Regional Collaboration in the Decade of Climate Action

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Lead. Educate. Engage.

The BC Municipal Climate Leadership Council is composed of leading mayors and councillors from across BC representing communities—big and small, north and south, east and west—who are committed to climate action.



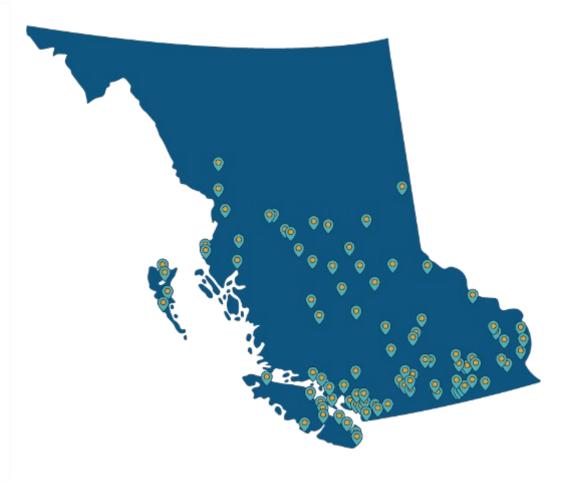
About CEA



OUR STAFF



WHERE WE'VE WORKED





Commitment to Truth and Reconciliation

native-land.ca

As an organization and individuals, CEA supports the Calls to Action released by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada and recognizes the importance of the self-determination of Indigenous Peoples as articulated in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. These principles guide the work we do with communities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, conserve energy and support community energy resilience.

BC Municipal Climate Leadership Council



BCMCLC provides visible, inspiring local leadership on climate action. We support elected officials to step up to effective climate leadership and we engage our provincial government colleagues in a positive, non-partisan dialogue focused on collective action and cooperation.



BC Climate Leaders



OUR PROGRAMMING



The content foundation of local climate action, including six Big Moves.



For elected leaders
who want to learn from
experts and peers,
there are options for 1on-1 or small group
coaching



An engaging gathering of climate, sector and thought leaders to accelerate the best solutions to address climate change.

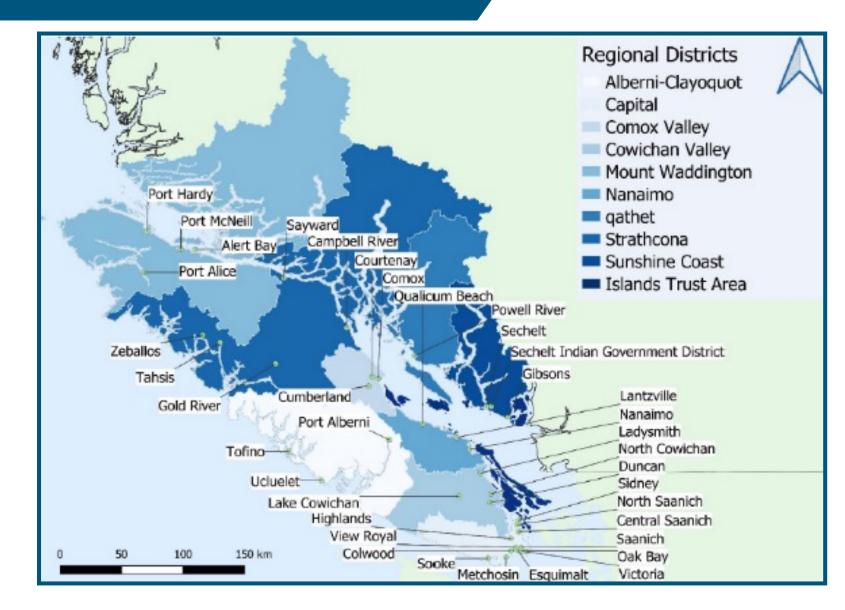
www.bcclimateleaders.ca

Vancouver and Coastal Communities Climate Leadership Plan

VICC-CLP Mission



Vancouver Island and **Coastal Communities** working together to reduce emissions and mitigate climate change at the same time as adapting to a changing climate by creating resilient, regenerative, inclusive and prosperous communities and economies.

