#### Environmental

#### A Viable Natural Environment

## Sustainability Deep Dive

Housing, Emissions, Retrofits & Energy How sustainable development affects you





### NUANCE ALERT!

- Complicated and segmented ideas
- There is a reason for everything BUT...
- We must add context
- Some things are good
- Some things are bad

• "Teaspoon of sugar with a drop of Cyanide"

#### Sustainable Development

## Developing in a way that's good for the environment

#### What is Sustainable Development?

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The goal of the B.C. Round Table on the Environment and the Economy is to promote sustainable development.

But some are skeptical about the whole concept, and even the Round Table's chairman admits it has created some difficulties.

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That definition does little to appease the Kamloops-based Thompson Watershed Coalition, which made a presentation to the Round Table yesterday at the Coast Canadian Inn.

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"Many theorists believe sustainable development is impractical, and that a no-growth economy is a much more feasible option," she said.

Ms. Chernencoff questioned the Round Table's goal and make-up. "Without regard for such visions as environmental/economic har-

mony, the Round Table, a government-appointed board without gender balance and with no Interior environmental representative, has chosen the goal of sustainable development without public consultation," she said.

#### History of Sustainable Development

https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/Agenda21.pdf https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/5987our-common-future.pdf



"Current lifestyles and consumption patterns of the affluent middle class - involving high meat intake, the use of fossil fuels, electrical appliances, home and work-place air-conditioning, and suburban housing - are not sustainable" - Maurice Strong, 1992

#### Kamloops This Week, April 1992



KAMLOOPS THIS WEEK Wednesday, April 29, 1992

The summit will bring together more than 161 world leaders in the biggest global environment conference ever. The recommendations that come from that meeting - which are being called Agenda 21 - will hopefully be a blueprint for global sustainable development which will extend into the 21st Century.

#### **Fly the flag** THE EARTH for the Earth

Canadian Tire is interested in alternatives that will assist in positive environmental action.

Barb Baker, marketing manager, says the corporation's concern for the environment led to their participating with the larger organization -United Nations/International Earth Day program called Earth Voice - to promote awareness of ways to make manageable and sustainable changes in their lifestyles which can make a ofference.

"Canadian Tire considers the preservation of our environment to be an essential part of our mission to serve our customers' needs," says Ms. Baker, "We're re-thinking the way ye do business as we recognize our collective impact on the environment."

The Earth Day Flag is national in scope and will be unveiled at a special ceremony in Ottawa. May 27, before travelling to Rio for presentation at the Earth Summit being held in June.

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#### Promoting Sustainable Development The Municipal Primer (1994) Through Local Strategic Actions A MUNICIPAL PRIMER ON THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE Agenda 21 ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT Agenda 21 recognizes that unsustainable development includes suburban sprawl, continued dependence on the private automobile, and residential development which (UNCED) favors single detached homes. "a comprehensive blueprint for global actions to affect the transition to sustainable development" Prepared for Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) and Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) SUNDAL SUNDAL Canadian Prepared by The Canadian Urban Institute Urban Canadian Council Le Conseil canadien Institute and of Ministers des ministres of the Environment de l'environnemen The Urban Environment Centre

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#### The Municipal Primer (1994) - New Doctrines

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**Rio Declaration - New Doctrines:** 

- To achieve sustainable development, environmental protection shall constitute an integral part of the development process and cannot be considered in isolation from
- States should reduce and eliminate unsustainable patterns of production and consumption and promote appropriate demographic policies.
  - The precautionary approach shall be widely applied and lack of full scientific certainty shall not be used as a reason for postponing cost-effective measures to prevent environmental degradation.

Thinking globally, acting locally is not just a slogan. Sustainability cannot be achieved if each community assumes that others will act. Action is required by all and each must participate.

Canadian Council Le Conseil canadien of Ministers des ministres

of the Environment de l'environnemen

https://cirl.ca/sites/default/files/teams/1/2012%20Symposium/ENG The%20L gal%20Concept%20of%20Sustainability\_Affolder.pdf

#### The Local Agenda 21 Planning Guide (1996) An Introduction to Sustainable Development

- Published by ICLEI & IDRC in 1996
- IDRC is a Canadian Federal crown corporation created in 1970
- https://idrc-crdi.ca/sites/default/files/openebooks/448-2/

"Sustainable development is a program of action for local and global economic reform—a program that has yet to be fully defined."

The Local Agenda 21 Planning Guide

AN INTRODUCTION TO SUSIAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

UNEP

















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### **ICLEI Founding Document (1990)**

n order to secure an environmentally sustainable future, the world's local governments must

begin to restructure social and economic life at the local level.





MISSION

On September 5-8, 1990, local government representatives from around the world will gather at the United Nations to launch a new direction in global environmental protection: acting locally for a sustainable future. International, national, and local organizations have called for the World Congress because of a growing recognition that global environmental problems can only be solved through a restructuring of human society at the local level. Local governments are

https://escholarship.org/uc/item/1nn015nc



#### Sustainable Development (un)Defined

https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/F-8.6/page-1.html Federal Sustainability Act

#### **Basic Principle**

## What's the legal definition?

#### Principles

**5** The following principles shall be considered in the development of sustainable development strategies:

(a) the principle that sustainable development is based on an efficient use of natural, social and economic resources and the need for the Government of Canada to integrate environmental, economic and social factors in the making of all of its decisions;

It's everything

Government

of Canada

(a.1) the principle that sustainable development

(i) is a continually evolving concept,

Cannot be defined, there are no limits



### What is Unsustainable?

(Whatever they say it is)

- Automobiles
- Rural living

► Fertilizer

► Flying

- Air conditioning > Farming
- Appliances
- Eating meat
- Suburban homes
- Fossil fuels

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#### Modern Sustainable Development

- UN Sustainable Development Goals
  - 17 Goals
  - Agreement with 190+ Countries
  - Integrated management and reporting system to advance policy goals on poverty, hunger, health, resources, energy, water, equity, gender, education, economy etc...







