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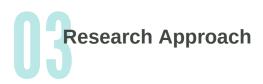
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Sustainability Scholars Program

The University of British Columbia (UBC) started the Sustainability Scholars Program in 2010 (UBC, 2019a). The Sustainability Scholars Program partners with organizations looking for UBC graduate students to participate in a sustainability-related research project through a paid internship program (UBC, 2019b).

Client & Project Description

Climate Smart Businesses Inc. (Climate Smart) is a social enterprise located in Vancouver, British Columbia. Climate Smart works with small to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) across Canada to profitably track and reduce their carbon footprint (Climate Smart, 2018). Climate Smart became involved in the Sustainability Scholars Program to evaluate Climate Smart's current reduction resources using a sectoral approach, to identify gaps in current reduction resources, and to develop sector-specific emission reduction plans. "99.7% of Canadian businesses are SMEs. Taken together, these companies contribute more that half of Canada's private-sector GDP."

(Climate Smart, 2018, Pg. 5)

2.0 BACKGROUND

Climate Smart uses an emission reduction plan to engage with clients and find opportunities to cut emissions and cut costs. This reduction plan breaks potential reduction strategies down by emission category (e.g. electricity, heat, transportation, waste, employee engagement etc.). Each emission category is subdivided even further. Within the electricity section, there are emission reduction strategies that address behaviour changes, small equipment changes, and capital equipment changes. For example, businesses can put up signage to help people remember to turn off lights and equipment, replace incandescent light bulbs with light-emitting diodes (LED), and purchase/ install energy-efficient office equipment (e.g. Energy Star appliances). Climate Smart provides clients with a variety of reduction strategies to consider for implementation.

Currently, Climate Smart utilizes a standardized emission reduction plan for all clients regardless of sector. Climate Smart recognizes that emission reduction strategies for one sector may not apply to all sectors. For example, purchasing the Loring Roaster is an emission reduction strategy for coffee roaster companies but this strategy does not apply to grocery stores or printing companies. Climate Smart seeks to strengthen sector-specific emission reduction strategies to better inform clients how to achieve deep emission reductions and save money while doing it.

The purpose of developing sector-specific emission reduction plans is to generate tailored reduction strategies for Climate Smart's clients. Sector-specific emission reduction plans will increase the likelihood of reduction strategies being implemented as well as lead to quantifiable emission reductions. These plans will be used for two different purposes. The first being a guidance tool for individual clients to enhance emission reduction efforts in the short, medium, and long-term. Secondly, to contribute to Climate Smart's data analysis process to further understand which businesses are using which reduction strategies and why in order to inform future reduction research, innovation, and engagement. "Climate Smart has worked with 40+ host partners to engage close to 900 businesses— representing over 80,000 employees —to prepare for and participate in the low-carbon economy."

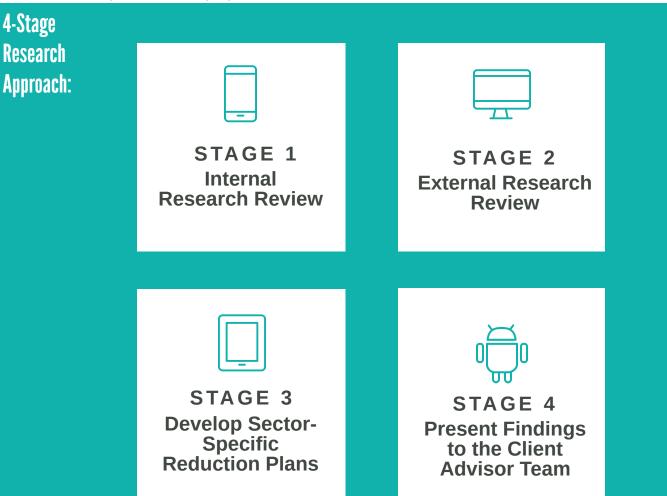
(Climate Smart, 2018, Pg. 4)

