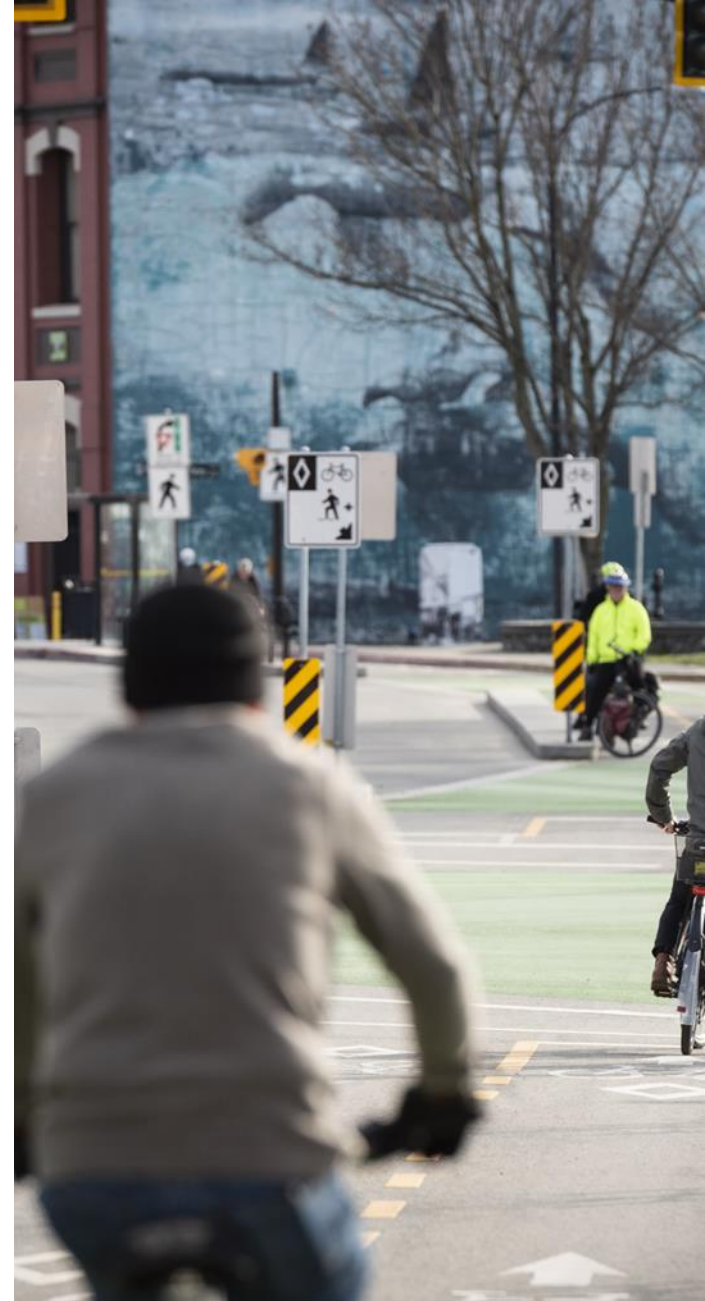


# Additional Opportunities for Regional Climate Action

Environmental Services Committee  
June 18, 2025

# Outline

- 2021 climate action strategy and board motions
- Additional opportunities for climate action:
  - Building emissions reductions
  - Climate Adaptation
  - Community Mobilization
- Integration into the renewed Climate Action Strategy



# 2021 Climate Action Strategy Goals

## CLIMATE ACTION STRATEGY GOALS

Climate-focused decisions making

Sustainable land use, planning and preparedness

Low carbon mobility

Low-carbon & resilient buildings & infrastructure

Resilient and abundant nature, ecosystems  
and food systems

Minimize waste

# Board Motions

Date	Board Direction
October 11, 2023	Staff to present innovative options to reduce GHGs
February 14, 2024	Funding allocation to develop a community mobilization program and conduct additional policy analysis
May 8, 2024	Report back on options for advancing a corporate and regional adaptation strategy
October 9, 2024	Develop public communication materials based on the latest greenhouse gas inventory data and utilize Climate Budgeting approaches in the CRD's next climate action strategy planning cycle

# Analysis Overview

- Stakeholder interviews
- Consultations with CRD subject matter experts
- Legal analysis of municipal and CRD authorities
- Emissions modeling