## What SD Means in Practice

https://ourworldindata.org/co2/country/china

#### Will SD Solve Climate Change?

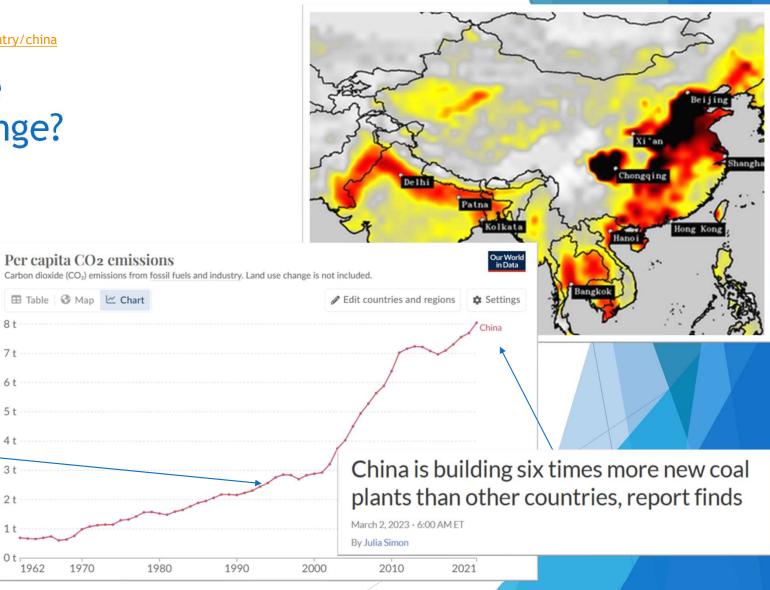
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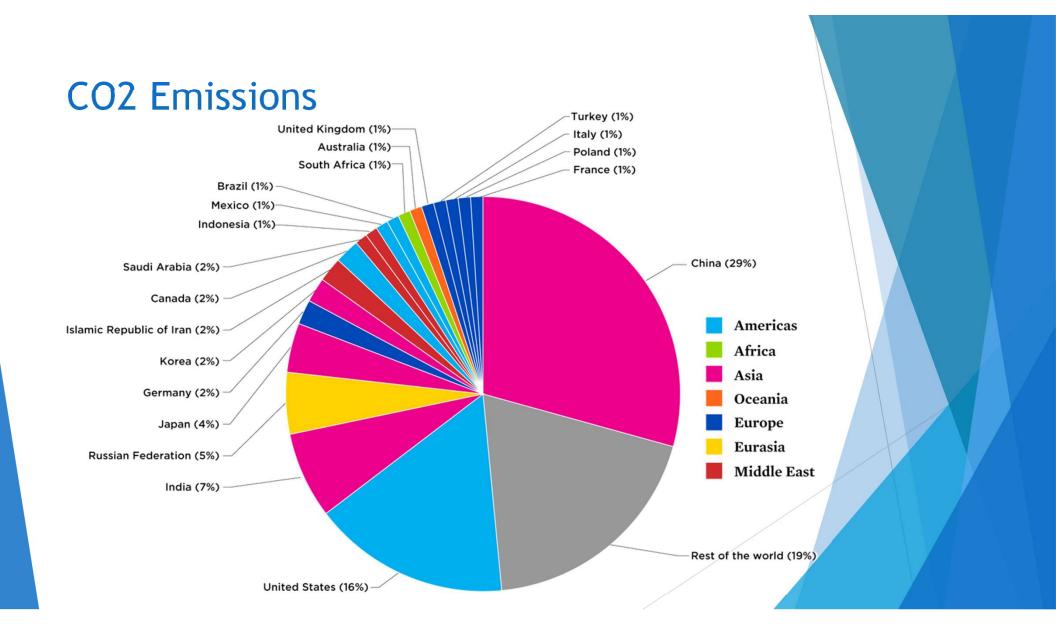
#### 1994:China unveils plan

BEIJING — China on Friday unveiled an ambitious plan to promote sustainable development which will rely heavily on foreign money.

Agenda 21 addresses how China, with the world's largest population of 1.2 billion and rapidly rising levels of both consumption and pollution, can realize its economic hopes without throwing its environment into chaos.

The plan was drawn up by more than 300 Chinese experts, with the help of the UN Development Program, after China promised to follow the objectives of sustainable development set out at the June 1992 Earth Summit in Rio.





#### What is Climate Action

► Goal#13

Generally linked to reducing CO2

According to the United Nations:

"Climate Action is intrinsically linked to all 16 of the other Goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development"

https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/climate-action/



https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement

#### Paris Agreement

Canada signed a legally binding treaty under the UNFCCC in 2015

## How does the Paris Agreement work?



Implementation of the Paris Agreement requires economic and social transformation, based on the best available science. The Paris Agreement works on a five-year cycle of increasingly ambitious climate action -- or, ratcheting up -carried out by countries. Since 2020, countries have been submitting their national climate action plans, known as nationally determined contributions (NDCs). Each successive NDC is meant to reflect an increasingly higher degree of ambition compared to the previous version.

To limit global warming to 1.5°C, greenhouse gas emissions must peak before 2025 at the latest and decline 43% by 2030.

5 Year Cycles

#### **Collective Rights Vs. Individual Rights**

- Individual rights are defined
- Collective Rights are undefined with no checks and balances.
- Accepting we must act for collective rights without any guardrails means writing a blank check

https://www.un.org/en/about-us/universal-declaration-of-human-rights

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**Collective Rights -** U.N. Declaration of Human Rights

Controls the individual for the greater good of a global Community

"Rights and freedoms may in no case be exercised contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations"

Government grants, restricts or withdraws your rights according to its needs. You and the product of your labor belong to the community.



#### Sustainable Development Recap

- Agenda 21 = Sustainable Dev.
- Everything we do must be "sustainable" "because climate"
- Philosophy: Collective Rights > Individual Rights, Think Globally Act Locally
- Sustainable development cannot be defined, is always changing
- New legal & legislative doctrines: No Proof Necessary



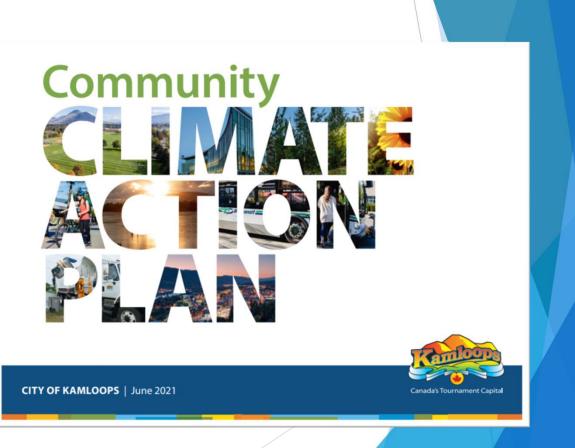
#### Sustainable Development Recap

Plans were not conceived or written with Canadians interests first

- Much of our modern life is considered unsustainable
- Requires undefined economic and social transformation
- Result in government control and management most things
- Will not stop climate change, will not prevent the next crisis

