



# Air Quality Briefing Note

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## Questions

### **What have you done in the last 12 months?**

The Prince George Chamber created a Carbon Footprint Reduction Project in 2014. This has continued the past 2 years.

The Carbon Reduction Project assists businesses to find initiatives for lowering global warming emissions and provides university students with practical job skills relating to environmental studies. The intern provides an unbiased opinion of how participating project businesses could reduce their reliance on fossilized fuels and improve marketing skills with consumer targeted information. The participating businesses involved with Leon Kennedy, this year's intern, were: Benchmark Automotive, the Central BC Railway and Forestry Museum, Environmental Dynamics Inc., JFT Secure, Joey's Only, Nancy O's, P.S. Piano Services, and Staples. Leon was able to make payback calculations, expedite rebates, confirm carbon neutrality and carbon reduction equivalent emission calculations. This assisted businesses to evaluate such options as the purchase of natural gas fired deep fryers, fleet vehicles, hand dryers, cooling systems and lighting systems.

Leon followed up on UNBC's Carbon Management class' finding of the need for a regional compost facility for the restaurant sector. He compiled a detailed and extensive feasibility study outlining its profitability. We have to further review Leon's assessment and strategically distribute it.

For the past year, Carbon Footprint Reduction Project was funded by CN(primary), UNBC and PGAIR. PGAIR sponsored all costs related to wages for a summer intern in 2016. Without PGAIR's sponsorship this project would have a far lesser impact on reducing fossil fuel reliance in our business community.

### **What are you planning to do in the next 12 months?**

With the Continued Sponsorship from CN, UNBC and PG AIR the Carbon Footprint reduction Project will continue much the same as this past year.

### **What is your long-term plan to meet the 2016 goal?**

To help others in the business community to reduce their carbon footprint.

**Please indicate your self-assessed progress during the past 12 months:**

Low

Medium

**High**