

LEGAL AID BC (LEGAL SERVICES SOCIETY) 2024 PSO Climate Change Accountability Report

PART 1. Legislative Reporting Requirements

Information provided in this section will complete PSOs' legislative reporting requirements under the Climate Change Accountability Act (section 8.1) and the Carbon Neutral Government (CNG) Regulation.

Declaration statement: This PSO Climate Change Accountability Report for the period January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 summarizes our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions profile, the total offsets to reach net-zero emissions, the actions we have taken in 2024 to minimize our GHG emissions, and our plans to continue reducing emissions in 2025 and beyond.

Emission Reductions: Actions & Plans

A. Stationary Sources (e.g. buildings, power generation)

LABC currently does not own any buildings or manage major retrofits of our spaces. The organization continues to commit to reducing emissions by empowering hybrid work, which greatly reduces greenhouse emissions and the organizations' carbon footprint.

LABC's head office is located in a LEED Green and BOMA BEST certified building and participates in annual sustainability audits for the building, which ensures best practices in waste management and helps inform future sustainability improvement opportunities. The building also supports a bee habitat and green rooftop that produces food which is donated to non-profit agencies.

Recent renovation work has also included commitment to reuse materials where possible and incorporated energy efficient measures, such as automatic shut off lights in meeting areas.

B. Mobile Sources (e.g. fleet vehicles, off-road/portable equipment)

LABC does not have fleet vehicles, or off-road portable equipment.

C. Paper Consumption

LABC continues to use environmentally and socially sustainable paper products. Most LABC employees have hybrid work arrangements, which greatly reduce paper use. As part of LABC's digital transformation, improvements are made to online platforms which greatly reduces paper usage through online file sharing and collaboration.

2024 GHG Emissions and Offsets Summary Table

Legal Aid BC (Legal Services Society) 2024 GHG Emissions and Offsets Summary	
GHG emissions for the period January 1 - December 31, 2024	
Total BioCO ₂	0.3580
Total Emissions (tCO ₂ e)	99
Total Offsets (tCO ₂ e)	98
Adjustments to Offset Required GHG Emissions Reported in Prior Years	
Total Offsets Adjustment (tCO ₂ e)	0
Grand Total Offsets for the 2023 Reporting Year	
Grand Total Offsets to be Retired for 2024 Reporting Year (tCO ₂ e)	98
Offset Investment (\$)	2450

Retirement of Offsets:

In accordance with the requirements of the *Climate Change Accountability Act* and the Carbon Neutral Government Regulation, Legal Aid BC (Legal Services Society) (**the Organization**) is responsible for arranging for the retirement of the offsets obligation reported above for the 2024 calendar year, together with any adjustments reported for past calendar years (if applicable). The Organization hereby agrees that, in exchange for the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (**the Ministry**) ensuring that these offsets are retired on the Organization's behalf, the Organization will pay within 30 days, 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.

PART 2. Public Sector Climate Leadership

Other Sustainability Initiatives

LABC continues to encourage employees to consider using effective and sustainable modes of transportation through its policies and programs such as the Transit Friendly Employer program. Employees are also encouraged to consider whether online meetings can take place instead of in person meetings, which helps in reduction emissions.

In 2024, LABC also introduced service delivery through online applications for clients, in addition to call center service, reducing the use of paper submissions and emissions by clients through travel to LABC locations. This initiative also mitigates impacts to service delivery due to climate change.

Executive Sign-off:



May 8, 2025

Signature

Date

Steven Veinot

VP, Corporate Services & CFO

Name (please print)

Title