

Climate change is a global problem that demands local and individual actions to reduce our emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs.) Gabriola organizations, businesses and individuals are committed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through a range of behavioural changes and community initiatives to support those changes.

Name of Organization: (Sustainable Gabriola) will:

- 1. Be a catalyst for climate change commitments by Gabriolans by initiating a Climate Change Charter and facilitating conversations with individuals and with other Gabriola organizations and businesses so that they can add their commitments to the charter.***
- 2. Locate Climate Change in relevant discussions at Sustainable Gabriola meetings.***
- 3. Encourage individual and group actions that support GHG reduction on Gabriola.***
- 4. Support Gabriolans who advocate for government policies resulting in the reduction of GHG emissions.***
- 5. Support non-fossil fuel transportation choices for meetings and events.***
- 6. Be a catalyst for transitioning to a carbon neutral island.***

We will achieve these goals through the following actions:

- 1. Work with other NGOs to create examples of actions (Museum and PHC as a starting point).***
- 2. Approach various groups and ask if they are interested in signing the Charter and creating commitments specific to their organizations. Offer to attend their meeting to discuss.***
- 3. Revise GHG calculator to include impact of farming practices as well as purchasing stuff. Start providing places people can use the calendar – online, March forum, outside village food, farmers market, etc.***
- 4. Create an award for organizations and businesses demonstrating reduced GHG emissions.***
- 5. Facilitate carpooling or Gertie as key actions that groups can take. (SG needs to consider at well).***