

OFFICE OF CLIMATE ACTION & ENVIRONMENT

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The Corporation of Delta has teamed up with Climate Smart, a local consulting firm, to deliver a training program to assist small to medium-sized businesses in Delta to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and save money on operating costs.

Delta is pleased to offer this innovative program to businesses at a reduced rate starting at \$500. The three-step training program will take up to twenty-five businesses through a series of exercises to evaluate their services and operations. Businesses will receive tools, training and technical assistance from Climate Smart professionals for a year upon completion of the program. Branding and promotional opportunities are also available through the Climate Smart network.

Eleven Delta businesses participated in last year's program. To date, Climate Smart has helped over 200 businesses within the province to identify carbon cutting strategies suitable to their needs and timelines.

Training programs are running throughout the year including upcoming sessions in North Delta on May 26th, June 29th and July 21st from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Businesses may send up to two staff members for training.

Please contact Christine VanDerwill at Climate Smart to register by email at **christine@climatesmartbusiness.com** or call (604) 254-6283, extension 238. Businesses will be selected on a first come first serve basis.

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