OFFICE OF THE Auditor General of British Columbia

Title: 2015 Carbon Neutral Action Report

Organization name: Office of the Auditor General

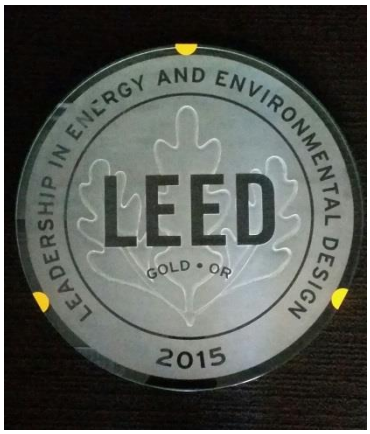
Declaration statement:

This is the 2015 *Carbon Neutral Action Report* for Office of the Auditor General. This report contains the actions we have taken in 2015 to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and our plans to continue reducing emissions in 2016 and beyond as they relate to our stationary fuel combustion, mobile fleet combustion, paper usage and business travel.

Overview:

1. **Actions taken in 2015 to reduce GHG emissions and/or improve sustainability**
   The Office, through its Green Team, hosted events and supported sustainability within the Office and more broadly in people's personal lives and included:
   - Participated in the BC Public Service 6th Annual Hibernation Challenge. The Green Team actively promoted this challenge with the Office.
   - Energy Conservation Contest. Employees pledged a commitment to 2 energy savings initiatives.
   - Harvest Potluck. The Green Team hosted a fall potluck, which encouraged recipes made with locally grown ingredients.
   - Recycling Information. Within our new premises, the Green Team has been actively working to increase the recycling options available and reduce our landfill related garbage.
   - Urban Food Production. The Green Team provided information on urban food options as well as information for individuals to answer a survey regarding urban food production.
   - Sustainable Transportation/ Bike-to-Work Week. The Green Team promoted Bike-to-Work Week and broadened the scope to promote all types of sustainable transportation.
   - Bike Maintenance. The Green Team hosted a bike maintenance workshop in advance of Bike-to-Work Week to help people ready their bicycles.
   - Adopt a Plant. The Green Team purchased plants for the Office for people committed to looking after a plant to beautify the space and promote and improve indoor air quality.
   - For the month of April, facts and informational postings were created to celebrate Earth Day.
   - Earth Hour. The Green Team promoted Earth Hour and used the event to encourage people to adopt ongoing sustainable actions.
   - Locally Grown Food Session. The Green Team hosted an information session that included a few local food producers to highlight locally grown foods and benefits of buying local.

2. **Success stories**: In August 2015, the Office was successful in obtaining LEED Gold Commercial Interior Certification for its premises at 623 Fort Street. The Office received 34 points and required a minimum of 32 points for this level of certification.



3. **Plans your organization has for continuing to minimize your GHG emissions in 2016 and future years:**

   The Office is working to obtain baseline data on its recycling and landfill usage. This will enable us to decrease waste sent to the landfill and measure our success in these diversion efforts.

   We have now been in our new premises for a year and can create a baseline measurement for power consumption. With this information, we can hold targeted initiatives and measure their impact on power consumption.

Executive sign-off:

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	May 20, 2016
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