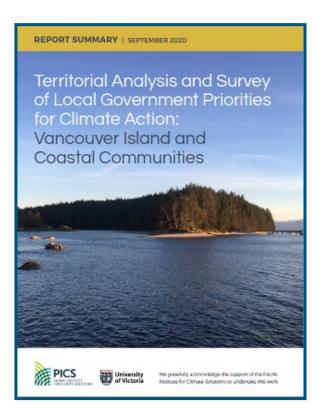


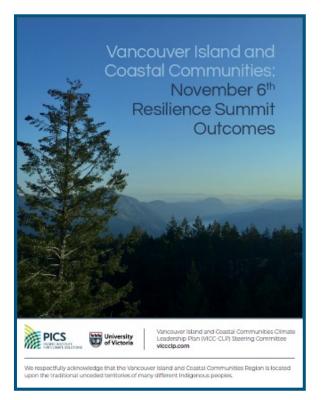
Research and Engagement

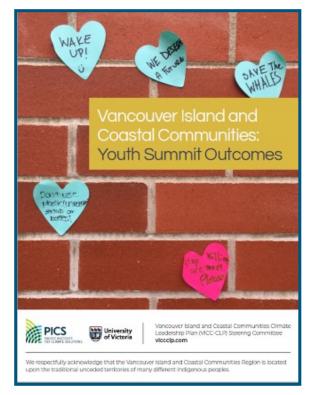


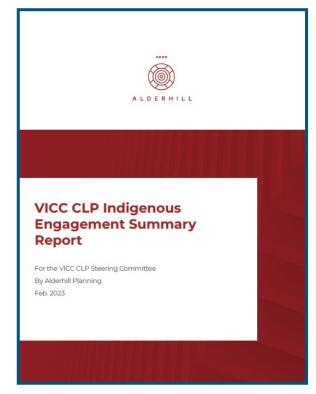
Research outputs: Territorial Analysis and Local Government Priorities Survey (2020)

Engagement outputs: Resilience Summit (2020), Youth Summit (2021), Indigenous Engagement (2022)



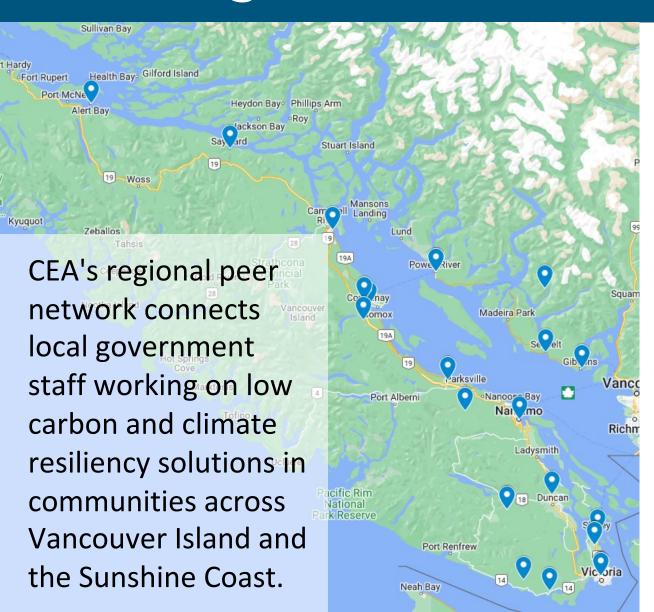






VICC Regional Staff Peer Network





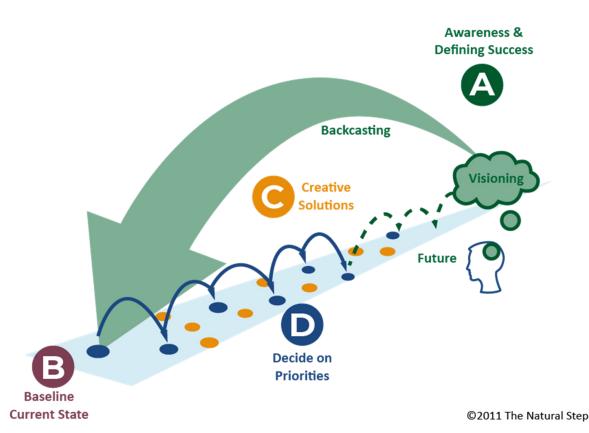
What words best describe what climate action means to your community?



