

## 2015 CARBON NEUTRAL ACTION REPORT – SMALL EMITTERS FORM

**DUE: May 31, 2016**

This form is for the use of BC Public Sector Organizations whose GHG emissions were less than 600 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e during the previous reporting year. Please fill in the required information below

**Organization Name:**

Destination BC

**Contact name:**

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<b>GHG Emissions and Offsets for 2015 (TCO2E)</b>	
<b>GHG Emissions created in Calendar Year 2015</b> (from SMARTTool Homepage):	
Total Emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	124
Total Offsets (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	124
<b>Adjustments to GHG Emissions Reported in Prior Years</b> (from SMARTTool Homepage):	
Total Emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	25
Total Offsets (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	25
<b>Grand Total Offsets for the 2015 Reporting Year</b> (from SMARTTool Homepage): (This is the total emissions that must be offset for Reporting Year 2015)	
Grand Total Offsets (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	149

To enable comparisons with all B.C. public sector organizations, please provide the following data for your organization:

1. How many Full Time Equivalent (FTE) employees were part of your organization as of Dec 31, 2015? 103
2. Crowns & Health Authorities only: What was the total amount of floorspace (m<sup>2</sup>) in your organization (including occupied and unoccupied space, owned or leased) as of Dec 31, 2015: 4,353 (m<sup>2</sup>)
3. What was the primary use of that space (office, education, warehousing, health services, lodging, arts and recreation, other)? Office / visitor centres
4. How many motor vehicles did your organization own or lease as of Dec 31, 2015? 0

**List the top three actions taken by your organization in 2015 to reduce GHG emissions and/or improve sustainability:**

Action
<p>1. Significantly reduced footprint in 2015 by moving Victoria office locations. This move reduced office space by 915 m2. This reduction in space, along with the new office providing far more natural light, leads to a reduction of energy consumption for heating, cooling and lighting.</p>
<p>2. Eliminated printed travel guides and moved to a greater online presence in an effort to improve sustainability.</p>
<p>3. Moved out of UK and Japan offices. This allowed Destination BC to reduce travel and offer tourism services in a more efficient and environmentally friendly way in an effort to reduce emissions.</p>

**Describe plans your organization has for continuing to minimize your GHG emissions:**

- Move out of 439 m2 warehouse and consolidate with government warehouse facilities for a more efficient and environmentally friendly footprint.
- Continue to promote the use of video conferences and conference calls for meetings that would typically require travel. Destination BC will continue to encourage the use of online webinars and online learning modules rather than face to face workshops in order to reduce emissions from travel.
- Implement new Human Resource policies that encourage flexible work arrangements that will reduce the draw on energy resources at the office and reduce travel and related emissions to and from work.
- Look at options to reduce Vancouver office space and footprint which will reduce energy consumption and promote sustainable and environmentally friendly practices.

**Describe any actions your organization took during 2015 to strengthen its ability to manage the likely effects of climate change in the coming years and decades (e.g., have assessed whether increased frequency of extreme weather events and/or long term changes in climate will affect your organization’s infrastructure, its employees and/or its clients.)**

Destination BC is engaged in emergency management planning initiatives with JTST- Tourism Policy Branch, Emergency Management BC, and with tourism industry partners to enhance emergency preparedness and response efforts necessary to address tourism impacts resulting from natural disasters and emergencies. In relation to Climate Change, Destination BC’s commitment to emergency management planning supports the three pillars outlined in *“Preparing for Climate Change British Columbia’s Adaptation Strategy”*, of *Build a strong foundation of knowledge; Make adaptation part of Government’s business; and Assess risks and*

implement priority adaptation actions in sectors. ([http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/climate-change/policy-legislation-and-responses/adaptation/adaptation\\_strategy.pdf](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/climate-change/policy-legislation-and-responses/adaptation/adaptation_strategy.pdf))

**Retirement of Offsets:**

In accordance with the requirements of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets Act and Carbon Neutral Government Regulation, *Destination BC Corp.* (the Organization) is responsible for arranging for the retirement of the offsets obligation reported above for the 2015 calendar year, together with any adjustments reported for past calendar years. The Organization hereby agrees that, in exchange for the Ministry of Environment ensuring that these offsets are retired on the Organization’s behalf, the Organization will pay the associated invoice to be issued by the Ministry in an amount equal to \$25 per tonne of offsets retired on its behalf plus GST.

**Executive Sign-off**

Name: Marsha Walden Title: President/CEO  
(print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature:  Date: May 29, 2016  
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