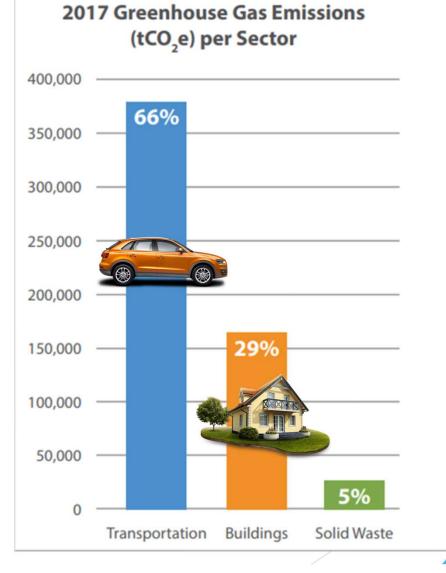
#### Cutting Emissions in Kamloops





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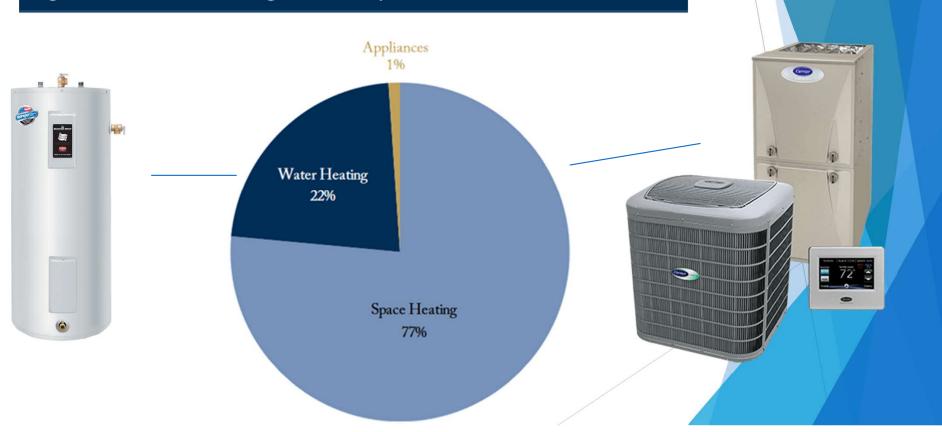
#### Kamloops Emissions





### Housing Emissions







#### How Can we reduce CO2 from Housing?

- Change building codes for future housing
- Retrofit and improve efficiency on older homes
- Switch to lower carbon forms of energy for homes
- Reduce demand for energy that homes use (DSM)

#### **BANNING GAS**

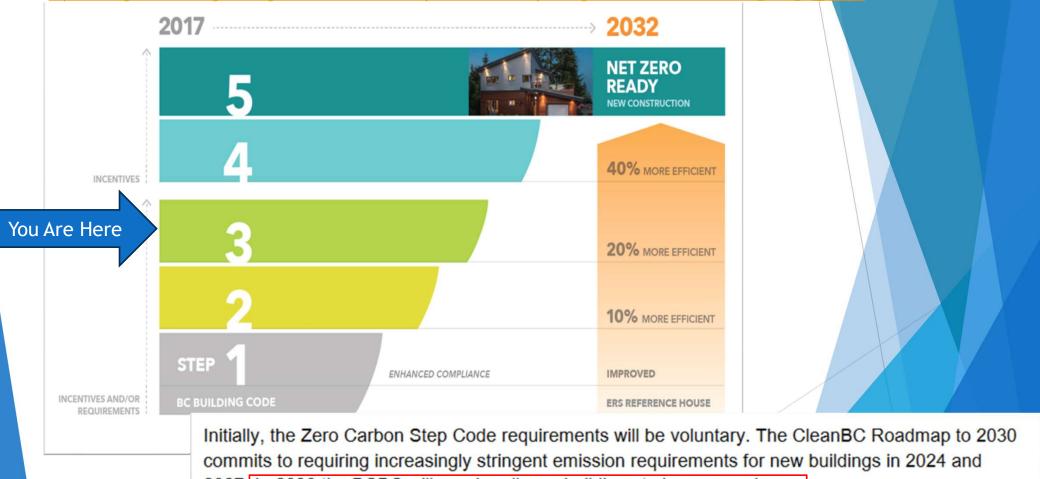
- Changes to the Building Code "Zero Carbon Step Code"
- No gas installed after 2030
- 100% efficiency for new appliances after 2030



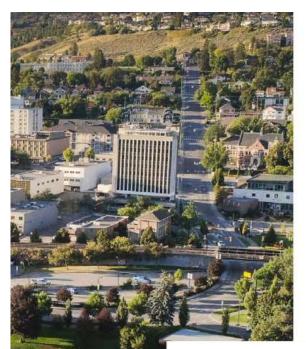
https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/climate-change/action/cleanbc/cleanbc\_roadmap\_2030.pdf

#### **BC Step Code**

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/construction-industry/building-codes-and-standards/bulletins/20\_better\_ee\_zcsc.pdf



2027. In 2030 the BCBC will require all new buildings to be zero carbon.



## ZERO-CARBON DELLO HOMES & BUILDINGS

Buildings account for 29% of GHG emissions in Kamloops and are the second largest source after transportation. Homes have been growing in size, with residential energy consumption increasing concurrently in recent decades.

However, high-performance, energy-efficient buildings can be built cost-effectively while simultaneously improving indoor air quality, health, comfort, and resilience to the effects of climate change, such as extreme weather events. In BC, the Energy Step Code outlines a schedule of increasing steps of energy efficiency leading to all new buildings being "net-zero energy ready" by 2032 or sooner. In addition to high-efficiency new buildings, most existing buildings will need to be retrofitted, and electrification of heating systems, primarily through cold climate heat electricity (primarily from hydropower in BC) or other renewable energy sources will be the largest contributor to reducing emissions in most buildings. This Big Move aims to leverage the Energy Step Code's increasing efficiency standards to reduce energy consumption while spurring innovation in building design and increasing the use of low carbon energy systems and high-performance building materials. Existing homes and buildings will need to be retrofitted at a rapid pace, backed by incentives and supporting programs. This scale of construction

https://www.kamloops.ca/sites/default/files/2022-01/cityofkamloops\_communityclimateactionplan\_june2021\_final.pdf

All new homes and buildings in the community will be net-zero energy ready by 2030 and zero carbon by 2040. Retrofitting 2% of existing dwelling units per year to achieve, on average, 50% GHG emissions reductions per unit.

