province for programs that ensure low-income and otherwise disadvantaged households can keep cool at home.

3.6 Climate Equity by Design – Engagement by Community Social Planning Council

The Community Social Planning Council (CSPC) was contracted to lead engagement with select community groups in Saanich that are disproportionately impacted by climate change. A range of community groups and organizations serving equity-deserving populations were engaged, including but not limited to Indigenous Peoples, visible minorities, newcomers, low-income households, people with disabilities and diverse abilities, seniors and youth.

Table 6 summarizes the engagement activities completed by the CSPC. See the [Saanich Climate Equity by Design 2026](#) report for a full overview of the engagement approach, participating groups, findings and overarching recommendations for how Saanich can advance equity and diversity through the 2026 Climate Plan.

Table 6. Community Social Planning Council Climate Equity Engagement Events

Method of Engagement	Engagement Activities	Approximate # Engaged
Survey analysis	Analysis of responses from individuals who self-identified as belonging to an equity-deserving group in the Climate Plan Update survey (Section 3.3)	412
In-person engagement sessions	Seven in-person sessions invited participants to share lived experiences, priorities, and concerns through open dialogue and art-based methods	120
Online survey	Eight multiple-choice and short-answer survey questions were distributed to organizations unable to participate in the in-person sessions	60

Extreme heat and wildfire smoke were identified as the most reported climate hazards, impacting physical health, mental wellbeing, daily routines, and access to outdoor spaces. Heavy precipitation and flooding were also widely reported, contributing to mobility challenges, property damage, and economic stress. Participants described experiences of rising food costs, utilities, and insurance expenses linked to climate change which disproportionately impacts low-income households. Climate anxiety and concern for future generations were common across equity deserving groups. Engagement findings also highlighted a need for adaptive strategies, including reliance on community networks, behavioural adjustments, and sustainable lifestyle practices, as Saanich residents navigate ongoing climate impacts.

4.0 PHASE 2 ENGAGEMENT

While extensive engagement was undertaken with a diverse population throughout the first phase of engagement, the second phase presented an opportunity to share and receive feedback on the Draft 2026 Climate Plan and identify any gaps.

4.1 Engagement Activities

As extensive community and equity-centered engagement, as well as a detailed survey was completed during Phase 1, Phase 2 focused on a broader survey asking respondents to comment on proposed strategies and actions in the Draft 2026 Climate Plan. Staff also completed a small number of additional engagement activities to promote the survey and receive feedback on the Draft Plan.

In total, an additional 380 individuals were engaged during Phase 2 engagement. A summary of engagement activities is in Table 7.

Table 7. Key Phase 2 Engagement Activities

Activity	Date (2026)	Involvement	Approximate # Engaged
Saanich Earth Day Festival	April 20	Climate Stall with spin wheel quiz for kids	50
Claremont School	April 22	Presentation + workshop	84
Royal Oak Middle School	May 8	Presentation	24
University of Victoria Civil Engineering Students	March	Presentation	20
Draft 2026 Climate Plan Survey	May 7 – May 22	Online survey	202

4.2 Engagement with Claremont Secondary School

Staff completed two workshops with grade 10 and 12 students in the IGS (Institute for Global Solutions) program at Claremont Secondary School. Students provided feedback on the proposed actions in the Draft Plan. The workshop activity broke students up into focus areas and asked them to answer questions about two proposed actions:

1. How do you think this action helps Saanich address climate change?
2. Would this action make a difference in your day-to-day life and/or in the life of other people your age?
3. How can we make sure this action works well for everyone in Saanich (e.g., people of different ages, incomes, ethnicities, household types, neighbourhoods, etc.)?
4. What do you think are the biggest barriers to implementing this action?

Table 8 provides a summary of student feedback from the workshop.

Table 8. Phase 2 Engagement Workshop Input from Claremont Secondary Students

Proposed Actions	Reasoning
<p>Transportation & Land Use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the increased use of e-bikes and other micro-mobility devices in the community Advocate to the Victoria Regional Transit Service (VRTC), the Capital Regional District (CRD), and the Province to accelerate transit service expansion and investment 	<p>Students identified that these actions could make daily life easier by reducing traffic, lowering transportation costs, and improving mobility for young people and others without access to a car. The actions would work best if they were affordable, reliable and available across Saanich, though cost, safety concerns, and resistance to change could be barriers.</p>
<p>Buildings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accelerate the installation of solar and other on-site renewables Advocate to the Province for the policy needed to effectively regulate emissions and ensure thermal safety in existing buildings, as well as the programs and supports to ensure a successful transition 	<p>Students said these actions would help Saanich address climate change by reducing emissions and increasing renewable energy use. The actions could improve safety and quality of life during extreme heat, especially in summer. These actions would work best with strong education, rebates, and accessible options for lower-income households and stratas.</p>
<p>Food, Consumption & Waste</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage residents to choose low-carbon foods and reduce food waste Mobilize residents and businesses towards "lighter living" 	<p>Students felt these actions would help address climate change by reducing food-related emissions, lowering waste, and encouraging more sustainable choices. They also said these actions could help with better education, as well as community connection through third spaces. The main barriers students identified were cost, time, and resistance to changing habits.</p>
<p>Ecosystems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect and expand the urban forest and green infrastructure Restore natural areas to increase climate resiliency 	<p>Students felt these actions could improve daily life by creating more accessible outdoor spaces, cleaner air, and better places for young people and families to spend time. They felt it would work best if green spaces are accessible, close to neighbourhoods, and clearly supported by public information.</p>
<p>Community Wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply an equity lens Expand neighbourhood level climate resiliency programs 	<p>Students felt these actions would help make climate action more equitable by reducing financial and social barriers and supporting mental well-being. They highlighted that lots of youth are experiencing anxiety around climate change, and these actions would help them feel included in climate action.</p>

4.3 Draft 2026 Climate Plan Survey and Feedback

The Draft 2026 Climate Plan was released on May 7, 2026, with an accompanying survey for the public to provide feedback until May 22, 2026. The survey consisted of eight open-ended questions to gather feedback on the proposed actions across each of the six focus areas (transportation and land use; buildings; food, waste and consumption; ecosystems; and leadership in district operations), and five optional demographic questions (see Appendix D). Respondents were encouraged to review the Draft 2026 Climate Plan before completing the survey.

4.2.1 Response rates and Demographic Information

In total, 202 surveys were fully completed/submitted. 183 (90%) of the responses were from Saanich residents and 18 (9%) were from residents living elsewhere in Greater Victoria. The survey was only open to residents of Saanich or Greater Victoria.

Age: respondents ranged from under 15 to 66+, with the highest age groups being 66+ (24%), 36-45 (20%) and 56-65 (13%), and the lowest being ages 15-25 (2%), prefer not to say (10%) and 26-35 (10%).

