



## Northern BC Climate Action Network (NorthCAN) June 23, 2022 - Meeting Summary

Chair: Amber Hipkiss, Councillor for the District of Mackenzie and a member of the BC Municipal Climate Leadership Council

### Terms of Reference

Participants discussed the draft Terms of Reference for the network; Rob van Adrichem presented a summary of the key points that were developed by a sub-committee in May. During discussion of the format of Network meetings, the participation of Indigenous Elders was recommended, along with the regular identification of regional success stories and emerging topics.

#### 1. Vote your favourite name: (Single Choice) \*

19/19 (100%) answered

NorthCAN: The Northern BC Climate Action Network (13/19) 68%

BOLD: Bring On Local Dialogue (0/19) 0%

ENACT: Enabling Northern Action on Climate Team (4/19) 21%

ENCART: Empowering Northern Climate Awareness an... (2/19) 11%

Action: participants selected the name of the network from those that had been suggested by sub-committee members.

Northern BC Climate Action Network (shortened to NorthCAN) was selected with the majority of votes.

### Success Stories

Shaun Cormier of Sasuchan Development Corporation (the economic arm of the Takla Nation) presented about energy-efficient housing being built in Takla Landing and more remote Takla Nation communities. These involve the use of solar panels to address energy insecurity and Structural Insulated Panels (SIPs) for achieving high levels of airtightness.

### Emerging Topics

BC Hydro is seeking to profile homeowners in Northern BC who use a heat pump with no fossil fuel back-up. Contact [Chelsea.Dunn@bchydro.com](mailto:Chelsea.Dunn@bchydro.com)

The Government of BC has launched a new Local Government Climate Action Program that will provide additional funding for municipalities, regional districts, and Modern Treaty Nations to implement local climate action initiatives. There may be opportunities for collaboration across northern communities/regions to access additional staff capacity and amplify the impact of local initiatives. (See <https://www.communityenergy.ca/lgcap/> for more information)

### **Web links and contact info provided in the chat**

Building a Legacy – North: [www.communityenergy.ca/bal-north](http://www.communityenergy.ca/bal-north)

Wildland Development: <https://www.wildlanddevelopment.ca/>

Trappeur Homes for energy-efficient log homes: <http://www.trappeurhomes.com/>

Home Performance Contractor Network: <http://homeperformance.ca/home-performance-contractor-network>

Local Government Climate Action Program: <https://www.communityenergy.ca/lgcap/>

New Government of BC heat pump rebates for northerners:  
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2022FIN0022-000979>

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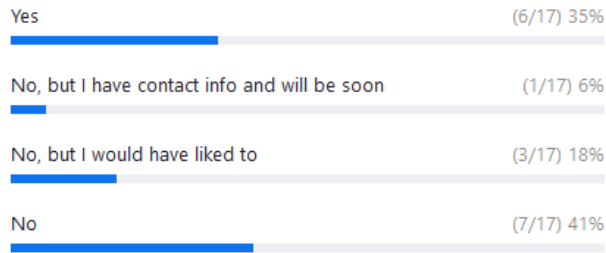
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## Follow-up and Next Steps

Participants completed two polls indicating early evidence of increased collaboration and information-gathering emerging as a result of the Network.

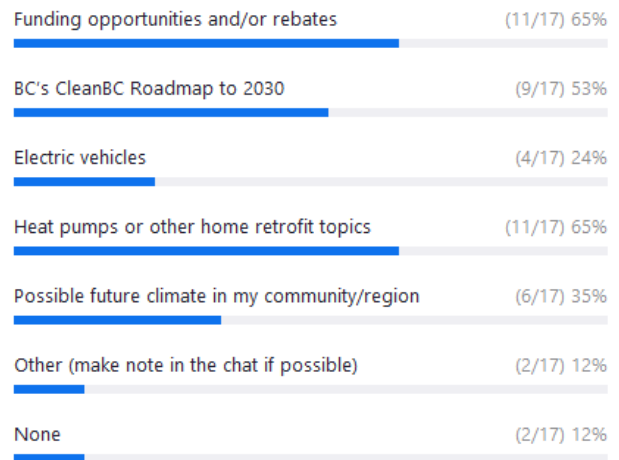
1. Following the first meeting of this network in April, have you connected with someone you met here? Select one. (Single Choice) \*

17/17 (100%) answered



2. Since our last meeting, have you attempted to find out more information about something that was discussed? Select all that apply. (Multiple Choice) \*

17/17 (100%) answered



CEA will follow-up with NorthCAN members with a summary of the June 23 meeting and meeting dates for the balance of 2022.

**Thank you to BC Hydro for providing the funding to initiate the Northern BC Climate Action Network**