3.0 RESEARCH APPROACH

Description of Research Approach

The Sector-Specific Emission Reduction Plan Sustainability Scholar's project used a 4-stage approach:

- The first stage focused on a review of Climate Smart's existing internal emission reduction resources. This included reviewing client folders, 200 Million Tonnes of Opportunity, the British Columbia Business Energy and Emissions Profile (BEEP) dashboard, as well as Climate Smart's SurveyGizmo qualitative data.
- The second stage included an environmental scan of sector-specific emission reduction strategies. At first, this included academic literature but transitioned to primarily focus on emission reduction strategies that have already reached the market and been adopted by alike businesses. Academic literature was not providing actionable reduction strategies for SMEs. Climate Smart believed it was important to focus on realistic reduction initiatives for SMEs in the Canadian context.
- The third stage of this project involved the creation of sector-specific emission reduction plans. These plans were built using the current general reduction plan that is provided to all Climate Smart clients but now has filters to find reduction strategies that have been tailored for specific sectors. For example, the Loring Roaster produces up to 80% less greenhouse gas emissions compared to a conventional coffee roaster (Balzac's Coffee Roasters, 2018). This strategy is tagged specifically to coffee roaster businesses. These reduction plans were created into individual spreadsheet tools for Climate Smart employees. Eventually, an amalgamated version of all the separated sector-specific emission reduction plans was developed.
- Lastly, new reduction strategies were presented to the client-advisor team beginning in January 2020 until the completion of the project in March 2020.



"Climate Smart has trained 1,600+ people through 135 cohorts. On average, businesses achieve an impressive 11% reduction in GHG emissions, and annual savings of \$27,000."

(Climate Smart, 2018, Pg. 4)

4.0 SUMMARY

Project Milestones

The Sector-Specific Emission Reduction Plan Sustainability Scholar Project achieved the following milestones:

- Creation of a sector-specific emission reduction plan template (Appendix A)
- Development of 9 sector-specific emission reduction plans (Appendix B)
- Creation of a single amalgamated sector-specific emission reduction plan that reflects the 9 new reduction plans (Appendix C)
- Inclusion of 500+ new emission reduction strategies. 100 of these reduction strategies were gathered from Climate Smart's SurveyGizmo qualitative data.
- Completion of 10 presentations to Climate Smart's Client Advisor Team (Appendix D)

Research Key Findings

Key findings from the sector-specific emission reduction plan research include:

- Climate Smart employees needed a tool that could be continually updated to reflect emerging and innovative reduction strategies across different sectors of the economy. The new emission reduction spreadsheet will act as a living document for the Client Advisor Team.
- There are emission "leaders" for every sector.
- Businesses are promoting their efforts to reduce emissions.
- Cutting emissions can also cut operation costs.
- Businesses are hungry for innovative emission reduction solutions to tackle their largest emission challenges.

"Small and medium-sized enterprises sometimes "fly under the radar" of policymakers, but these businesses can and must be key partners in Canada's effort to meet its climate commitments and grow the clean economy."

(Climate Smart, 2018, Pg. 4)



5.0 NEXT STEPS

Suggested next step for Climate Smart to consider:

The Client Advisor Team should continue to build out the amalgamated sector-specific emission reduction plan (i.e. add new reduction strategies, conduct research on sectors that have yet to be covered, and continually adjust the sector-specific reduction plan to fit the needs of Climate Smart employees and clients as needed).

THANK YOU!