Gender: 44% of respondents were men, 31% women, 2% non-binary and 1% other

Diversity: respondents' identities included 6% 2SLGBTQ+, 5% newcomer or immigrant, 5% person with disability, 3% Indigenous and 3% visible minority

Income: 23% of respondents had an income between \$100,000 and \$150,000, 23% chose not to disclose, and 15% were greater than \$150,000/year. The least responses came from annual incomes under \$50,000.

Housing: 79% of respondents owned their home, while 11% rented

4.2.2 Survey Responses

Focus Area 1 – Land Use and Transportation

Table 9. Land use and Transportation Key Feedback Summary

Theme	Summary of Feedback
Public transit and regional coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public transit improvements were among the most consistently supported actions Support for stronger coordination with BC Transit, neighbouring municipalities, and regional partners
Walking infrastructure and pedestrian safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for more sidewalks, safer crossings, and better pedestrian infrastructure
Bike parking and end-of-trip facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for stronger bike parking requirements in multi-unit buildings and more secure end-of-trip cycling facilities
Incorporating trees and green infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for tree protection and integrating green infrastructure into transportation projects
Accessibility and mobility needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Several responses emphasized that transportation initiatives should not reduce mobility for seniors, people with disabilities, families, rural

Theme	Summary of Feedback
	residents, and others with practical transportation constraints, mainly as it pertains to reducing traffic lanes
Electric vehicles (EVs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many respondents supported increased EV adoption and enhanced access to charging infrastructure • Some concerns around the environmental impact of EV batteries and embodied emissions • Others stated that EVs should not take precedence over actions focused on land use and active transportation
Land use and compact communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some support for compact communities to reduce energy use and vehicle travel • Some concerns around densification increasing traffic and reducing the tree canopy, permeability, and neighbourhood character
Bike lane expansion and lane reallocation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several respondents opposed further bike lane expansion where it removes vehicle lanes or parking, citing congestion, idling, and emergency access concerns • Others strongly supported expanding protected bike lanes to improve safety and support mode shift
Municipal costs and affordability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some concerns around municipal costs, rising property taxes, and affordability, including whether implementation costs for transportation projects are justified

Focus Area 2 – Buildings

Table 10. Buildings Key Feedback Summary

Theme	Summary of Feedback
Solar energy and on-site renewables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for more solar on municipal, multi-unit and other buildings • Support for more incentives or financing for solar integration • Support for stronger integration of renewables in new development
Protection of trees, green spaces and biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong support for protecting mature trees, green spaces, shading and biodiversity, especially in relation to new development and densification
Building retrofits and incentives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for actions related to improving the climate resilience of buildings by addressing overheating, cooling and air quality • Support for expanded incentives and enhanced support programs • Some concerns around the effectiveness of rebate programs and equipment costs, noise and maintenance

Theme	Summary of Feedback
Building longevity and waste reduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for retaining existing buildings, designing new buildings to last longer, deconstructing rather than demolishing and recycling or reclaiming building materials
Building electrification and fossil fuel phase-out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some support to ban fossil fuels in new buildings and shift to electrification • Some concern around fuel bans due to affordability, power outage/back-up and consumer choice
Affordability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some concern around increases in taxes and housing costs due to net-zero standards, regulations and retrofits

Focus Area 3 – Food, Consumption and Waste

Table 11. Food, Consumption and Waste Key Feedback Summary

Theme	Summary of Feedback
Local food production and food security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong support for actions that strengthen local food production through the protection of agricultural land, supporting local farms and expanding opportunities for food growth • Calls for more direct support for local farmers through incentives, grants, structured programs, cost reductions and greater support with climate adaptation
Food waste reduction and organics management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for actions that reduce food waste and improve organics management • Calls for stricter regulations to reduce food waste from businesses and restaurants • Calls for better use of municipal compost and stronger enforcement of organics sorting
Equity, access and food affordability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calls to ensure actions related to food resilience support the needs of lower-income households, renters, unhoused residents and people without access to green and garden spaces
Recycling, packaging and producer responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for actions that improve recycling pathways, reduce single-use packaging and hold businesses and producers more accountable for packaging materials • Some concerns around additional regulations causing an additional burden on local businesses, farmers and residents
Circular economy initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for enhanced circular economy initiatives (e.g., repair cafes, tool libraries) • Some concerns around terms like “lighter living” and “circular economy” and desire to understand what these mean in practice
Low carbon foods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some support for promoting low carbon food diets • Some concerns that these actions are outside of the municipality’s role

Focus Area 4 – Ecosystems

Table 12. Ecosystems Key Feedback

Theme	Summary of Feedback
Urban forest protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong support for protecting mature trees and expanding the urban forest, especially as it relates to shade, cooling, habitat, stormwater management and carbon storage • Support for stronger tree protection and maintenance
Green infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong support for actions that integrate more green infrastructure into streets, development and public spaces, especially as it pertains to protection from climate hazards
Restoration and biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong support for restoring and enhancing natural areas, sensitive ecological areas and waterways, protecting biodiversity and removing invasive species
Natural assets in decision-making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for embedding natural assets into municipal decision-making • Support for clearer monitoring and implementation
Wildfire risk and fire management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for stronger wildfire preparedness and land management practices to reduce fire risk, including cultural burning practices • Some respondents requesting more information on what management practices would look like
Ecosystem protection and development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns around densification and development leading to loss of trees, green space, and habitat, impacting tree canopy goals, biodiversity protection, and climate resilience

Focus Area 5 – Community Well-Being

Table 13. Community Well-Being Key Feedback

Theme	Summary of Feedback
Protection from extreme heat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong support for measures to protect residents from extreme heat, including increased cooling amenities, more shading in public spaces and greener neighbourhood designs
Stormwater management, flood protection and sea level rise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for stronger actions on stormwater management, rainwater capture and flood protection including more nature-based solutions • Some support for proactive planning for sea level rise • Some questioned whether sea level rise is a significant enough local issue for focusing action
Wildfire preparedness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for actions related to wildfire preparedness, FireSmart approaches and air quality measures, calling for air filter programs and protection for vulnerable residents

Theme	Summary of Feedback
Partnering with First Nations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some respondents requested stronger collaboration with First Nations and greater use of Indigenous knowledge in resilience planning
Grants, incentives and support to community groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some support for programs and incentives that help residents and organizations to improve climate resilience Some concern regarding municipal spending related to these actions
Equity lens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support in applying an equity lens to climate actions Calls for more explicit support for vulnerable groups and clearer examples of what this looks like in practice

