
Administrative Memorandum

Regular Board Meeting

Date: October 14, 2020
Topic: Carbon Neutral Action Report
Submitted by: Greg Frank, Secretary-Treasurer

Background:

Each year since 2010, all public sector organizations (PSOs) in BC have been required to be carbon neutral. This means that since 2010, Surrey Schools has maintained a net impact of zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions with respect to operations.

The district's energy management program has existed since 2010 and is dedicated to reducing carbon emissions and energy use as well as other areas of sustainability at Surrey Schools. The program is delivered through the positions of manager of energy management and sustainability and energy specialist, both of which are located in the Secretary-Treasurer's office and are partially funded by BC Hydro and Fortis BC.

The Carbon Neutral Action Report (CNAR) is an annual report through which all provincial PSOs publicly disclose details related to their achievement of carbon neutrality. The attached CNAR provides a record of Surrey Schools' 2019 greenhouse gas emissions, offset purchases, reduction actions and plans for continued reduction of emissions in the future. Surrey Schools also uses the CNAR as an opportunity to highlight other sustainability actions in the district.

It is recommended:

THAT the Board of Education receive the 2019 Carbon Neutral Action Report for information as presented.