### What is a Retrofit?

Kamloops CCAP:

**RETROFIT:** retrofitting refers to the addition of new technology or features to an older system. In the context of low-carbon buildings, a retrofit consists of installing technology that reduces the carbon emissions of a building (e.g. replacing a gas furnace with a heat pump and upgrading to high-performance insulation or windows).







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https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/construction-industry/building-codes-standards/existing-buildings

- Joint Task Force Alterations to Existing Buildings (JTG-AEB)
- Pan Canadian Framework
- Develop a model code for existing buildings to help guide energy efficiency improvements during renovations

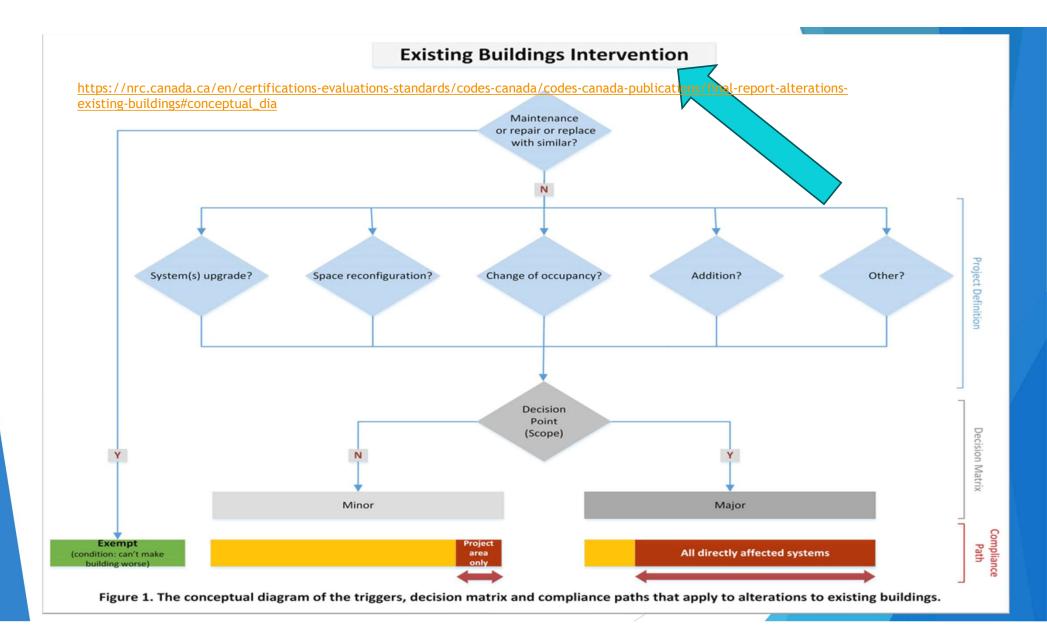


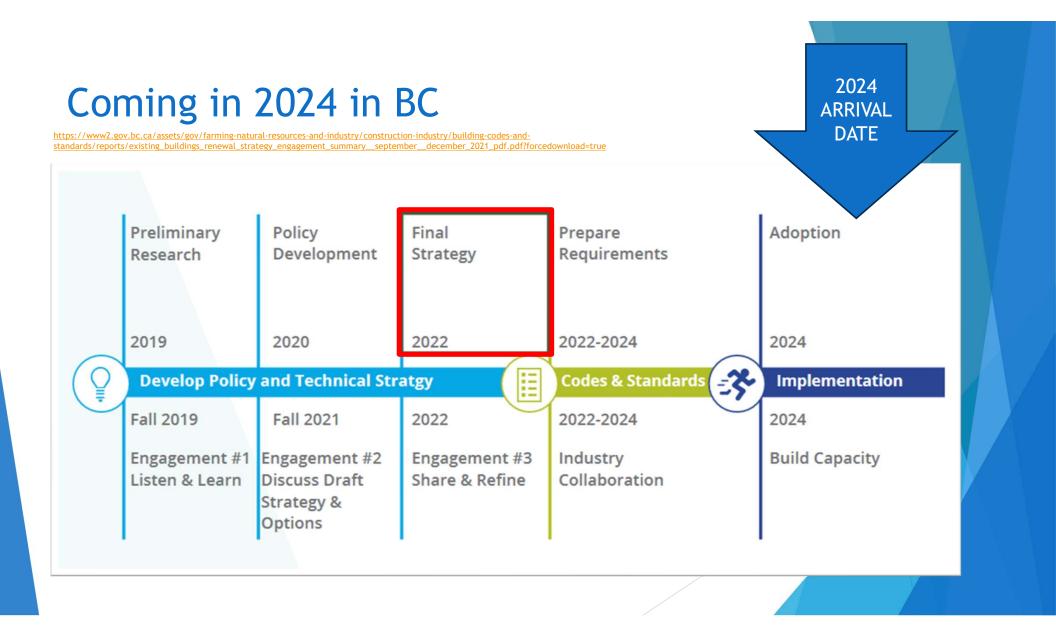


# "Voluntary" Trigger of Alteration Code

- https://nrc.canada.ca/en/certifications-evaluations-standards/codes-canada/codes-canada-publications/finalreport-alterations-existing-buildings
- The JTG AEB recommends that the Standing Committees consider the following triggers
- Maintenance or repair or replacement with similar
- Change of occupancy type
- Addition or Space reconfiguration
- System(s) upgrade

"all proposed triggers are based on a voluntary action by the building owner to alter a building... The idea is that when an owner has decided to alter, upgrade or change the function of a building, there could be additional requirements to improve the energy efficiency, accessibility, seismic resilience, structural integrity or fire safety/protection of that building to meet the current code."

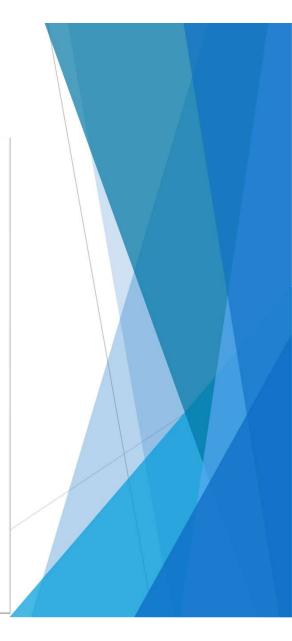




https://www.kelowna.ca/our-community/planning-projects/2040-official-community-plan

