

# Sustainability at Victoria Conference Centre

Victoria Conference Centre (VCC) is a carbon neutral conference facility that offers a flexible 77,000 square foot meeting space in the heart of Victoria, BC. At the VCC, we ensure our team continually looks for ways to tread lightly on the planet with every meeting and event. From energy-efficiency to water conservation and waste management, the VCC is an ideal place to host low-impact eco-friendly meetings and events.

## CLIMATE ACTION

Positive action taken by the VCC has resulted in a 65% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions (2012 – 2019).

Our Carbon Neutral program helps protect the Great Bear Rainforest. All venue emissions including energy, water, waste and stationery are measured with Synergy Enterprises and offset with Offsetters.

We have achieved a 79% waste diversion rate due to our:

- 7+ stream recycling program including sorting options for organics, Styrofoam, soft plastics, glass, plastics, cardboard and more
- 47% reduction in landfill waste (2012-2019)

Approximately 400 trees have been saved by purchasing paper with a minimum of 88% post-consumer recycled content (2012 – 2019).

We are committed to reducing energy and GHG emissions by 50% by 2030 through Greater Victoria 2030 District.

We contribute to the City of Victoria's Climate Leadership Plans, which set targets to reduce community GHG Emissions by 80% and shift to 100% renewable energy by 2050.

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

Our Carbon Neutral Venue status means a 0 tCO<sub>2</sub>e (zero tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent) per delegate. Our Green Events Guide supports event planners in running low-impact events.

Zero-waste programs are available.



## ENERGY & WATER

The VCC has seen a 51% reduction in electricity use per delegate (2012 - 2019). Contributing to this are:

- Real-time energy management systems
- LED lighting throughout the building
- 100% Renewable Natural Gas

We've also achieved a 55% reduction in water use per delegate (2012 - 2019):

- Low-flow water fixtures
- On-site water bottle refilling stations
- Replaced water-cooled refrigeration with air-cooled units

We're a Certified BOMA BEST Platinum Building for excellence in energy and environmental management and performance (2016 - 2020).

## FOOD & BEVERAGE (FAIRMONT EMPRESS)

The VCC's exclusive catering provider, Fairmont Empress' goal is to reduce food waste by 30% by the end of 2021.

Options are available to source local menu items that are organic, fairly traded, and seasonal.

On-site beehives produce zero-mile honey, and the hotel's urban garden grows its own herbs and vegetables.

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