Focus Area 6 – Leadership in District Operations

Table 14. Leadership in District Operations Key Feedback

Theme	Summary of Feedback
Municipal leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong support for the District taking action within its own operations, emphasizing the importance of municipal accountability A small number of respondents disagreed with the District working on climate action and/or questioned the District’s role
Sustainable purchasing and waste reduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong support for actions that improve waste diversion, zero-waste practices and more responsible procurement from municipal operations
Low-carbon municipal facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for designing/retrofitting municipal facilities to be more energy efficient Some concerns around the costs and practicality of these actions
Fleet and equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for reducing emissions from District vehicles and equipment Some concerns about cost, market readiness and practicality of these actions
Low carbon foods at municipal events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some support for modelling low-carbon foods at municipal events Some questions around the municipality’s role in influencing diets
AI and technology use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some support for the cautious and limited use of AI Some concerns on the environmental impact of AI undermining climate goals
Cost, taxes and affordability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some support for integrating climate considerations into asset management planning, budgeting and council decision-making Many respondents emphasized that climate work should have a clear return on investment or identified a desire to see no additional burden to taxpayers

5.0 CONCLUSION

In total, over 1,500 individuals were engaged at 22 key events/activities throughout 2025 and 2026 as part of the 2026 Climate Plan development. While it is important to note that feedback was not statistically valid, highlights from the engagement include the following:

- Most people want Saanich to reduce GHGs in both municipal operations and across the community, and to act to protect our community from and adapt to climate hazards.
- Participants identified that their biggest reasons to act on climate change are to protect future generations, improve health and wellbeing, and protect local ecosystems.
- Most respondents have already experienced and are concerned about climate-related impacts, mainly extreme heat events/heatwaves and wildfires/poor air quality.
- Respondents place a high priority on protecting vulnerable residents (e.g., unhoused and low-income people, seniors, children, people with disabilities, outdoor workers, etc.) when planning climate adaptation to address climate hazards.
- Compared to the engagement feedback for the 2020 Climate Plan, there were some public survey responses related to affordability and costs, a small decrease in survey respondents rating it “somewhat/moderately–very important” that Saanich take climate action, and a very small proportion of survey respondents that did not believe in climate change.

The findings from both phases of engagement have been used to inform the final 2026 Climate Plan and will be used to support climate action implementation moving forwards.

APPENDIX A: KEY STAKEHOLDER LIST

The following table provides a list of stakeholders considered as part of the Climate Plan development. This list may be expanded as the plan is further developed and it should be noted that different stakeholders are engaged at different levels of the IAP2 spectrum. Local First Nations are rights holders and were also contacted as described in the main part of the document.

Key Stakeholders	
Saanich Council, Committees & Corporation	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> District of Saanich Council Sustainability & Climate Action Advisory Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accessibility & Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Advisory Committee
Other Governments and Health Institutions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CRD staff Provincial Government staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other regional municipalities as required Vancouver Island Health Authority
Educational Institutions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University of Victoria Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium Camosun College Royal Roads University 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Claremont Secondary School Mt Doug Secondary School Royal Oak Middle School One Planet Saanich School
Community Members and Organizations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Public and Residents Saanich Community Associations Saanich Community Association Network (SCAN) Cadboro Bay Village Business Improvement Association Greater Victoria Acting Together for the Common Good (GVAT) One Planet Saanich Community Social Planning Council of Greater Victoria (CSPC) Victoria Native Friendship Centre UVIC Community Cabbage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gordon Head Community Centre – The Backdoor Teen Centre Albina Supportive Housing Gordon Head Community Centre – The Backdoor Teen Centre Saanich Centennial Library Branch 1 UP Single Parent Resource Intercultural Association (ICA) Greater Victoria Rent Bank Silver Threads Service UVIC Community Engaged Learning Program (CEL) Diverse Abilities Programs Inc.
Environmental Agencies	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bear Hill Elk Lake Community Coalition Friends of Bowker Creek Society Friends of Cedar Hill Park Society Friends of Glencoe Cove 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MyClimate Plan Rithet’s Bog Conservation Society Saanich Legacy Foundation Costal Invasive Species Committee

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friends of Harriet Road • Friends of Tod Creek Watershed • Friends of Mt. Doug • Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garry Oak Ecosystems Recovery Team • Mt. Tolmie Conservancy Association • Climate Hub
Climate and Energy Organizations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC Sustainable Energy Association (BCSEA) • Community Energy Association (CEA) • South Island Climate Action Network (SI-CAN) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Coast Climate Action Network (WE-CAN) • Creatively United for the Planet
Economic Development Agencies & Business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce • Tourism Victoria (Greater Victoria Visitors and Convention Bureau) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vancouver Island Economic Alliance • Vancouver Island Technology Park • Synergy Foundation
Food and Agriculture	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital Region Food & Agriculture Initiative Roundtable • Haliburton Farm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lifecycles • South Vancouver Island Farmers' Institute • Victoria Compost Education Centre
Transportation	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital Bike • BC Transit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better Transit Alliance of Greater Victoria • Drive Electric Victoria

APPENDIX B: PHASE 1 CLIMATE PLAN SURVEY



Saanich Climate Plan Survey

This survey can be returned in person to the reception desk at the following locations:

- 4636 Elk Lake Drive (Saanich Commonwealth Place)
- 3220 Cedar Hill Road (Cedar Hill Recreation Centre)
- 770 Vernon Ave (Municipal Hall)

Or by mail to:

District of Saanich - Sustainability
1- 3350 Douglas St.
Victoria, BC, V8Z 3L1

This survey should take approximately 10 minutes, and you can enter to win a \$500 gift card to your bike store of choice (within the CRD), \$100 gift card to Aunty Collective; or 1 of 3 \$40 gift cards to Big Wheel Burger.

Most of the actions from the 2020 Climate Plan have now been completed or are well underway. We have made significant progress towards our goals, including a 19% reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from our 2007 baseline. An updated Climate Plan will confirm what actions we need to get us to our 2030 and 2050 goals, while accounting for major changes in global and local contexts, including more extreme weather events, a housing and affordability crisis, and increasing political and economic uncertainty.

An updated Climate Plan will address both:

- Climate change mitigation (reducing our GHG emissions), and
- Climate change adaptation (being prepared and resilient to climate impacts) in our community.

The Plan will also focus on opportunities to improve the various co-benefits of climate action, including affordability, green jobs, mental and physical wellbeing, environmental health, and quality of life.

Your input will be used to help us inform the updated Climate Plan and identify the actions necessary to help us achieve our climate goals.

To learn more visit saanich.ca/climateplan.



Participation in this survey is voluntary, and a response is encouraged, not required. IP addresses collected by SimpleSurvey and other information collected will be stored on SimpleSurvey's servers located within Canada. It is not the District's intention to collect personal information, so please do not provide any third-party information (i.e. talk about others) and/or any personally identifiable information about yourself in your responses.