#### Alterations Code in the Kelowna OCP

Objective 12.4.	Improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions of new buildings.
Policy 12.4.1.	Energy Step Code. Incrementally increase the energy efficiency of new construction (Part 9 and Part 3) by accelerating Energy Step Code performance requirements towards net-zero energy ready buildings before 2032.
Policy 12.4.2.	Energy Efficient Design. Encourage the use of passive design to reduce energy demand as described in Chapter 18: Form and Character Development Permit Area.
Policy 12.4.3.	Operational Greenhouse Gas Emissions. Explore tools to encourage new construction to achieve low or zero GHG emissions from operations.
Policy 12.4.4.	Lifecycle Greenhouse Gas Emissions. Encourage new construction to reduce life-cycle greenhouse gas emissions from material extraction to demolition.
Objective 12.5.	Improve energy efficiency and reduce operational greenhouse gas emissions of existing buildings.
Policy 12.5.1.	Energy Efficiency for Existing Buildings. Support the accelerated local implementation of a provincial alterations code (expected in 2024) for existing buildings.
Policy 12.5.2.	Home Energy Awareness. Simplify the retrofit process by offering resources to homeowners that expand awareness of home energy performance and energy efficiency opportunities.
Policy 12.5.3.	Energy Labelling. Support provincial initiatives to require home energy labelling for all residential units at time of lease or sale to support increased disclosure and knowledge of home energy performance.
Policy 12.5.4.	Resources to Address Energy Poverty. Provide resources, such as incentives, capacity building and training, to assist households with a high home energy cost burden.



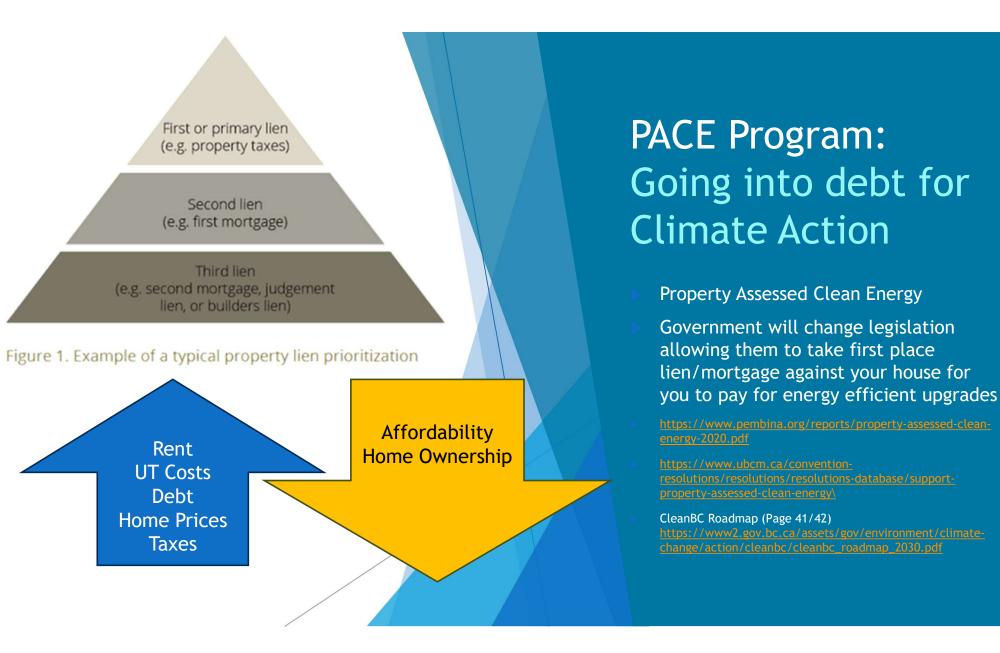
### From BC Ministry of Housing

- Fall Update for 2022 was postponed due to changes in the National Building Code
- BC will release more information in 2024
- Current trigger: opening a permit
- ► NBC is STILL OPEN FOR PUBLLIC COMMENT



https://cbhcc-cchcc.ca/eng/public-review/2023\_2/2023\_2-proposed-changes-to-nbc-necb-nfc-npc-combined-file-2023-10-20.pdf

https://cbhcc-cchcc.ca/en/public-review-of-proposed-changes-to-the-2020-national-model-codes/



## How does it work?

- No credit score necessary, based on equity in home
- PACE programs link an energy improvement loan to a specific property through a municipal tax lien.
- The annual payments for the improvements are tied to the property, not an individual, and paid through local government property taxes.
- This allows for longer terms, helping to reduce upfront loan repayment costs for building improvements.
- If the property changes hands to a new owner, the outstanding balance of the PACE loan is also transferred over to the new owner.

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/climate-change/action/cleanbc/cleanbc\_roadmap\_2030.pdf

## CONTEXT

- Average home worth \$560,000
- Property Taxes are \$245/mth
- Utilities Current \$180/mth
  - \$1400/yr gas (\$184 Carbon Tax)
  - ▶ \$780 / electric
- After Upgrade \$100/mth
  - ► 0\$/yr Gas
  - ► \$1200/yr electric

WILL HYDRO RATES STAY THE SAME??

		15 yr		
	30,000	50,000	100,000	150,000
Interest rate	5	5	5	5
Monthly Payment	240	400	800	2,000
Interest	12,558	20,931	41,862	62,793
		25yr		
	30,000	50,000	100,000	150,000
Interest rate	5	5	5	5
Payment	175	290	580	880
Interest	22,344	37,240	74,481	111,722



## Will you save money?

- According to Kamloops CCAP: 970/yr savings = \$80/mth
- What if BC Hydro Rates go up?

 Energy-efficiency retrofits can decrease energy bills and lead to healthier homes with better ventilation and thermal comfort levels. Based on 2019 Kamloops average household spending on energy, a 50% improvement in energy efficiency post-retrofit will result in average savings of \$970 per year.<sup>v</sup>

## **25yr Amortization vs Interest Rate Break Even**

Max Borrow Amt	21,000	17,000	13,750	11,500
Interest rate (%)	1	3	5	7
Monthly Payment	80	80	80	80
Interest	2,737	7,135	10,203	12,664

## What does California Say About PACE?

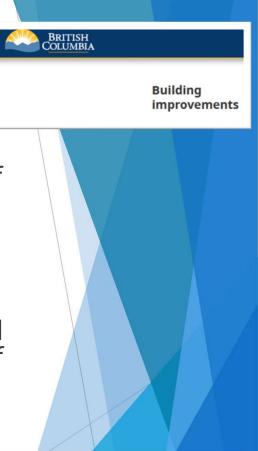
- Image: misrepresented the cost of PACE projects and the financing, claiming no money down or out-of-pocket-costs are required
- PACE assessments can also make it more difficult to sell or refinance a property because a lien is placed on your home until the PACE contract is paid off.
- Property taxes can increase substantially with the added cost a PACE contract.
- Homeowners who cannot afford it .... could lose their homes through a foreclosure action.