Visioning Workshop



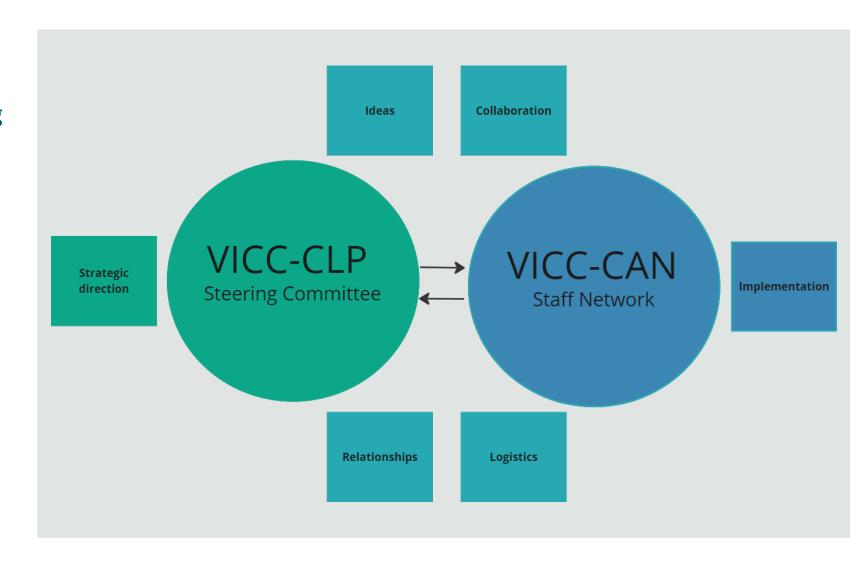
- The VICC-CLP steering committee convened in person following LGLA in February for a visioning workshop
- A backcasting framework was used to guide discussions on ideas for next steps and identify priorities for action
- Key outcomes included:
 - Strong desire to shift from planning to action
 - Supported emphasis on convening role
 - Appointment of two new co-chairs



VICC-CLP Next Steps



- Synthesis of research and engagement
- Emphasis on relationship building
- Coordination between VICC-CLP steering committee and regional staff network
- Relationship building between local/regional governments and Indigenous governments
- Shared digital resource library
- Facilitation of working groups
- Senior government advocacy
- Organization of Annual Summit



Case Study: Coastal Flood Mapping

Advancing Climate Resilience in Coastal Communities

Regional Collaboration

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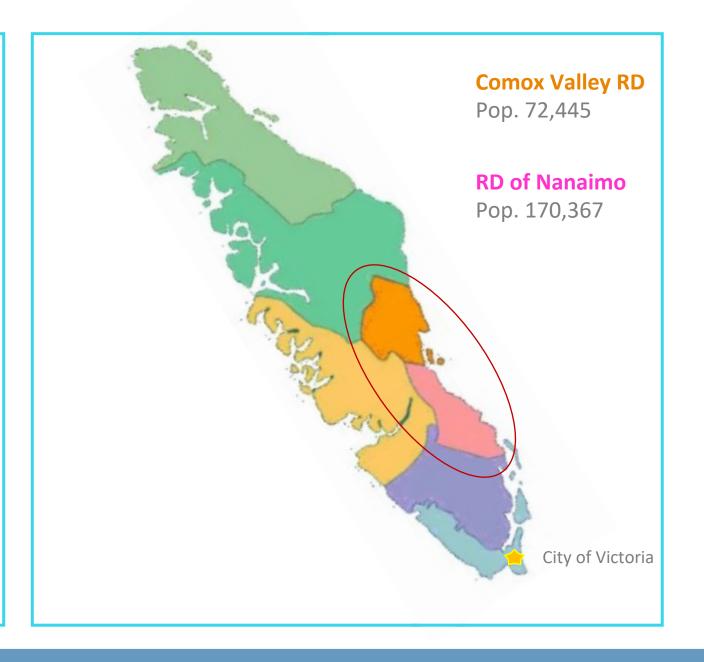
Overview

- 1.Brief Introduction
- 2.Aha Moments
- 3. Regional Collaboration
- 4. Challenges/Opportunities
- 6. Q &A