Your information is being collected for the purpose of engagement for developing the updated Saanich Climate Plan and supporting strategies and is authorized under the Local Government Act, Community Charter and sections 26(c),(e) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Questions about privacy can be directed to the District of Saanich Privacy Officer at 770 Vernon Ave, Victoria BC, V8W 2W7, 250-475-1775, foi@saanich.ca.

For more information, please contact sustainability@saanich.ca.

Do you consent to these terms? Yes

If you checked yes, move on to the next question.

General Climate Action

Climate change is caused by greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, mainly from burning fossil fuels (i.e., natural gas, oil, propane, diesel and gasoline). Climate action includes reducing our impact on the climate (mitigation) and preparing for climate changes that are already occurring or will occur (adaptation). See saanich.ca/climateprogress to learn more.

1. How concerned are you about climate change? (choose one)

- Extremely concerned
- Very concerned
- Moderately concerned
- Slightly concerned
- Not at all concerned

2. How important is it to you that Saanich take action to reduce GHG emissions in municipal operations and in the community? (choose one)

- Extremely important
- Very important
- Moderately important
- Slightly important
- Not at all important



3. Have you seen or used the Saanich Climate Calculator and/or Saanich Resident's Climate Action Guidebook? Access

- Yes
- No

4. Actions to address climate change can have other benefits. Please identify how important each benefit is to you.

	Absolutely Essential	Very Important	Of Average Importance	Of Little Importance	Not Important at All
Increased health and well-being (e.g., cleaner air, improved mental/physical health)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day-to-day cost savings (e.g, cheaper at home heating bills)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Future cost savings (e.g., avoiding the high cost of climate-induced damage by preparing today)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved comfort and convenience (e.g., a cool home during a heat wave)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economic development (e.g, green jobs)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Feeling more resilient and prepared (e.g., stronger food systems, emergency preparedness)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protected and biodiverse ecosystems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protecting future generations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protecting those most vulnerable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Are there any other benefits that are important to you? (optional):

Climate Adaptation

Climate modeling for the Capital Region predicts that we will experience more extreme weather events such as increasingly hotter days and more heatwaves, with less snowfall in the cold months and less rain in the summer months, and more intense rainfall events. These changes will lead to a growing risk of wildfire, flooding, drought, sea level rise and smoke within the region.

5. Which of the following climate-related impacts have you personally experienced in the past 5 years? (check all that apply)

- Disruption to normal activities due to extreme heat events or heatwaves
- Medical issues due to extreme heat events or heatwaves
- Disruption to normal activities due to poor air quality from wildfires
- Medical issues due to poor air quality from wildfires
- Mental health and/or climate anxiety impacts
- Property damage due to flooding from extreme rainfall events
- Property damage due to flooding from sea level rise
- Property damage (other than flooding) due to weather or storm events
- Power outages lasting more than 24 hours
- Concerns about/issues with insurance coverage for climate-related damage
- Changes to local biodiversity and/or wildlife
- Reduced agricultural productivity or food supply issues
- For Rural Saanich: issues with septic system due to precipitation changes
- For Rural Saanich: issues with well water quality or availability due to precipitation changes
- None

6. What local climate change-related hazards and/or risks are you most concerned about? (choose up to three)

- Heatwaves and extreme heat events
- Wildfires happening in our community (and associated damage)
- Poor air quality from wildfires
- Wildfire in CRD Drinking Water Supply Area
- Flooding, erosion or other impacts from extreme rainfall events
- Flooding from rising sea levels



- Major storm events causing power outages and/or property damage
- Drought
- Local water shortages
- Reduced agricultural capability
- None
- Other (please specify):

7. Which of the following expenses do you believe have increased for you due to climate-related factors? (check all that apply)

- Food costs
- Utility bills
- Home or property insurance
- Property repair and maintenance
- Home and property upgrades to enhance climate resilience
- Medical and/or health expenses
- Business-related expenses
- Emergency preparedness expenses
- Not sure
- None

Transportation

Transportation is the largest source of community-wide GHG emissions in Saanich. The majority of these come from the use of personal vehicles. To learn more read the Mobility Chapter (pg. 12-16) of our 2024 Climate Plan Report Card (saanich.ca/climateprogress).

8. Please indicate how frequently you use each of the following modes of transportation:

	Primarily	Secondarily	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
Individual driving	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carpooling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Car share service (e.g., Modo, Evo)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public transit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E-bike or other e-mobility device	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bicycle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Walking or wheelchair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



	Primarily	Secondarily	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
Taxi, uber, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Motorcycle or scooter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. What do you think would help you choose active modes of transportation more often?
(choose up to three)

- Higher frequency buses (buses that come more often)
- Free transit fare
- More/different bus routes
- More protected bike lanes
- More and/or safer sidewalks
- Incentives for the purchase of an e-bike
- More information about e-bikes and e-mobility devices
- More safe and secure bike storage
- Access to bike share programs
- Accessibility improvements (for people with limited mobility)
- Help with planning my route on a bus or bike
- None
- Other (please specify):

10. If you plan to purchase a future vehicle, how likely is it that your next vehicle will be electric?

- Very likely
- Likely
- Unlikely
- Very unlikely
- Unsure
- I do not plan on purchasing a vehicle - **skip to question 12**
- I already own an electric vehicle - **skip to question 12**

11. What do you think would be the most impactful for helping you choose an electric vehicle (EV)? (choose up to three)

- Incentives for the purchase of an EV
- More availability and convenience of public charging infrastructure
- Ability to charge my EV at home
- Higher performance in battery life and battery range



- More information on EV options and EV infrastructure
- More options for battery recycling and reuse
- None
- N/A

12. Do you own an e-bike or e-mobility device (e.g., electric kick scooter)

- Yes, for my own use **-skip to question 14**
- Yes, shared with friends/family **-skip to question 14**
- I plan to buy one in the future
- No

13. What would be the most impactful for helping you choose an e-bike or e-mobility device?
(choose up to three)

- Incentives for the purchase of an e-bike or e-mobility device
- More and safer bike/active transportation lanes
- More availability and convenience of end-of-trip infrastructure (e.g., secure bike storage, charging stations, etc.)
- More space to store e-bike or e-mobility device at home
- More information on e-bike and e-mobility devices
- None
- N/A



Buildings

Buildings are the second greatest source of community-wide greenhouse gas emissions in Saanich. BC Hydro's electricity is mainly sourced from hydro power which is renewable; this means a climate-friendly home is an energy efficient, all-electric home. Read the Buildings and Infrastructure Chapter (pg. 17-20) of our 2024 Climate Plan Report Card (saanich.ca/climateprogress).