https://dfpi.ca.gov/pace-program-administrators/pace/



## Is PACE being proposed in BC?

- YES. On four separate occasions—in 2014, 2016, 2017, and 2019—local governments at the Union of BC Municipalities conference passed resolutions in support of legislation that would enable PACE programs.
- In its response to the 2019 UBCM resolution, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing stated that the province was open to PACE discussions
- The September 2020 BC Economic Recovery Plan included \$2 million for the province to support the development of a PACE financing too



https://www.helpcitieslead.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/HCL\_BRIEFING\_PACE-1.pdf

 The Province will proceed with the next steps on a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program, an alternative financing option to help building owners invest in energy retrofits

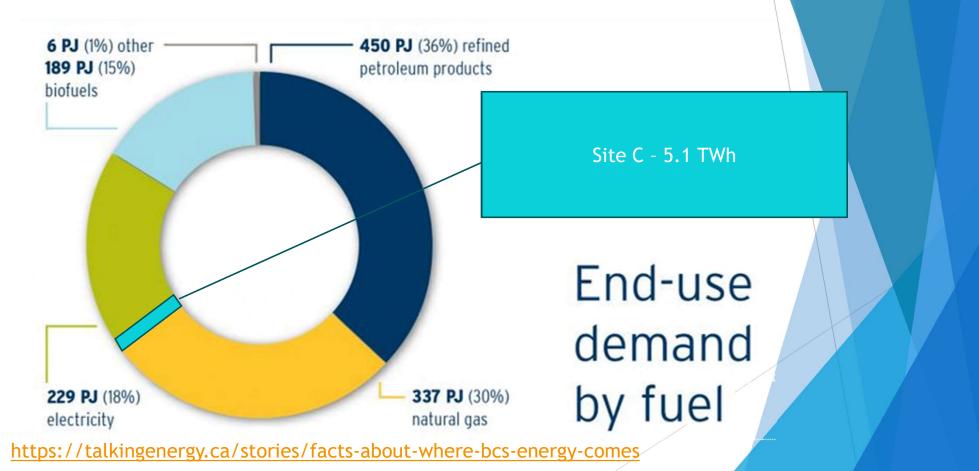
## Other Clean BC on Housing Initiatives

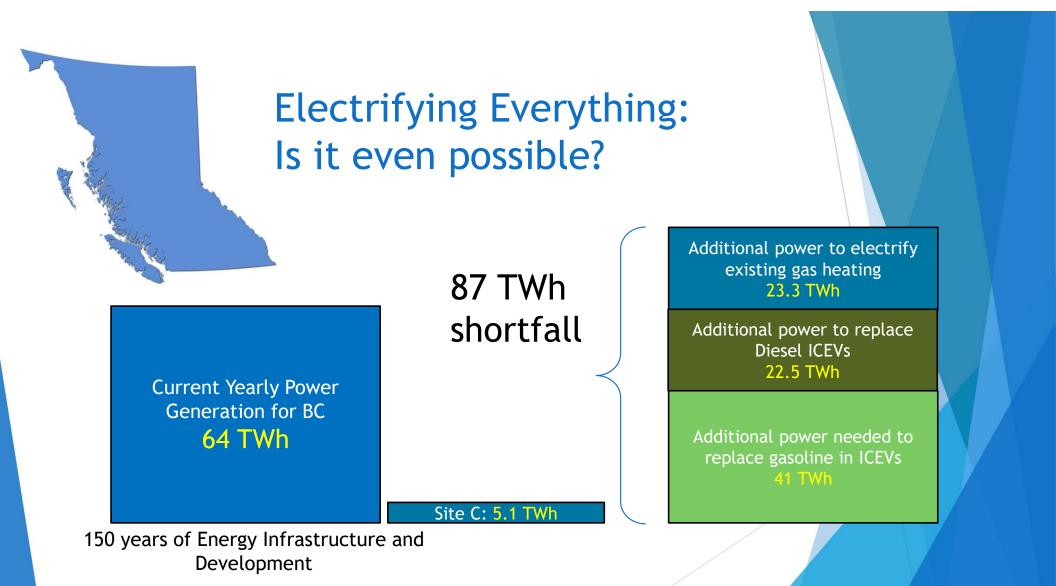
- After 2030, all new space and water heating equipment sold and installed in B.C. will be at least 100% efficient
  - No more gas only furnaces
- Mandatory Energy Labelling (at whos cost?)
  - \$600 for an Energuide Assessment
  - Require all homes listed for sale to have an assessment
- 2024 Stop all subsidies and grants for energy efficient gas furnaces and appliances through Fortis

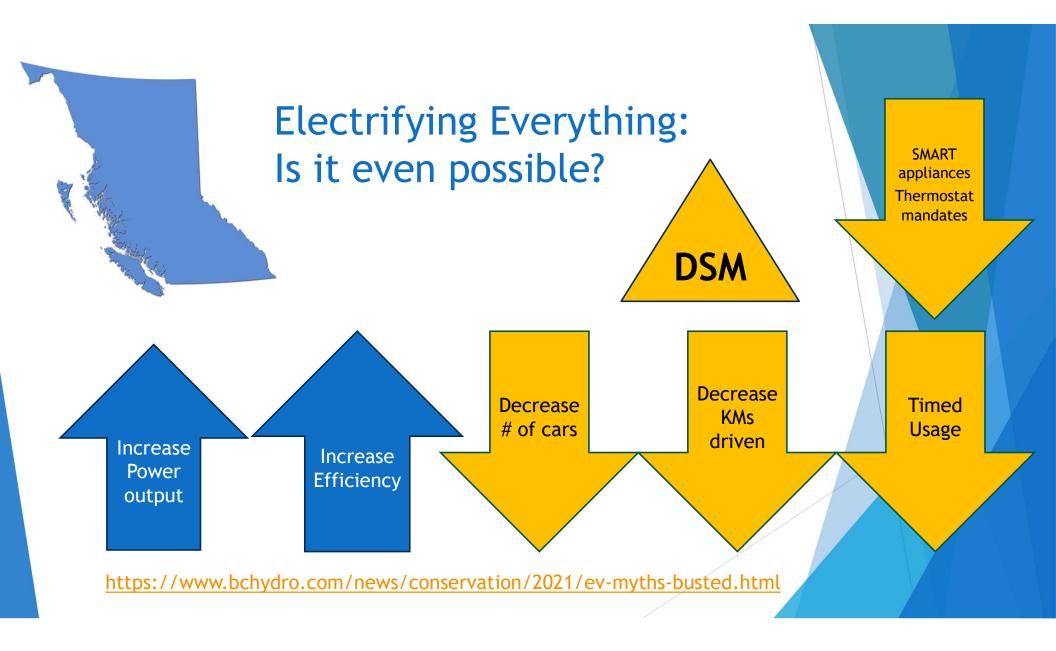
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### Can We Electrify BC?







