COMMUNITY ENERGY AND EMISSIONS PLANNING

QUEST*

Framework for Success

QUEST Canada developed the Community Energy Implementation Framework as a guide to help communities move community energy and emissions plans (CEEPs) from vision to implementation. The Community Energy Implementation Framework includes 10 strategies that provide advice on engagement and capacity, embedding energy into local government plans and processes. Visit QUEST Canada's <u>website</u> for more information.



DEVELOP A RATIONALE

Identify what issues the community energy and emissions plan (CEEP) will address and how it will help leadership acquire the information they need to make effective decisions.



PLANS AND POLICIES

Embed the CEEP into existing plans and policies across all departments to strengthen integration.



BUDGET AND FINANCING

Identify funding and financial sources available to support with the development of the CEEP.



MONITOR AND REPORT

Monitor and report on CEEP implementation to build ongoing support and celebrate successes to help build further support for implementation. The data can also provide frequent feedback loops to identify strengths and weaknesses as well as possible course corrections, if applicable.



DEFINE THE VALUE PROPOSITION

Identify ways in which the CEEP can add value to the community's various sectors beyond governments and utilities. This might include details regarding the benefits of CEEP implementation, an estimate of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions deductions, impacts, and the importance of co-benefits as targets in the CEEP.



ENERGY STAFF AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Engage knowledgeable individuals to lead, manage and implement projects and programs. Build capacity in local communities to accelerate community energy and emissions plan efforts.



IDENTIFY COMMUNITY Champions

Identify and secure collaboration efforts with well-known and respected community members who can promote the project, build awareness and recruit other community members.



ENGAGEMENT

Engage leadership and community members early when developing a CEEP and setting targets.



ESTABLISH GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES

Introduce new governance structures that welcome accountability, leadership, integrity, stewardship, and transparency.



ALIGNMENT WITH OTHER COMMUNITY PLANNING DOCUMENTS

Align other community planning documents to influence, strengthen and support with the implementation and prioritization of the CEEP.