## Engaged partners and stakeholders

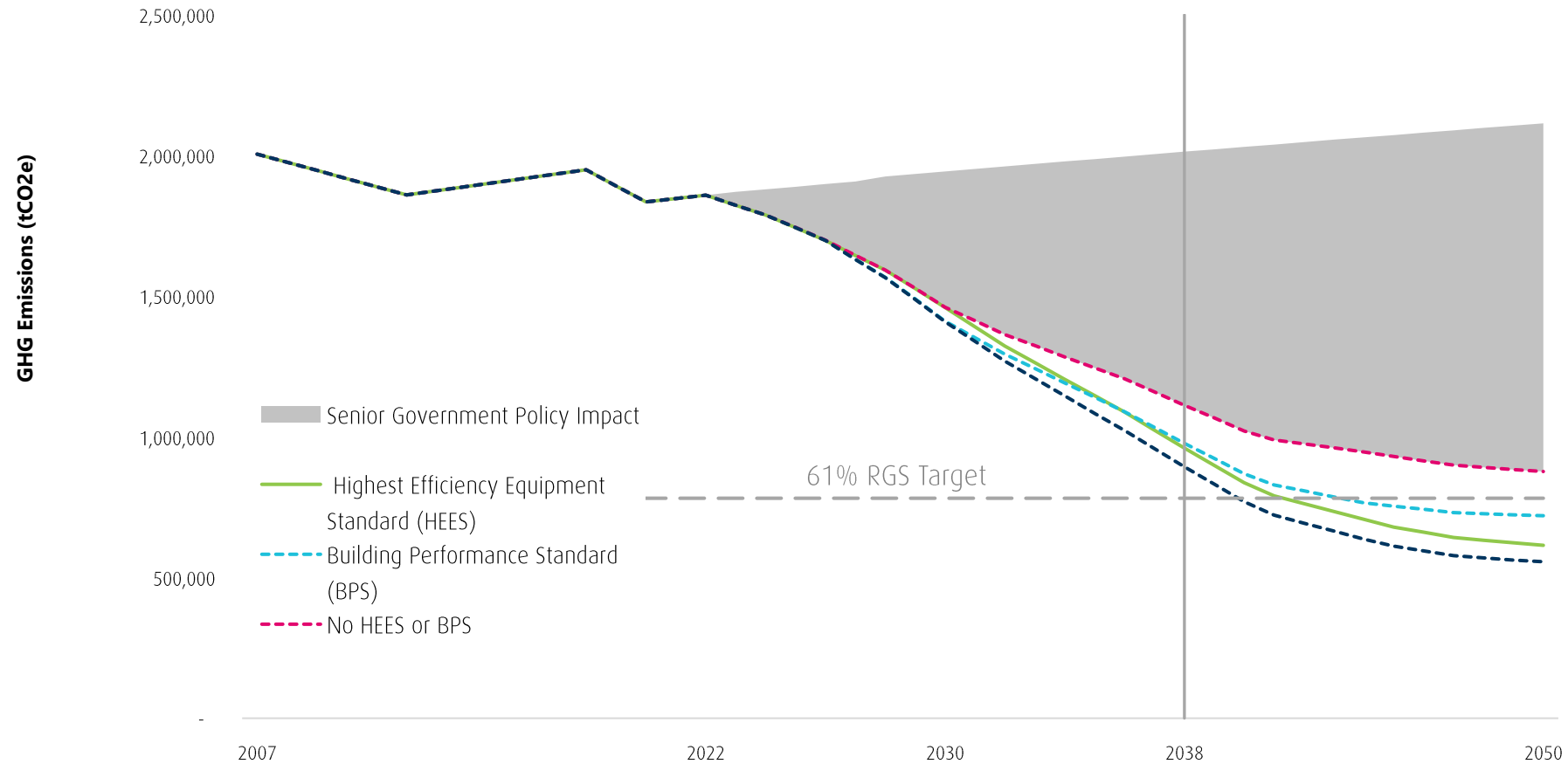
- Intermunicipal Working Group
- Intermunicipal Task Force
- 20 community groups
- Subject matter experts from 9 divisions in the CRD
- Municipal counterparts outside the region



# Policies

	Existing Authority for LG's	Direct Impact on GHG's	Effort for LG's to Implement	Cost to LG's to Implement
Zero Carbon Step Code (4 remaining communities)	■ Yes	● Low	■ Low	■ Low
Highest Efficiency Equipment Standard (HEES)	● No	■ High	◆ Moderate	■ Low
Building Performance Standard (BPS)	● No	◆ Moderate	◆ Moderate	◆ Moderate
Oil tank removal	◆ Partial	● Low	● High	■ Low
Carbon financing	◆ Partial	● Supporting	● High	● High
Incentives for MURBs & Commercial Buildings	● No	● Supporting	■ Low	◆ Moderate to ● High
Enhanced Home Energy Navigator	■ Yes	● Supporting	◆ Moderate	■ Low

# Building Emissions Reductions





# Climate Adaptation

- Clarify roles, support decision making and ensure compliance with new regulations for:
  - Critical Infrastructure
  - Community Programing
- Continue what has worked:
  - Coordination with local governments
  - Creation of data products, bylaws, design guidelines
- Attention to new regulations





# Community Mobilization

Based on interviews with community groups and local government partners, key areas for improvement emerged:



Increased Funding &  
Capacity Building



More Streamlined, Accessible  
Resources & Data



More Regional  
Collaboration & Networking



Need for More Diverse  
Audience Engagement



Call For the CRD to be a  
More Unified Regional Voice

# Next Steps - Integration

MITIGATION	ADAPTATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advance policies within existing authority (Step Code, Benchmarking) and leverage their success</li><li>• Prioritize new policies with largest impact</li><li>• Develop strategy to advance new provincial authorities and resources to benefit the region</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Develop critical data and capacity for member municipalities and regional partners</li><li>• Support services facing greatest climate risks</li><li>• Coordinate and support compliance with new regulatory regime(s)</li></ul>
COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use existing resources to empower community organizations</li><li>• Ensure high impact initiatives are supported with strategic communications</li></ul>	

# Next Steps - Timeline