https://www.bchydro.com/toolbar/about/strategies-plans-regulatory/supply-operations/long-term-electricity-planning/clean-power-2040/integrated-resource-plan.html https://docs.bcuc.com/documents/proceedings/2023/doc\_71932\_b-39-bch-signposts-update.pdf

## 2yrs : BC Hydro is 4,000 GWh Short

Table 5-11

Energy Load Resource Balances After Updated 2021 IRP Planned Demand-Side Measures and Electricity Purchase Agreement Renewals

Surplus / deficit (GWh)	F2027	F2028	F2029	F2030	F2031	F2032	F2033
April 2023 Reference Load Forecast	700	100	-1,000	-2,200	-2,900	-3,100	-3,200
2023 Accelerated electrification load scenario	-1,400	-2,300	-3,400	-5,900	-10,800	-11,600	-12,400
2023 Accelerated electrification with DSM under-delivery scenario	-1,800	-2,900	-4,000	-6,700	-11,800	-12,600	-13,600



## 2023 IRP UPDATE:

What does BC Hydro say?

We have an energy and capacity surplus BC Hydro is well positioned to serve our customers' province-wide electricity needs for most of the next decade *with additional demand-side measures*, before adding any new clean or renewable energy resources.

demand response technology - the ability to manage demand such as electric vehicle charging or home appliances (e.g., water heaters) by shifting electricity demand out of peak times and into periods when supply is more available

## DEMAND SIDE MEASURES

Our assessment is that pursuing more demand-side measures could:

 Increase bills for those not able to take advantage of energy efficiency programs;

 Default customers into opt-out time-varying rates that are not well-suited to them; and

 Increase the risk to ratepayers of demand-side measures under-delivering on their expected savings, leading BC Hydro to pursue quicker but more expensive options in response.

# Most effective Demand Side Measure is increasing the price \$\$\$

https://www.bchydro.com/toolbar/about/strategies-plans-regulatory/supply-operations/long-term-electricity-planning/clean-power-2040/integrated-resource-plan.html

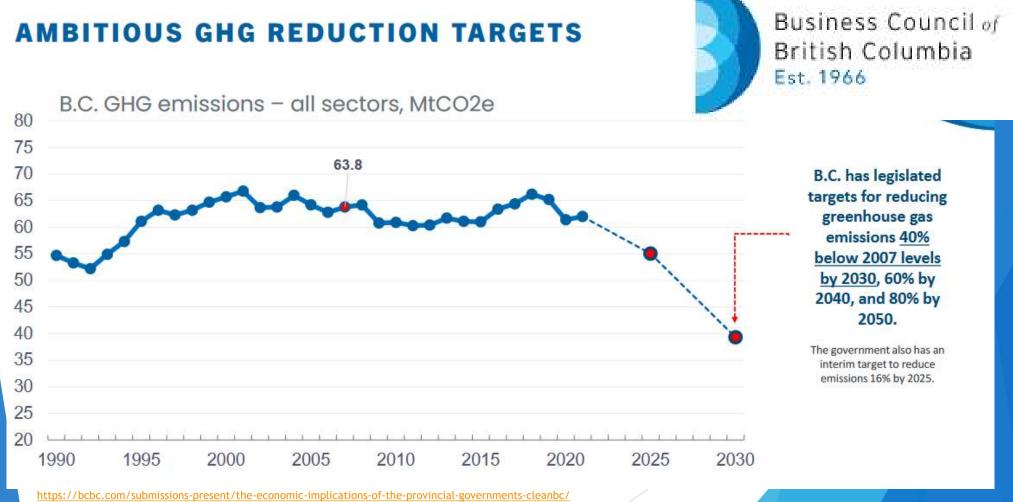
#### **GOVERNMENT FINANCES**

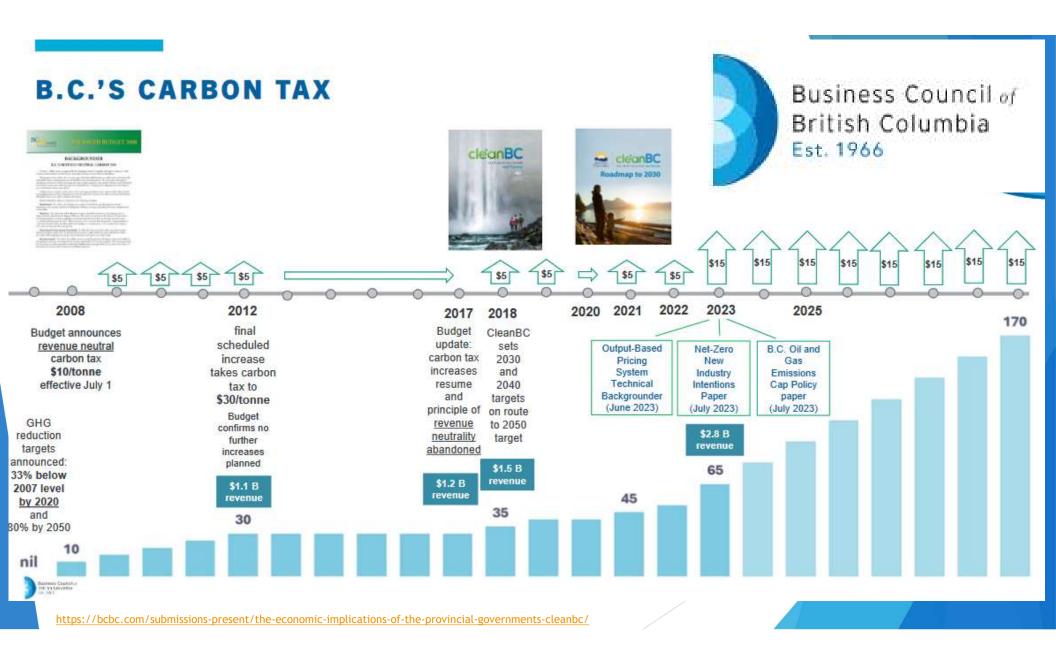
August 9, 2023

Government's own modelling shows its CleanBC plan will dampen economic growth and set B.C.'s prosperity back more than a decade

According to the NDP government's own modelling, implementing the CleanBC policy agenda...







