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### **Fraser Basin Council unveils new Greenhouse Gas Action Guide featuring cost-effective actions local governments can take to reduce GHG emissions**

The Kyoto Protocol to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions becomes international law today. To achieve the targets established in this protocol, business, governments, communities and individuals are working together to decrease GHGs.

Under the auspices of the Fraser Basin Council, the new Greenhouse Gas Action Guide website has been developed to assist municipalities, regional districts and First Nations communities in undertaking immediate actions to reduce GHGs. The challenge for many is where to start or, if some actions have already been taken, what more can be done.

Recognizing that many communities have limited resources, the GHG Action Guide includes an extensive compilation of practical, straightforward and cost effective actions to reduce harmful emissions. Topics range from transportation and infrastructure to water and waste.

The Guide also describes ways to adapt existing practices that can be implemented through tools that are already available to local governments, and identifies resources (organizations, programs and funding) available to help them accomplish their goals.

Please visit the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Action Guide at:

<http://www.ghgactionguide.ca/>

The GHG Action Guide was developed with the support of a number of key partners:

Fraser Basin Council  
Environment Canada  
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Greater Vancouver Regional District  
Community Energy Association  
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