14. What kinds of energy does your home use for the following:

	Electricity	Electric Heat Pump	Natural Gas	Wood	Propane	Heating Oil	Other	Not sure	N/A
Main heating system	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secondary heating system	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fireplace	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water heating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cooking (e.g., stove, bbq)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clothes dryer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ancillary uses (hot tub, swimming pool, patio heating, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please specify 'other' above or if you have multiple fuel types for any of the above uses (optional):



15. If using any fossil fuels at home (i.e., natural gas, heating oil and/or propane), are you interested in switching to a renewable energy source (electricity from BC hydro - e.g., electric heat pump, electric hot water tank, electric stove)?

- Yes, as soon as possible
- Yes, sometime in the future
- No, I am not interested
- Unsure/maybe
- N/A

Only answer question 16 if you use natural gas at home.

16. Are you concerned about the potential health impacts from natural gas in the home?

- Yes, very concerned
- Yes, somewhat concerned
- No, not concerned
- Maybe/unsure
- N/A

Only answer question 17 if you do not have an electric heat pump at home.

17. Are you interested in switching to an electric heat pump for home heating and cooling?

- Yes, as soon as possible
- Yes, in the future
- Not interested
- Maybe/unsure

18. I live in a:

- Single-family dwelling
- Secondary suite, includes laneway-, garden-, basement-, or upstairs- suite
- Houseplex (i.e. attached housing) with 6 units or less (e.g., duplex, fourplex, townhouse)
- Townhouse or strata housing complex with 6 units or more
- Condo/apartment
- Mobile home/moveable dwelling
- Other

19. Do you rent or own a home?

- Rent - **skip to question 23**
- Own – **go to question 20**



- Member in co-op housing - **skip to question 23**
- Other (e.g., retirement home, public subsidized housing, precariously housed, etc.) – **skip to question 23**

20. Are you planning any home renovations within the next 5 years?

- Yes – **skip to question 22**
- No – **skip to question 23**
- I have recently completed home renovations – **go to question 21**

21. Did you complete any of the following climate-friendly home upgrades?

- Switched from fossil fuel heating to a renewable electricity heating system
- Switched to a renewable electricity hot water heating system
- Electrical panel upgrades
- Removal of a fossil fuel heating system (e.g., oil tank)
- Improved insulation (walls, floors, attic, etc.)
- Window upgrades
- Installation of solar panels or other renewable electricity
- Other (please specify):

Go to question 23

22. How likely are you to consider energy efficiency improvements, fuel switching from fossil fuels to renewable energy (e.g., natural gas furnace to heat pump) or climate adaptation as part of your upgrade?

- Very Likely
- Likely
- Maybe
- Unlikely
- Very unlikely

23. What do you think are the most important actions to support climate action for existing buildings in our community? (choose up to three)

- Rebates and incentives to lower the installation costs of climate-friendly home upgrades
- Low-barrier zero or low interest loans that support climate-friendly home upgrades
- Improved tenant rights (e.g., compelling landlords to provide access to cooling, or certain efficiency standards for rental homes)
- Programs that provide support in navigating the retrofit process (e.g., the Strata Energy Advisor or the Home Energy Navigator)
- Maintaining low hydro-electricity rates



- Regulation for the replacement of space and water heating equipment (e.g., requiring equipment to achieve higher levels of efficiency or lower emissions)
- Incentives or support programs focused on energy upgrades for low income or vulnerable households
- None
- Other (please specify):

Food and Consumption

Food, material goods, and waste account for a significant portion of Saanich's greenhouse gas emissions. To reduce our emissions in this area, we need to embrace 'lighter living' such as switching to plant-based diets and reducing our waste and consumption. To learn more, read the Food & Materials Chapter (pg. 21-23) of our 2024 Climate Plan Report Card.

24. Which of the following 'lighter living' and zero waste measures do you take?

	All the time	Frequently	Occasionally	Rarely	Never	N/A
Eating a vegetarian or plant-based diet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Purchasing second-hand goods and/or participating in item swaps (e.g., clothing swaps, book exchanges)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Repairing or repurposing old items	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Using shared platforms and services (e.g., car shares, tool libraries)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reducing food waste	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Using reusable items (bags, to-go cups, containers, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Avoiding single-use items	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Composting food scraps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recycling all eligible materials	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supporting companies that are truly green or have strong sustainability principles and practices	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Please specify 'other' above (optional):

25. What may prevent you from choosing climate-friendly foods (e.g., plant based or vegetarian foods) instead of meat and dairy? (check all that apply)

- Preference
- Dietary or health restrictions
- Cultural practices
- Lack of knowledge about which foods have a lower climate impact
- Inconvenient to prepare and cook
- Insufficient labeling or information about the environmental impact of products
- Lack of options when eating out (e.g., restaurants, cafes, quick-service establishments, etc.)
- Higher costs
- No time
- I am not concerned about the environmental impact of my food
- Other (please specify):

26. How often do you participate in or visit the following:

	Weekly or more	Monthly	Seasonally	Yearly	Never
Farm stands in Saanich/CRD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Farmers markets in the CRD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grocery store	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hunting, fishing, gathering	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Sponsored Agriculture (CSA) boxes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community gardens in Saanich/CRD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
South Island Farm Hub	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Food assistance, food rescue or community kitchen programs (e.g., Mustard Seed, Saanich Neighbourhood Place)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Growing food at home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meal delivery kits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



27. I am a resident of Saanich

- Yes
- No, I live elsewhere in Greater Victoria – **skip to question 29**
- No, I live outside Greater Victoria – **skip to question 29**

28. What area of Saanich do you live in?

- Blenkinsop
- Cadboro Bay
- Carey
- Cordova Bay
- Gordon Head
- Quadra
- North Quadra
- Royal Oak
- Rural Saanich
- Saanich Core
- Shelbourne
- Tillicum
- Not sure

Go to question 30

29. Do you regularly (e.g., more than once a month) visit Saanich for other reasons (e.g., work, school, recreation, visiting friends and family, errands, etc.)

- Yes
- No

30. My age is:

- 15-25
- 26-35
- 36-45
- 46-55
- 56-65
- 66 and up
- Prefer not to say

My gender is:

- Woman
- Man



- Non-binary
- Other
- Prefer not to answer

My identity includes:

- Indigenous
- Visible Minority
- Newcomer or immigrant
- Person with disability
- 2SLGBTQ+
- None of the above
- Prefer not to say

Which of the following best describes your household's total income last year (before tax)?

- 0 to less than \$25,000
- \$25,000 to less than \$50,000
- \$50,000 to less than \$75,000
- \$75,000 to less than \$100,000
- \$100,000 to less than \$150,000
- Over \$150,000
- Prefer not to answer

Including yourself, what is the total number of people living in your house (adults + children)?

- 1-2
- 3-4
- 5-6
- 7-8
- 9+



Do you have any other ideas or comments for the Climate Plan Update?

Please email sustainability@saanich.ca with your name and email to be entered into the prize draw.