## LITERALLY A POVERTY PLAN

#### ECONOMIC MODELLING RESULTS REFERENCE SCENARIO AND CLEANBC SCENARIO

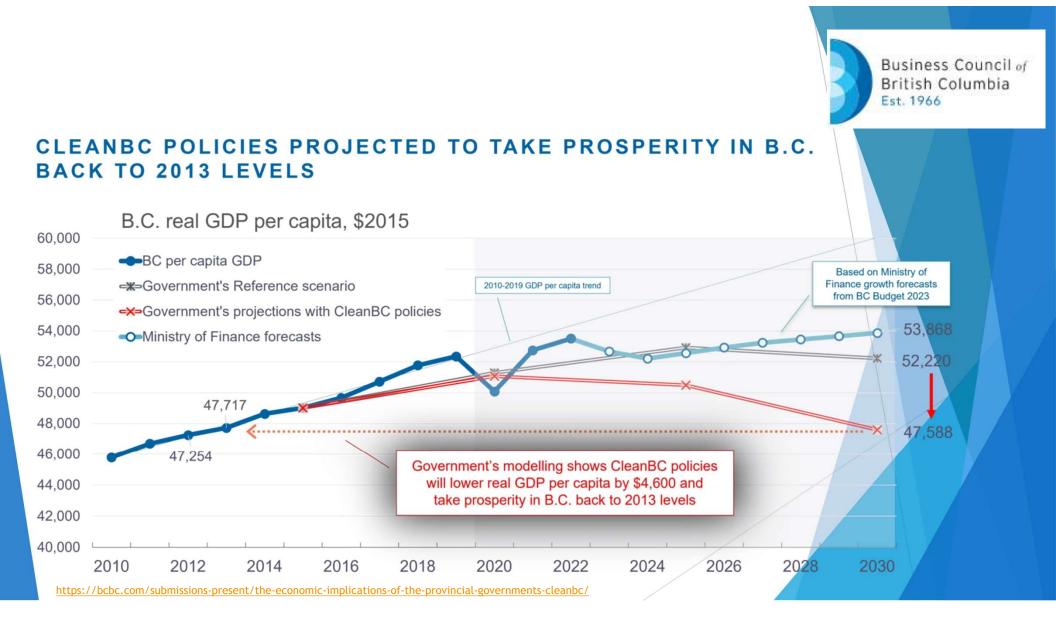
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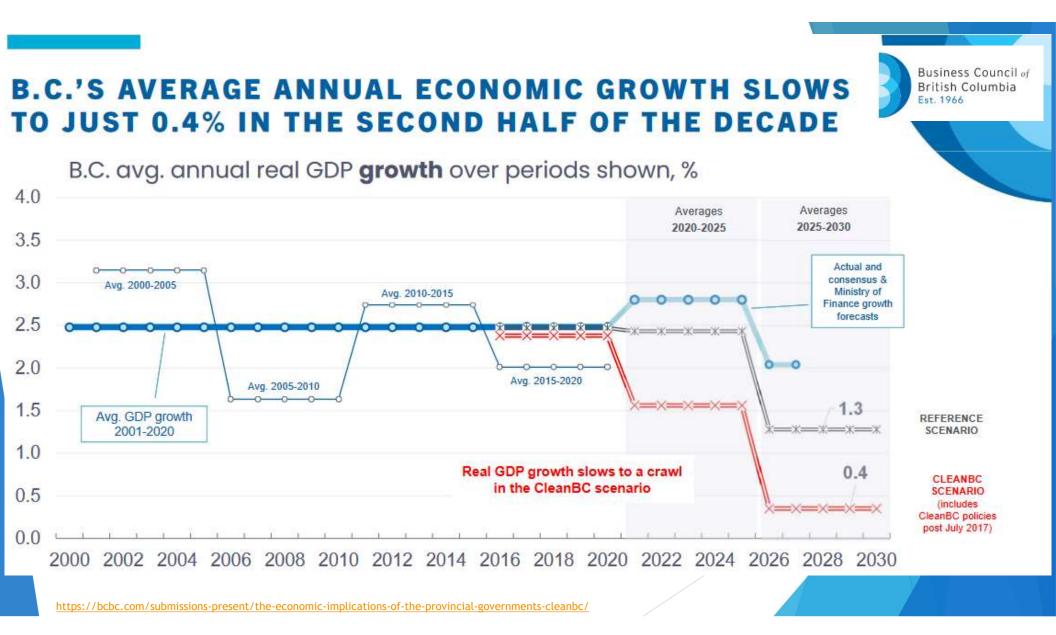
FOSSIL FUEL INDUSTRY     8.4     8.9     15.0     16.       Coal Production     1.2     1.6     1.7     1.0	Unit: billion 2015 \$	2015	2010	2025	2030
Coal Production 1.2 1.6 1.7 1.	TOTAL	233.8	264.1	297.8	317.2
	FOSSIL FUEL INDUSTRY	8.4	8.9	15.0	10.5
	Coal Production	1.2	1.6	1.7	1.8
Upstream Oil and Ga 5.4 4.8 9.8 10.	Upstream Oil and Ga	5.4	4.8	9.8	10.0

Init: billion 2015 \$	2015	2020	2025	2030
TOTAL <sup>1,2</sup>	233.8	263.0	284.1	289.1
FOSSIL FUEL INDUSTRY	8.4	8.8	14.6	12.0
Coal Production	1.2	1.6	1.6	1.5
Upstream Oil and Gas	5.4	4.7	9.3	8.5



https://bcbc.com/submissions-present/the-economic-implications-of-the-provincial-governments-cleanbc/





### SUMMARY

- Sustainable Development means government control of everything
- Mandating CO2 cuts will cause economic stagnation
- Electrifying everything will cause energy shortages
- Forcing energy upgrades on homes will:
  - Increase property taxes
  - Reduce sell-ability
  - Increase costs, reduce homeownership
- None of this will stop climate change



## Solutions

### TARGET THE OCP

OCP only covers sustainable development, doesn't use a "lens" of individual rights

#### **PUT IN SAFEGUARDS:**

- "Where practical, effective, economically feasible and agreed upon by the community"
- "The city recognizes the rights of citizens to privacy, mobility, property ownership Etc"

### **VOTE IN A DIFFERENT COUNCIL:**

Vote in Kamloops councilors that understand the issues and use a KAMLOOPS FIRST ideology

## QUESTIONS

