

Certification Initiatives

Preparing for the event

- Encourage everyone in the organization to turn off lights, computers, and screens when not in use.
- Program computers to automatically go on sleep mode after being inactive for more than 15 minutes.
- Maintain office temperature at a maximum of 22° Celsius.
- Concentrate organizational activities in one section of the building used by the Games to limit heating or air-conditioning (promote the use of a specific section of the Cégep de Sherbrooke or the Centre récréatif Rock Forest instead of occupying the entire building, for example).
- Reduce and reuse energy-using equipment, such as computers, cell phones, portable two-way radios, generators, etc. The need for each item should be validated by the service in question.
- Promote sustainable modes of transportation to reduce GHG emissions:
 - a. Encourage employees to walk or bike to work. The Host Society also wants to promote and encourage sports, and has provided lockers, showers, and bicycle parking areas.
 - b. Encourage employees to carpool to get to work. Several employees have organized themselves and coordinated their work day so they can carpool morning and evening.
 - c. Encourage the use of public transit and active transportation by not increasing the number of parking spaces for employees. A limited number of parking areas have been secured by the Games Host Society. These are paid parking areas and require a parking sticker. Only those people with a parking sticker can use them. This limits solo car trips by staff. In doing so, many employees use other means to get to the Games House.
 - d. Use shuttle buses or vans to visit venues rather than individual car trips by employees and volunteers. These trips are calculated for GHG reporting. The Society is planning the systematic use of public transportation to venues when members of the organization are involved in the visit.
- Reduce final waste by using three-stream bins and posters promoting awareness at the Games House and workshop. The Society has focused on raising awareness among

employees and volunteers of the sound management of their waste materials (three streams available in meeting rooms and the cafeteria, recycling available near all work stations, posters promoting awareness, examples shown, various facts posted in the cafeteria, etc.).

- Implement an internal procedure to manage waste materials. The organization has created a specific procedure to manage waste materials generated internally (Games House, warehouse, and workshop), including less conventional materials (batteries, styrofoam dishes, wood, etc.). The different services have coordinated their tasks to ensure that materials are redirected to Sherbrooke ecocentres or recycling companies.
- Respect procedure during visits or meetings outside the Games House. During key meetings or pre-Games events, the Society expects sound management of waste materials. For example, at the “Lac à l’épaule” or during group venue visits, lunch boxes served were compostable, and three-stream bins were available.
- The Host Society has also anticipated GHG reduction in the transportation of equipment. Thanks to this responsible purchasing policy and our commitment to the Bureau de Normalisation du Québec, the organization has favoured local suppliers at each planning stage of the Games. The delivery distance for the many goods and equipment ordered is thus reduced, hence decreasing GHG emissions.

During the event

- Promote the use of fuel-efficient, hybrid, or electric vehicles to put up and take down venues.
- Encourage the use of fuel-efficient equipment, when possible.
- Use electric vehicles to bring waste materials from major venues to containers.
- Encourage volunteers to take free Société de transport de Sherbrooke (STS) buses during the Canada Summer Games–Sherbrooke 2013. The organization is proud to promote sustainable transportation for volunteers, **who can travel on STS buses for free.**
- Encourage volunteers to carpool using an online platform. The Host Society will set up a **digital carpooling platform** for volunteers to promote sustainable transportation.
- Implement a waste materials management process to **divert 80% of materials from landfill sites.** At least 80% of waste materials generated and weighed during the event will be recycled and/or composted. Various equipment will be used to reach this goal.
- Divert surplus food away from landfill sites. The Host Society is organizing a collection system with a non-profit organization, such as Moisson Estrie, for the distribution of surplus food generated during the Games.

Accountability and compensation

- Calculate GHG emissions from buildings and equipment used during the Games.
 - Report on GHG emissions generated by trips under the organization’s operational control. Trips made by the Host Society are calculated for a GHG statement. The Society has therefore divided its trips into five groups (trips by the organization, rental vehicles, shuttles, trips during the Games, and those related to meetings).
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control are compensated through the purchase of certified carbon credits through the Sherbrooke company Écotierra.

- A symbolic tree plantation (Games park) has already offset the reconnaissance trip to Halifax (2011 Winter Games) made by several members of the Host Society.
 - A financial contribution (about \$75 000) will also be made to recognized organizations in the region to symbolically balance GHG emissions generated by the delegations' air travel.
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