APPENDIX C: PHASE 1 CLIMATE PLAN SURVEY RESULTS

Find the Detailed Phase 1 Survey Results at

https://www.saanich.ca/assets/Community/Documents/Planning/sustainability/Climate_Plan_Update_Survey_Results_2025.pdf?639010947245530000

APPENDIX D: PHASE 2 DRAFT 2026 CLIMATE PLAN SURVEY

Section A: Draft 2026 Climate Plan Survey

We want your input!

The District of Saanich is seeking input on the [Draft 2026 Climate Plan](#).

The goal of the 2026 Climate Plan is to provide a strategic update to the 2020 Climate Plan, outlining actions needed over the next 5 years to reduce our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and adapt to a changing climate.

The Draft 2026 Climate Plan is now available online [here](#). A summary slideshow is available [here](#).

The Draft 2026 Climate Plan Update has been informed by research and data analysis, as well as a Community Climate Hazard and Resilience Assessment (2026), and a Corporate Climate Risk Assessment (2026) for municipally-owned assets. The Update also includes important information provided by First Nations, technical experts, key stakeholders, community representatives and the public. It builds upon five years of comprehensive engagement with the public and key stakeholders on multiple climate actions and programs.

Extensive community engagement and a detailed survey was undertaken in Phase 1 of the Climate Plan update, along with equity-centered engagement conducted by a community-based organization. This survey asks more general questions, building upon the feedback from Phase 1.

The Phase 1 Engagement Reports, Community Climate Hazard and Resilience Assessment and other supporting documents are available at saanich.ca/climateplan.

About the survey

This survey is part of the second phase of engagement. You are encouraged to review the [Draft 2026 Climate Plan](#) prior to providing feedback. A summary slideshow is also available [here](#).

All survey responses will be reviewed and used alongside other inputs to inform the final 2026 Climate Plan.

Dependent upon the level of feedback provided, the survey should take approximately 15 minutes to complete (this does not include time to review the Draft 2026 Climate Plan).

The survey will be open until 12:00 pm May 22, 2026.

Please note that your responses are anonymous and your participation is voluntary.

If you have any questions or have accessibility requests please contact sustainability@saanich.ca or 250-812-7429.

Privacy Notice

This collection of personal information is authorized under the Local Government Act, Community Charter and section 26(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. The information will be used for the Updated Climate Plan. The survey is voluntary, and a response is encouraged, not required. Please do not provide any third-party information (i.e. talk about others) in your responses to the survey. Questions related to privacy protection can be directed to the District's Privacy Officer at: 770 Vernon Ave, Victoria BC V8X 2W7, t.250-475-1775, e. foi@saanich.ca

For more information, please contact sustainability@saanich.ca.

1. I am a resident of Saanich:

**Only choose one option.*

- A) Yes
- B) No, I live in Greater Victoria
- C) No, I live outside Greater Victoria (thank you for your interest, but the survey is only open to residents of Saanich and Greater Victoria)

*If you answered C for Question 1, you **do not** need to answer any further questions.*

Section B: Focus Area 1 - Transportation & Land Use



The following strategies and actions outline how the District will **reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and improve climate resiliency through transportation and land use.**

For more information on this Focus Area and descriptions about each action, please see Section 4.1 (pages 33-48) of the [Draft 2026 Climate Plan](#).

Some key ideas we heard from residents and stakeholders during Phase 1 engagement:

- People would be more likely to choose active transportation modes if there was a higher frequency of buses, free bus fair and more protected bike lanes
- Expand the protected cycling and active transportation network and infrastructure
- Provide incentives for the purchase of e-bikes and electric vehicles (EVs)
- Improve electric battery recycling programs
- Expand and improve convenience of EV charging infrastructure
- Improve public transit frequency and convenience

Strategies and Actions

Strategy T1: Implement sustainable land use patterns

T1.1 Incorporate climate change projections and adaptation needs into land use decisions

T1.2 Develop and deliver communications and educational resources to combat misinformation and support the community to take action

T1.3 Complete the District's comprehensive update to Off-Street Parking and Loading Regulations

T1.4 Develop policies and resources for parking management and enforcement

Dep. T1.1 Implement the Official Community Plan (OCP) and ensure Centre, Corridor and Village Plans align with the OCP to facilitate more compact development in the Primary Growth Areas

Strategy T2: Increase Active Transportation Uptake

T2.1 Advocate for significant investment in active transportation infrastructure and programs

T2.2 Support the increased use of e-bikes and other micromobility devices in the community

T2.3 Update bicycle parking requirements for new development

T2.4 Implement a program to deliver increased bicycle parking in existing buildings

Dep. T2.1 Implement the Active Transportation Plan and Road Safety Action Plan within or before the identified Plan timeframes

Strategy T3: Support transit and multi-modal transportation options

T3.1 Advocate to the Victoria Regional Transit Commission (VRTC), the Capital Regional District (CRD), and the province to accelerate transit service expansion and investment

T3.2 Identify and fund Saanich projects to improve transit service

T3.3 Collaborate and support the development of new facilities to enable transit growth

T3.4 Support efforts to electrify transit

T3.5 Support car share services

Strategy T4: Embed climate resilience into the active transportation network

T4.1 Integrate climate adaptation measures into transportation projects

Strategy T5: Accelerate electric vehicle adoption

T5.1 Update the Electric Mobility Strategy

T5.2 Deliver a robust public charging network

T5.3 Support access to charging for residents in multi-family buildings

T5.4 Work with local organizations and businesses to reduce emissions from fleets and employee commuting

T5.5 Seek opportunities to foster and support innovation in the transition to a resilient, low carbon and healthy transportation system

T5.6 Advocate to senior levels of government for programs and policy to support rapid uptake of EVs

Please see the [Draft Plan](#) for a larger description of each action and background information.

- 2. Question: Are there any strategies or actions that you would like to comment on (e.g. is anything missing, are you supportive of the actions)? If yes, please provide details:**
(optional)

Section C: Focus Area 2 – Buildings



Photo credit: Uptown

The following strategies and actions outline how the District will **reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and improve climate resiliency in buildings**.

For more information on this Focus Area and descriptions about each action, please see Section 4.2 (pages 49-63) of the [Draft 2026 Climate Plan](#).

