

CMRC Environmental Sustainability Commitment

The health of the environment impacts human health, including that of children and infants. Every organization has a responsibility to take steps to help address global warming and the climate crisis.

CMRC supports environmental sustainability and will:

- Show leadership in organizational practices that support and reduce harm to the environment (e.g. limit in-person Board meetings, reduce paper use, support telework, use eco-friendly catering, support employees using public transportation and/or electric vehicles, and other ways to further reduce carbon usage).
- Stay abreast of best practices for environmental sustainability in organizations.
- Align all relevant CMRC policies with protecting health and environmental sustainability.
- Share information and good practices with CMRC members about environmental health and how to address key environmental health issues.
- Encourage CMRC members to move their organizations to a higher level of environmental stewardship (e.g. energy assessment of office space, purchasing carbon offsets*, etc.).
- Support internationally recognized standards and voluntary initiatives designed to protect the environment, including examining and adjusting personal consumption to reduce carbon usage, including reduce, reuse and recycle.

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*A carbon offset is a credit for greenhouse gas reductions achieved by one party that can be purchased and used to compensate (offset) the emissions of another party. Carbon offsets are typically measured in tonnes of CO₂-equivalents (or CO₂e) and are bought and sold through a number of international brokers, online retailers and trading platforms. (David Suzuki Foundation)