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APPENDICES

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Industry Title									
Emission Reduction Strategy -	Reduction Category –	Sales Force Category ⊸	Sector-specific –	Relevancy -	How Common is this? 👳	Added By 🚽	Language Suggestions 👳	Product Examples & Providers =	Company Examples
Make use of natural lighting as much as possible	Electricity ~	Electricity - Behaviour Change	-	-	Ŧ	-			
Use standby settings on electronics	Electricity -	Electricity - Behaviour Change 🛛 👻	Ψ	Ŧ	~	Ť			
Set computers to power saving mode	Electricity -	Electricity - Behaviour Change 🛛 👻	Ŧ	-	~	Ŧ			
Put up signage to help people remember to turn off lights and equipment	Electricity -	Electricity - Behaviour Change -	-	*	-				
Regularly monitor your usage through your online account with your utility provider to identify inefficiencies (i.e. nights/weekends etc.)	Electricity -	Electricity - Behaviour Change +	-		-	Ŧ			
Implement a policy that all non-office based equipment is turned off when not in use	Electricity ~	Electricity - Behaviour Change -	-	*	-				
Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent lights (CFL)	Electricity ~	Electricity - Simple Equipment -	-	-	-				
Replace incandescent light bulbs with light-emitting diodes (LED)	Electricity +	Electricity - Simple Equipment +	+	*	-				
Replace fluorescent tube lighting with LEDs	Electricity -	Electricity - Simple Equipment 🛛 👻	v	-	~	Ť			
Replace older fluorescent lighting with high-efficiency models	Electricity -	Electricity - Simple Equipment +	-	Ŧ	-	Ŧ			
Purchase/ install energy office equipment as old ones expire (fridges, copiers, etc.)	Electricity -	Electricity - Capital Equipment +	-	*	-				
Replace desktop computers with laptops at their end of life	Electricity ~	Electricity - Capital Equipment -	-	Ŧ	Ŧ	v			
Install occupancy sensors in common areas	Electricity -	Electricity - Simple Equipment 🛛 👻	Ŧ	Ŧ		Ŧ			
Use variable frequency drives (VFD) to improve efficiency	Electricity ~	Electricity - Capital Equipment -	-	*		Ŧ			
Ensure bay doors in warehouse and workshops are closed when not in use	Heat -	Heat - Behaviour Change -	-	Ŧ	Ŧ	Ŧ			
Implement a regular maintenance program	Heat -	Heat - Behaviour Change 🛛 👻	Ŧ	-	~	Ť			
Check settings on programmable thermostats (if installed) so that heat is turned down in the evenings and on the weekends	Heat -	Heat - Behaviour Change -	-	*	-				

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Coffee Roasters/Coffee Shops	Reduction	Sales Force	Sector-specific	Relevancy -	How Common	Added By =	Language Suggestions	Product Examples & Providers	Compar
Install high-efficiency commercial cooking equipment.	Heat		Coffee Roasters	High -	Leadership -	Eliza	Replace commercial cooking equipment with commercial roasting equipment (e.g. decommission propane roaster for a heat recovery	Loring Roaster.Supplier: https://oring.com/roasters/s35-kestr el/.Supplier: https://oring.com/. Bellwether commercial coffee	Detour Coffe https://detour re. Balzac's (https://www.t
Purchase heat recovery technology.	Heat v	Heat - Capital Equipment +	Coffee Roasters -	High -	Leadership -	Eliza 👻		https://coolenergy.com/how-it-works/	Portland Coff https://dailyo ortland-roast / -itself-throug
Install air pollution control solutions.	Heat •	Heat - Capital Equipment -					https://www.coffeeroasterafterburners	Air pollution control solutions such as thermal oxidizers prevent Volatie Organic Compounds (V/OCs) Examples: regenerative thermal oxidizer, Supplier: https://www.cpilink.com/coffee-roasti ng. https://www.muters.com/en/muter siproducts/pollutionwo-control/zeo	- i i
Expand recycling program to include burlap coffee bags.	Waste -	Materials - Waste Diversion -	Coffee Roasters Coffee Roasters	High T		Eliza -	.com/products.html	ite-rotor-with-rto/	Portland Coff Portland Roa https://portlar ustainability/.
Implement a coffee bag return program.	Waste -	Materials - Waste Diversion -	Coffee Roasters	Low -		Eliza			Ethical Bean http://www.et um/
Sell coffee in recyclable K Cup pods	Waste -	Materials - Waste Diversion -	Coffee Roasters -	High -	Leadership -	Taspia 👻			Van Houtte: https://www.v
Package coffee products in biodegradable bags.	Waste -	Materials - Waste Diversion +	Coffee Roasters -	Low -	Excellence -	Eliza			Portland Roa https://www.p lityatwork/art
Introduce financial penalties for purchasing disposable cups.	Waste +	Materials - Waste Diversion +	Coffee Roasters -	Low ~	Best Practice -	Eliza 👻			Starbucks. https://global 5064028EB3 F.pdf
Introduce financial incentives for using reusable cups.	Waste ~	Materials - Waste Diversion +	Coffee Roasters ~	Low ~	Best Practice v	Eliza 👻			Starbucks. https://global 5064028EB3 F.pdf