Some key ideas we heard from residents and stakeholders during Phase 1 engagement:

- Respondents identified rebates and incentives to lower the costs of home upgrades, maintaining low hydro-electricity rates, and incentives and support for low income or vulnerable households as the most important actions for buildings
- Ban fossil fuel use in new buildings
- Prioritize protecting trees and green spaces through new development and densification
- Build with fire resistant materials
- Provide ample tree shading for buildings
- Air conditioning in all multi-use residential buildings (MURBS)
- Regulations around the use of wood burning stoves

Strategies and Actions

Strategy B1: Create a strong foundation for the transition to an efficient, resilient, and electrically-powered building stock

B1.1 Improve data quality and access through data reporting programs, improved tracking processes, partnerships and advocacy

B1.2 Advocate to the Province, BC Hydro and other partners to adopt and communicate a clear and integrated vision and pathway for efficient electrification in BC

B1.3 Identify and remove municipal barriers to a sustainable building stock

B1.4 Develop and deliver communications and educational resources to combat misinformation and support the community to take action

Strategy B2: Require efficient, Net-Zero Carbon new construction

B2.1 Continue to achieve low-carbon new buildings through implementation of the Zero Carbon Step Code

B2.2 Develop regulatory tools or incentive programs to achieve net-zero energy or zero carbon new construction

B2.3 Develop policy and tools to support the measurement and reduction of embodied carbon in new construction

B2.4 Advocate for the use of future weather files in the design of new buildings

Dep B2.1 Implement the Official Community Plan (OCP) and ensure Centre, Corridor and Village Plans align with the OCP to facilitate more compact development in the Primary Growth Areas

Strategy B3: Accelerate Zero-Carbon, energy efficiency and resiliency in existing buildings

B3.1 Deliver programs and supports to accelerate building retrofits and electrification, and address remaining gaps

B3.2 Expand the successful Saanich Heat Pump Financing Program and advocate for Provincial Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing legislation and support

B3.3 Implement municipal policy and legislation that supports the transition to a low-carbon, resilient and energy efficient building stock

B3.4 Advocate to the Province for the policy needed to effectively regulate emissions and ensure thermal safety in existing buildings, as well as the programs and supports to ensure a successful transition.

B3.5 Evaluate the benefits and pathway for implementing retro-commissioning requirements in buildings, and implement accordingly

B3.6 Seek opportunities to foster and support market development and innovation in the transition to a resilient, low carbon and healthy building stock

B3.7 Identify measures to reduce air quality impacts from residential wood burning

Dep B3.1 Implement the Building Retrofit Strategy, and update it as needed

Strategy B4: Increase energy resilience and renewable energy supply

B4.1 Accelerate the installation of solar and other on-site renewables

B4.2 Work with BC Hydro and other partners to support grid capacity and resilience

B4.3 Support development of local Renewable Natural Gas production

B4.4 Assess opportunities to support the development of Thermal Energy Networks (TENs, also known as District Energy)

Please see the [Draft Plan](#) for a larger description of each action and background information.

3. **Question: Are there any strategies or actions that you would like to comment on (e.g. is anything missing, are you supportive of the actions)? If yes, please provide details:**
(optional)

Section D: Focus Area 3 – Food, Consumption and Waste



The following strategies and actions outline how the District will **reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and improve climate resiliency in food, consumption and waste.**

For more information on this Focus Area and descriptions about each action, please see Section 4.3 (pages 64-79) of the [Draft 2026 Climate Plan](#).

Some key ideas we heard from residents and stakeholders during Phase 1 engagement:

- The zero waste activities respondents participate in most are composting food scraps, using reusable items, and reducing food waste.
- Grow food in more underutilized spaces
- Use/acquire more municipal land for agriculture
- Support farmers in implementing climate adaptation measures
- Measure carbon sequestration by local farms
- Provide support and education for composting
- More repair cafes and tool libraries
- Provide clearer recycling pathways for hard-to-recycle items
- Hold producers accountable for packaging materials

Strategies and Actions

Strategy F1: Reduce the climate impact of food production and consumption

F1.1 Reduce emissions from local food production

F1.2 Encourage residents to choose low-carbon foods and reduce food waste

F1.3 Encourage food service establishments to reduce GHG emissions from their operations

Strategy F2: Improve the resiliency and self-sufficiency of the local food system

F2.1 Work with partners to better understand our reciprocal relationship with the land and the climate change risks and opportunities for local agriculture and food production

F2.2 Work with partners to identify and address farmers' and local food growers' barriers to adapting to a changing climate

F2.3 Explore options to connect local farmers and food growers to agricultural inputs

F2.4 Support GHG reductions in farm and food growing operations

Dep. F2.1 Update and Implement the Saanich Agriculture & Food Security Plan

Strategy F3: Move towards "Lighter Living: and a circular economy in Saanich

F3.1 Work with partners on circular economy initiatives

F3.2 Mobilize residents and businesses towards "lighter living"

Dep. F3.1 Implement the Saanich Zero Waste Strategy

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Please see the [Draft Plan](#) for a larger description of each action and background information.

4. **Question: Are there any strategies or actions that you would like to comment on (e.g. is anything missing, are you supportive of the actions)? If yes, please provide details:**
(optional)

Section E: Focus Area 4 - Ecosystems



The following strategies and actions outline how the District will **reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and improve climate resiliency in ecosystems.**

For more information on this Focus Area and descriptions about each action, please see Section 4.4 (pages 80-91) of the [Draft 2026 Climate Plan](#).

Some key ideas we heard from residents and stakeholders during Phase 1 engagement:

- Protect mature trees and urban canopy; concerns around replacing one large tree with several small trees
- Increase biodiversity and conservation work (e.g., implementation of Biodiversity Conservation Strategy, more ecological restoration and invasive plant management)
- Ecologically conscious building designs and development
- Better management of urban forests to reduce wildfire risks
- Re-forest parks in decline
- Rename parks/green spaces with Indigenous place names
- More beach clean ups
- Enhanced shoreline stewardship through clam gardens and restoration efforts

Strategies and Actions

Strategy E1: Protect and manage natural assets as critical infrastructure

E1.1 Protect and expand the urban forest and green infrastructure

E1.2 Restore natural areas to increase climate resiliency

E1.3 Embed the value of natural assets into decision making

E1.4 Regularly measure, monitor and report on natural assets

Dep E1.1 Implement the Urban Forest Strategy

Dep E1.2 Implement the Biodiversity Conservation Strategy

Strategy E2: Enable natural assets to thrive and adapt in a changing climate

E2.1 Monitor changes in natural assets in response to climate change

E2.2 Amend management and maintenance practices for trees, native species and ecosystems to adapt to climate change

E2.3 Support cultural fire management practices

Please see the [Draft Plan](#) for a larger description of each action and background information.

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5. **Question: Are there any strategies or actions that you would like to comment on (e.g. is anything missing, are you supportive of the actions)? If yes, please provide details:**
(optional)

Section F: Focus Area 5 – Community Wellbeing



The following strategies and actions outline how the District will **reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and improve climate resiliency in community wellbeing.**

For more information on this Focus Area and descriptions about each action, please see Section 4.5 (pages 92-108) of the [Draft 2026 Climate Plan](#).