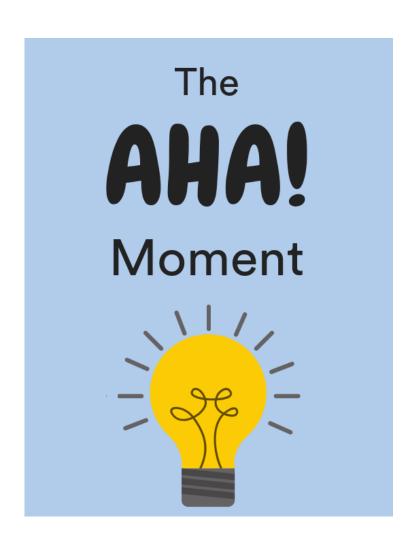








Getting to Aha Moments – Trigger Points for Change



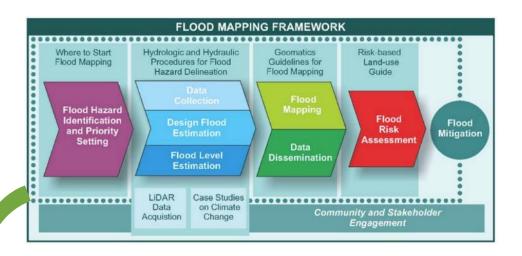
- Willingness to learn overturn assumptions
 needs to be cultivated within organization
- New ways of knowledge production; quality over quantity
- Interdisciplinary (ex. Planners, Builders, Developers, Engineers, Emergency Management, etc.)
- Small interventions can lead to systems change
- Value of informal relationships (ex. peer networks)

Regional collaboration - it's a spectrum



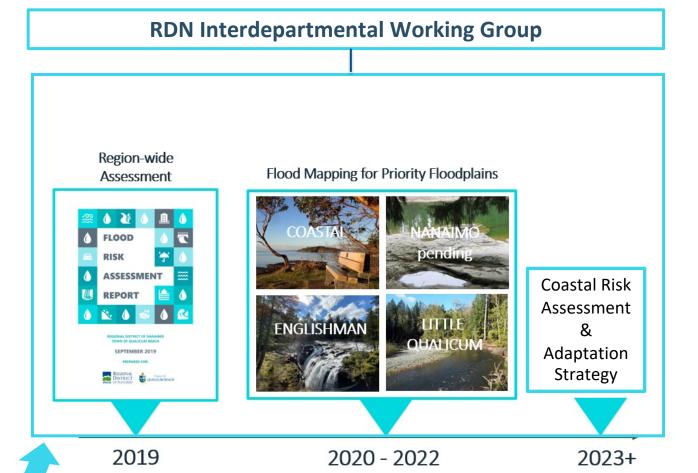
Compete - Co-exist - Communicate - Cooperate - Coordinate - Collaborate - Integrate

