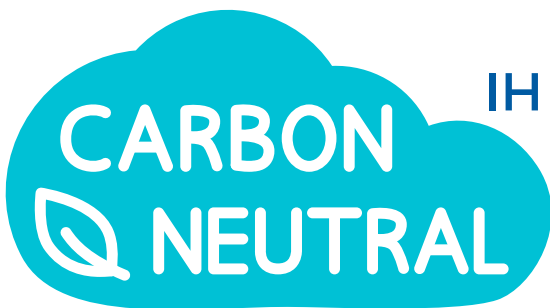


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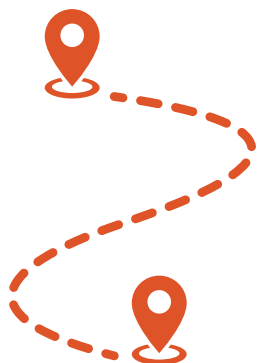


IH has been carbon neutral since **2010**

Waste diverted from landfills in 2022



2,512,000 kg



In 2023, IH developed the **Climate Change & Sustainability Roadmap**



166%

Increase in staff participation in environmental sustainability committees



86,500 Kg

of **plastic** diverted from landfills in 2022



Regional Planetary Health Table for Physicians launched 2022



In 2022, IH committed to **eliminating Styrofoam** used in food services

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 Sustainability Committees in Kelowna, Vernon, Penticton, Salmon Arm and Invermere



IH becomes the first health authority in B.C. to recover anesthetic gas from operating rooms in 2022/23



Invermere's Sustainability Committee planted a wildflower garden to reduce water use, increase pollination and provide a healing space for patients



Mental Health and Substance Use clinicians use bicycles to provide essential services



Dr. Ilona Hale develops toolkit for environmentally sustainable primary care

 Salmon Arm

 Vernon

Invermere 

Kamloops 

Kelowna 

Kimberley 

Nelson 

Penticton 

Cranbrook 



Release of the 2022-2023 Strategic Energy Management Plan to meet our long-term greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets



Kootenay Lake Hospital eliminates the use of the anesthetic gas desflurane, lowering the carbon footprint of their operating rooms



Successful personal protective equipment (PPE) recycling project pilot underway



Energy conservation measures are estimated to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 23% and energy savings of 19% when completed