



Fraser Basin Council

Annual Report 2018-2019

Highlights of the work
of the Fraser Basin Council

OUR VISION

Social well-being supported by a vibrant economy
and sustained by a healthy environment



Fraser Basin Council — supporting BC communities

The Fraser Basin Council (FBC) brings people together to find practical, commonsense solutions to today's sustainability issues. Formed in 1997, FBC is a non-profit society that serves British Columbia's communities as a facilitator and educator — helping leaders in multiple sectors work together.

We are committed to collaboration, and that is reflected in everything we do, starting with our own governance structure. The Council is led by 38 directors drawn from the four orders of government — federal, provincial, local and First Nations — and from the private and not-for-profit sectors. All are committed to collaborative decision-making under the principles of our Charter for Sustainability.

The Fraser Basin Council is here to support today's leaders across different sectors and jurisdictions in working together for a healthy environment, a vibrant economy, and the well-being of BC's families, neighbourhoods and communities.

Sustainability Issues? We'll Work with You

Are you facing tough social, economic and environmental sustainability issues? Are you in need of support? Think of the Fraser Basin Council first. We stay current on diverse provincial, regional and local issues through our board, regional committees and regional staff and through our many community partners. We are available to work on projects large and small, locally and province wide, and offer a network of contacts across sectors. The Council's greatest strength is in working with you on issues that call for inter-jurisdictional cooperation or the participation of multiple interests.

It's our role to help you build strong, positive working relationships, identify emerging issues and tackle long-term challenges. To all our work we bring the talents of a multi-disciplinary staff team experienced in group facilitation, conflict and dispute resolution, life sciences, natural resource management, program administration, sustainability planning, education and outreach.

Facilitation – We'll bring people together

The Fraser Basin Council can serve as an impartial facilitator on sustainability issues, helping public, private and non-profit sector leaders bring people together, canvass issues and options, and reach collaborative outcomes. We do not advocate for a specific position or prescribe a particular course of action. There is more than one path to sustainability – and, given the right opportunity for respectful dialogue and collaboration, people can find common ground. This is what inspires us most in our work!

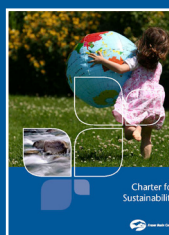
Education – We'll build understanding

The Fraser Basin Council can also support opportunities for people to learn about sustainability and to take action. We partner on innovative sustainability education programs, demonstration projects and incentive programs.

Other ways we can help

- Conflict and dispute resolution
- Applied research and analysis
- Building strong working relationships
- Program coordination and secretariat service

THE FRASER BASIN COUNCIL
FBC is a charitable non-profit society that brings people together to advance sustainability in the Fraser River Basin and throughout British Columbia.



THE CHARTER FOR SUSTAINABILITY
The overall framework for the Fraser Basin Council's work is the Charter for Sustainability. The Charter is a good-faith agreement, signed by multiple sectors in 1997, that reflects a shared commitment to collaborative action for a more sustainable future.



Fraser Basin Council Accomplishments

- ◇ Played a pivotal early role in the remediation of North America's worst acid rock drainage problem at the site of the former Britannia Mine
- ◇ Worked with over 125 local governments and First Nations across BC on community sustainability planning and climate change adaptation
- ◇ Helped BC communities with flood hazard management (including in the Fraser Valley, Prince George and Naver Creek) and interface fire planning and related measures (Williams Lake and area, Quesnel)
- ◇ Developed the strategy for and created BC's first council on invasive plants, which has received national recognition and expanded its scope
- ◇ Spearheaded Canada's first provincial Green Fleets program offering performance reviews and ratings. Partnered on other transportation innovations, such as building a BC-wide network of electric vehicle charging stations and increasing public awareness of EVs.
- ◇ Led a panel of independent experts, resulting in BC's first legislation on drinking water protection
- ◇ Worked with partners to improve Fraser Basin salmon habitat, stock management, fisheries information and monitoring, with a high level of Aboriginal engagement and legacy partnerships for the health of BC's watersheds
- ◇ Supported partnership planning processes for the sustainable management and use of several BC lakes and watersheds
- ◇ Published four comprehensive Sustainability Snapshot indicators reports and regional indicators reports
- ◇ Established educational opportunities on climate change adaptation
- ◇ Negotiated multi-party, annual agreements (ultimately leading to a long-term funding agreement) to maintain the Fraser River debris trap, which avoids at least \$8 million yearly in downstream clean-up and repair costs
- ◇ Led multiple clean air initiatives, with support for multi-interest roundtables on air quality in Prince George and Kamloops

OUR DIRECTORS

The Fraser Basin Council has a unique governance structure, with a board of 38 Directors from the federal, provincial, local and First Nations governments in BC, and from the private and not-for-profit sectors.

OUR STAFF

We have a multi-disciplinary staff working out of Vancouver, Abbotsford, Kamloops, Prince George, Williams Lake and Vernon.

OUR PARTNERS

The Fraser Basin Council values the trust placed in us to serve British Columbia and its communities for the past 22 years. We look forward to future successes together.