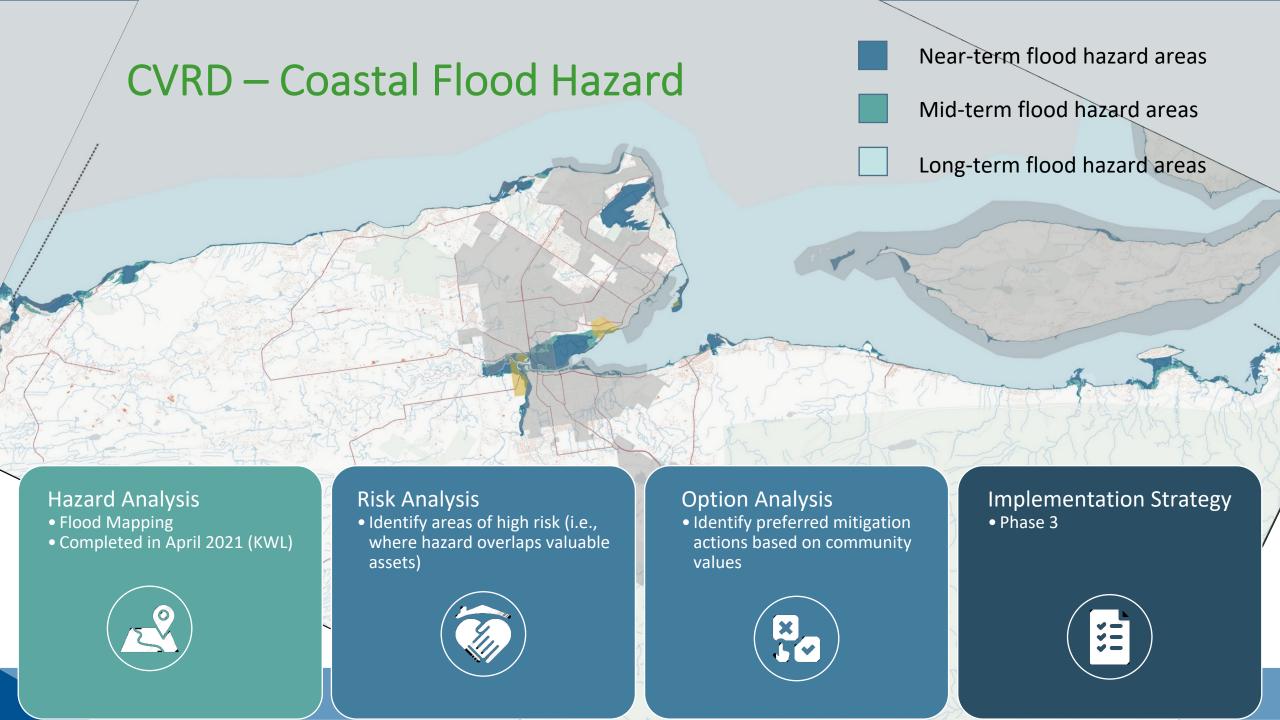
RDN – Coastal Flood Hazard



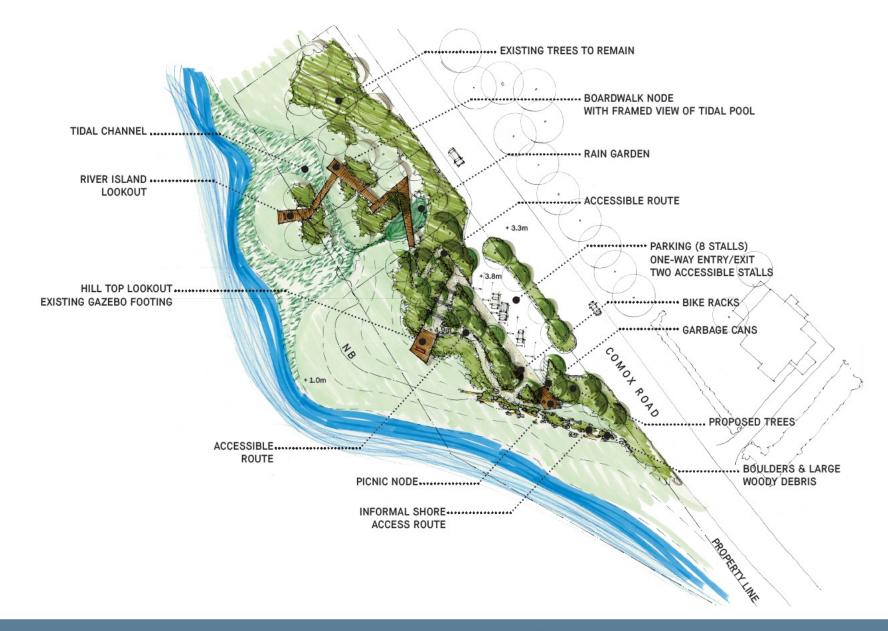
Same - Approach aligns with federal and provincial guidelines

Different – Development customized to spatial area, resources & priorities of the RDN





Dyke Road Park Green Shores Demonstration Project





What are the Aha Moments?

- Shared learning on technical aspect of analysis & mapping
- Coordination on mapping ex. boundary area & visual design
- Shared learning on new policy & bylaw development
- Share resources/capacity professional development session for staff
- Coordination on communicating results websites, elected officials, peers, etc

Challenges

- Different political influences/level of support
- Organizational support/work culture
- Commitment to the collaborative process is needed (e.g. make time to connect)
- Capacity personal & experience
- Timing

Opportunities

- Peer support inspire, mentor, motivate
- Information sharing & learning
- Reduce competition for grant funding
- Reducing duplication, gain efficiencies
- Increased capacity

Questions? Thank you!



For more information:

RDN webpages:

www.rdn.bc.ca/flood-management-program

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Table Discussions



- What are your Council or Board's strategic priorities that relate to climate action?
- Which of these lend themselves to regional collaboration?



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