Some key ideas we heard from residents and stakeholders during Phase 1 engagement:

- Provide more public amenities for cooling (e.g., water stations, pools, cooling centers)
- Provide more infrastructure/ tree canopy for shading and keeping cool
- Increase park and greenspace access across Saanich
- Support and provide grants to residents and organizations for climate action
- Develop equitable neighborhoods by ensuring densification aligns with affordability and livability

Strategies and Actions

Strategy C1: Transition towards climate-ready infrastructure

C1.1 Update wildfire risk mapping and resiliency plans

C1.2 Develop a FireSmart program aligned with biodiversity goals

C1.3 Develop a strategy to embed green infrastructure in public and private infrastructure and development

C1.4 Integrate climate adaptation measures into asset and infrastructure design, project planning and management

C1.5 Complete a District wide landslide risk assessment

C1.6 Support residents and building owners to increase the climate resiliency of their buildings and property

C1.7 Develop a drainage utility service

Dep C1.1 Develop and Implement the Integrated Stormwater Management Plans

Dep C1.2 Develop and Implement Asset Management Plans

Strategy C2: Prepare for long-term sea level rise

C2.1 Update sea-level rise related data and mapping

C2.2 Develop and implement Coastal Flood Adaptation Strategies

C2.3 Update land-use and development policies, guidelines and bylaws to increase resiliency to overland flooding and sea level rise

Strategy C3: Ensure all Saanich community members are resilient to climate change

C3.1 Regularly update the community climate risk assessment

C3.2 Apply an equity lens

C3.3 Continue to work with partners to identify proactive resiliency measures and coordinated responses

Dep. C3.1 Implement the Official Community Plan (OCP) and ensure Centre, Corridor and Village Plans align with the OCP to facilitate more compact development in the Primary Growth Areas

Strategy C4: Empower Saanich residents and businesses to take climate action

C4.1 Improve community climate adaptation knowledge and data sharing

C4.2 Seek opportunities to work with local First Nations

C4.3 Identify opportunities to support local economic development aligned with climate action

C4.4 Expand neighbourhood level climate resiliency programs

C4.5 Partner with research organizations

Please see the [Draft Plan](#) for a larger description of each action and background information.

6. Question: Are there any strategies or actions that you would like to comment on (e.g. is anything missing, are you supportive of the actions)? If yes, please provide details:
(optional)

Section G: Focus Area 6 – Leadership in District Operations



The following strategies and actions outline how the District will **reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and improve resilience in District operations.**

For more information on this Focus Area and descriptions about each action, please see Section 4.6 (pages 109-121) of the [Draft 2026 Climate Plan](#).

Some key ideas we heard from residents and stakeholders during Phase 1 engagement:

- Strong support for reducing GHGs from municipal operations
- More solar on District facilities
- Improved intermunicipal collaboration and leadership

Strategies and Actions

Strategy L1: Integrate Climate Action into Saanich Processes and Decision-Making

- L1.1 Monitor and track climate related extreme weather events and their impacts to Saanich
- L1.2 Regularly update the corporate climate risk assessment
- L1.3 Integrate climate change costs and risks into Asset Management Plans and budget considerations
- L1.4 Develop and update corporate procedures to increase climate resiliency
- L1.5 Embed climate considerations into decision making
- L1.6 Increase maintenance funding to mitigate the impacts of extreme weather events
- L1.7 Identify and establish new, long-term funding opportunities
- L1.8 Review and ensure alignment of financial institution and investment choices with the Sustainable Saanich Vision and goals
- L1.9 Explore actions to minimize climate impacts of Municipal services through optimal use of AI
- L1.10 Showcase success and share lessons learned

Strategy L2: Become a Climate Friendly Employer

- L2.1 Finalize and implement a Climate Friendly Commuter Program
- L2.2 Implement a training and capacity building program
- L2.3 Recognize innovation, successes and leadership

Strategy L3: Transition to Efficient, Renewably-powered and Resilient Vehicles and Equipment

- L3.1 Increase the resiliency of the Saanich fleet
- L3.2 Expand the E-bike Pool Feet program
- L3.3 Develop a Zero Emission Equipment Strategy

Dep. 3.1 Implement the Zero Emission Fleet Strategy to reduce corporate vehicle emissions

Strategy L4: Continue to Transition to Efficient and Renewably-Powered, Resilient Municipal Buildings

- L4.1 Transition to highly efficient and renewably-powered existing municipal facilities
- L4.2 Design all new District facilities to be 100% renewable and Zero Carbon
- L4.3 Minimize Embodied Emissions from new facilities
- L4.4 Increase on-site renewable energy generation and battery storage at District facilities
- L4.5 Increase the resiliency of District facilities
- L4.6 Expand building monitoring, benchmarking and optimization

Strategy L5: Reduce Waste and Implement a Circular Economy Approach in All District Operations

- L5.1 Increase waste diversion across the organization
- L5.2 Model zero-waste and low-carbon diets in Saanich meeting and events
- L5.3 Update Saanich Sustainable Procurement Policy and Guidelines
- L5.4 Pilot low impact materials, products and processes

Please see the [Draft Plan](#) for a larger description of each action and background information.

7. **Question: Are there any strategies or actions that you would like to comment on (e.g. is anything missing, are you supportive of the actions)? If yes, please provide details: (optional)**

Section H: Overall draft Climate Plan Update

8. **Is anything critical missing from the Draft 2026 Climate Plan? (optional)**

**Only choose one option.*

- A) Yes
- B) No
- C) Unsure

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9. **If yes, please provide details: (optional)**

10. **Do you have any last comments on the Draft 2026 Climate Plan? (optional)**

**Only choose one option.*

- A) Yes
- B) No

11. **If yes, please provide details: (optional)**

Section I: Demographic Information (Optional)

About you (we would like to understand the needs, barriers, and impacts of waste management and diversion on different parts of our community):

12. My age is: (optional)

**Choose as many as you like*

- A) 15-25
- B) 26-35
- C) 36-45
- D) 46-55
- E) 56-65
- F) 66 and up
- G) Prefer not to say

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13. My gender is: (optional)

**Choose as many as you like*

- A) Woman
- B) Man
- C) Non-binary
- D) Prefer not to say
- E) Other

If 'Other', please specify

14. My identity includes: (optional)

**Choose as many as you like*

- A) Indigenous
- B) Visible minority
- C) Newcomer or immigrant
- D) Person with disability
- E) 2SLGBTQ+
- F) None of the above
- G) Prefer not to say

15. Which of the following best describes your household's total income (before tax) last year? (optional)

**Choose as many as you like*

- A) \$0 to less than \$25,000
- B) \$25,000 to less than \$50,000
- C) \$50,000 to less than \$75,000
- D) \$75,000 to less than \$100,000
- E) \$100,000 to less than \$150,000
- F) Over \$150,000
- G) Prefer not to say

16. My housing situation: (optional)

**Choose as many as you like*

- A) I rent
- B) I own
- C) Other

If 'Other', please specify