Working with BC Communities | Our Key Areas of Focus



HELPING YOU

Take Action on Climate Change and Air Quality

When it comes to climate change, there is a dual challenge for leaders in all sectors: to drive down the harmful emissions that contribute to climate change and to prepare for the impacts of a changing climate. FBC has a track record of service on both fronts. We have partnered with senior governments and with communities on initiatives for greater energy efficiency in buildings, lower emissions, better performance of fleets, an electric vehicle charging network, an electric vehicle awareness campaign, and improvements in air quality. We are also helping BC communities and natural resource sectors understand the impacts of climate change and the importance of adaptation.

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HELPING YOU

Support Healthy Watersheds and Water Resources

A year-round, abundant supply of clean water that meets all needs in BC can no longer be taken for granted. There are communities today, and Aboriginal communities in particular, that lack clean drinking water. And BC faces other water-related issues: pollution, erosion, flood risk and periods of insufficient water supply to meet the multiple demands of agricultural irrigation, industry, domestic use, recreation, fish and wildlife. The Fraser Basin Council is here to support leaders in finding innovative approaches to managing watersheds — and to help communities prepare for change. We have experience on a range of issues: flood management, debris management, sustainable fish and fisheries, collaborative watershed governance, watershed stewardship education and water-related climate change adaptation.

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HELPING YOU

Build Sustainable Regions and Communities

Communities today face a range of sustainability concerns — such as how to adapt to a changing climate, encourage energy conservation, improve social conditions, strengthen links between urban and rural areas, increase collaboration between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities, encourage social inclusivity and diversify local economies. Our multi-disciplinary team, including regional staff, can help identify relevant social, economic and environmental issues and possible approaches for finding solutions. We often serve as a convener and facilitator, helping to design and deliver planning and engagement processes that are tailored to local needs. FBC is also a delivery partner on many sustainability education and action programs.

Let us know how we can help!

The Fraser Basin Council works with BC communities on a range of issues – including sustainability planning, climate change action and adaptation, and innovative approaches to the management of watersheds and natural resources.

Recent Work | Our Partnership Projects

Here is a snapshot of some of the Fraser Basin Council's BC-wide and regional projects in 2018-2019. These are possible thanks to the sustainability commitments of our federal, provincial, regional, municipal and First Nation partners, as well as those in business and non-profit organizations.

Lower Mainland Flood Management Strategy
(GVSS-Fraser Valley)

Orphan Dikes and Seismic Vulnerability of BC Dikes projects (BC wide)

Thompson Watershed Risk Assessment on Flood, Landslides & Debris Flows and related flood projects (Thompson)

Plug in BC electric vehicle charging education & incentives (BC wide)

Emotive – The Electric Vehicle Experience (BC wide) - public outreach online, community events and grants

Fleet Champions Program (BC wide)

Specialty Use Electric Vehicle Program (BC wide)

Climate Action Toolkit website (toolkit.bc.ca) (BC wide)

BC Regional Adaptation Collaborative: education, tools & website (retooling.ca) (BC wide)

Adaptation Canada 2020 Conference (National)

Northeast Climate Risk Network (Northeast BC)

Community Energy Leadership Program (BC wide)

My Climate Story: youth storymap (BC wide)

Elizabeth Henry Scholarship for Communities and Environmental Health (BC wide)

Prince George Air Improvement Roundtable (Upper Fraser)

PG Ambient Air Monitoring Network (Upper Fraser)

PGAIR Wood Stove Exchange Program (Upper Fraser)

North Central Local Government Association support (North Central BC)

Kamloops Air Quality Roundtable (Thompson)

Thompson Steelhead: water temperature monitoring (Thompson)

Shuswap Regional Trails Strategy project (Thompson)

Williams Lake Community Wildfire Protection Plan implementation (Cariboo-Chilcotin)

Tsilhqot'in National Government-Province of BC Agreement (Cariboo-Chilcotin)

Ecosystem restoration projects (Cariboo-Chilcotin)

Barn owl habitat enhancement & integrated pest management (Fraser Valley)

Fraser Valley Illegal Dumping Alliance (Fraser Valley)

Watershed planning support:

- Shuswap Watershed Council (Thompson)
- Nicola Watershed Management Projects (Thompson)
- Cultus Lake Aquatic Stewardship Strategy (Fraser Valley)
- Shannon Basin Recreation Survey (GVSS)
- Nechako Watershed Roundtable (Upper Fraser)

Port of Vancouver ECHO Program on southern resident killer whales and shipping (GVSS)

Salmon-Safe BC education and site certification (BC wide)



Would you like to know more about our work?
Connect with us!

Connect with Us



Fraser Basin Council

Find out how the Fraser Basin Council can support you in managing your sustainability challenges. Connect with staff on partnership opportunities through any of our regional offices listed below or at our central office:

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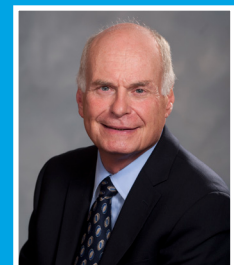
Regional Offices

FBC has staff working in the Fraser Basin and throughout BC.

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- Cariboo-Chilcotin (Williams Lake)
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- Upper Fraser (Prince George)
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