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Use recycled boxes for shipping and deliveries.	Waste -	Materials - Waste - Diversion	All Sectors 🗸	Low -	Excellence -	Eliza 👻	ing.com/boxes/ https://www.glbc.c	Coffee:	
Package coffee products in biodegradable bags.	Waste -	Materials - Waste + Diversion	Coffee Roasters -	Low -	Excellence +	Eliza 🔹		Portland Roasting Coffee: https://www.portla ndoregon.gov/sus tainabilityatwork/a rticle/458827.	
Request all suppliers to minimize their packaging.	Waste +	Materials - Waste + Diversion	All Sectors ~	Low -	Best Practice +	-			
Introduce financial penalties for purchasing disposable cups.	Waste ~	Materials - Waste v Diversion	Coffee Roasters ~	Low 👻	Best Practice 👻	Eliza 🗸		Starbucks. https://globalasset s.starbucks.com/a ssets/5064028EB 31B40FA86C13D D54497DE1F.pdf	E.g. 5-cent disposable cup fee.
Introduce financial incentives for using reusable cups.	Waste ~	Materials - Waste v Diversion	Coffee Roasters ~	Low -	Best Practice ~	Eliza 🗸		Starbucks. https://globalasset s.starbucks.com/a ssets/5064028EB 31B40FA86C13D D54497DE1F.pdf	E.g. 25-cent reusable cup incentive. In the UK, Starbucks saw an increase (2.2% to 5.8%) in reusable cup usage for hot drinks sold in retail stores.
Donate manufacturing off-cuts.	Waste ~	Materials - Waste v Diversion	Manufacturing Companies 🔻	Medium 👻	Excellence *	Eliza 🔹		Albion Fisheries Limited.	Off-our refers to waste product generated from the manufacturing process. Eq. "Altion Fisheries Limited domates off-out from seafood production to local orab boats as bait and to local farmers as fertilizer. This reduction strategy has diverted approximately 3.000 kg of waste from the landfill and reduced emissions by more than 4 tonnes of CO2e." (200 Million Tonnes of Opportunity. 2018).
Donate, sell, or convert used cooking oil and kitchen grease.	Waste ~	Materials - Waste + Diversion	Hospitality&Tourism ~	Low +	Best Practice *	Eliza 👻		Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge.	The Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge supplies used kitchen oli to power a local farm's bio-diesel equipment. Roughly 60 to 100 gallons of kitchen oli is donated each week.
Use key cards made from recycled plastic.	Waste -	Materials - Waste v Diversion	Hospitality&Tourism	Low *	Excellence 🔻	Eliza 🔻		Coast Hotels. https://www.coast hotels.com/about- coast/refreshingly -green/	Coast Hotels uses key cards made from 70% recycled plastic.
Establish external partnerships to donate non-food and food products.	Waste -	Materials - Waste + Diversion	All Sectors V	High -	Excellence *	Eliza 🔻			Amazon has a variety of external partnerships to donate non-food and food products (if available). E.g. Feeding America. Good360, Kind Direct. Innatura. Dons Solidaires, and multiple food banks. (Amazon, 2020).

