

Strata Energy Advisor

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Is the Strata Energy
Advisor program right
for you? With VISOA



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MORE SOLUTIONS, LESS CARBON.

Is an independent non-profit and charitable organization. ZEIC's mandate is to catalyze, accelerate and scale climate action innovation across Metro Vancouver and beyond.

Our Programs Include:



BC Retrofit ACCELERATOR

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BC Retrofit Accelerator supports a smooth transition of existing buildings to net-zero carbon emissions in alignment with Provincial and Local Government climate action targets. The BCRA uses “zero-over-time” model aligning decarbonization upgrades with major renewal projects to minimize costs while improving comfort and climate resilience.

Support Programs Include:

Commercial Buildings



Decarb Accelerator

Non-Profit Housing



Member Supports

Market Rental



Rental Apartment Retrofit Accelerator (RARA)

Residential Strata



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Strata Energy Advisor Program Overview



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Why We Offer the Program

1 A Path to Net-Zero

Buildings represent 25% - 60% of emissions in urban areas. Low-carbon buildings are an important part of meeting our climate targets.

2 Future Ready Buildings

A well-planned replacement project shouldn't just be about energy. Adding cooling, improving ventilation, and protecting residents with health concerns are just some of the benefits of a low-carbon building in a changing climate.

3 Accelerating Adoption

Support programs can help to reduce complexity and improve project outcomes for Stratas.

Successful projects generate momentum and build capacity of project development consultants and implementation contractors.



Roughly 24% of British Columbian's live in condo-style strata buildings, but there has been very little support for them to plan for and meet climate action targets.

Why Get Involved?

That's why we're here, but stratas have their own reasons to be interested in low-carbon, efficient technologies.



To prepare for an upcoming retrofit project

--
heating, hot water, ventilation, or fireplaces

To add cooling or improve air quality

--
preparing for a changing climate

To reduce carbon/ improve efficiency

--
getting ahead of reporting or regulations

To maintain property values

--
keeping up with modern building standards

To keep operational costs low

--
both utility and maintenance costs

Isn't it great when something you have to do also helps the planet?

Eligibility

The program is available to strata-owned multi-unit residential buildings (condos) in BC.

Ground-oriented residential strata (townhome or multi-plex) are not currently eligible unless they are part of a larger multi-unit building.

Eligible buildings must:

- be 4 or more stories above ground
- **OR**
- greater than 600 m² floorplate (roughly 30+ units)
- **AND**
- have an upcoming **end of life replacement project**
- **AND**
- have **natural gas** for heating, hot water, ventilation, or fireplaces and be **interested in electrifying one or more of these systems**.



Limited spaces are available for multi-unit residential stratas (condos) with 5 or more units, including those that want to switch from electric baseboard heating to heat pumps.



Note: Residential shared interest investments (under companies act) and equity co-ops that operate like stratas are also eligible.

Phase 1 | Find out Your Options



Phase 1 steps

Strata Responsibilities



Register Online



Phone Interview



Building benchmarking



Site Visit & High-level Decarb. Plan

Ensure you meet participation criteria

- Building size
- Near-term replacement project that includes fuel-switching or enables fuel-switching

Talk to your Strata Council

- Motion to participate
- Sign participation agreement

Assign a key contact(s) - the champion!

- Provide building documentation (if available)
- Provide utility bills and sign utility data release forms

Coordinate a site visit

- Meet with your SEA on site
- Access to 2-3 suites
- Building walk-through

What do you get?

The Strata Energy Advisor program supports strata-owned multi-unit residential buildings (condos) across BC to reduce carbon emissions and improve efficiency through energy upgrades timed with necessary retrofit projects.



1 Energy Advisor

Your building is assigned an energy advisor to help you navigate all the steps in your retrofit project, working to balance comfort, cost, and climate considerations

2 Decarbonization Plan

Co-develop a high-level plan for your building to reach zero-emissions over time. This includes 3 scenarios for your upcoming retrofit:

Efficiency – Custom – Decarbonization

3 Support

Your energy advisor can help you:

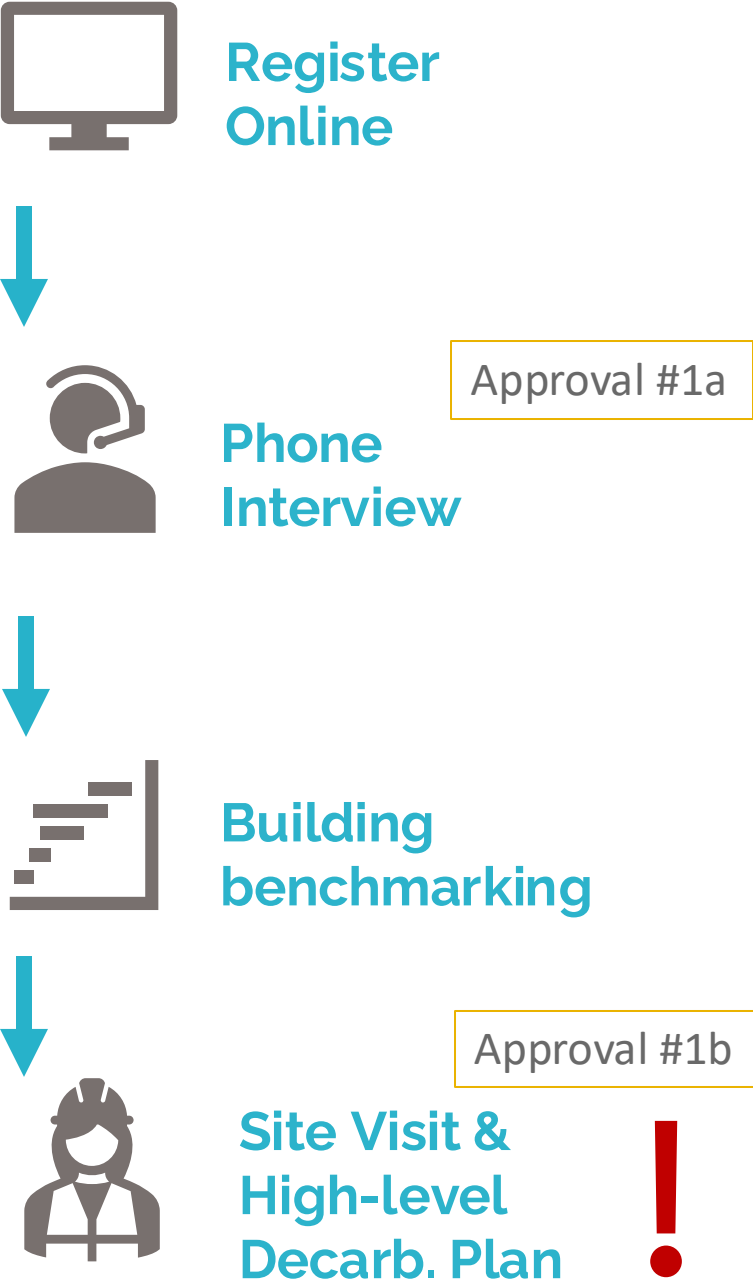
- learn about new technologies
- find consultants or contractors
- understand best practices
- make informed decisions
- access rebate programs

What you
DON'T get:

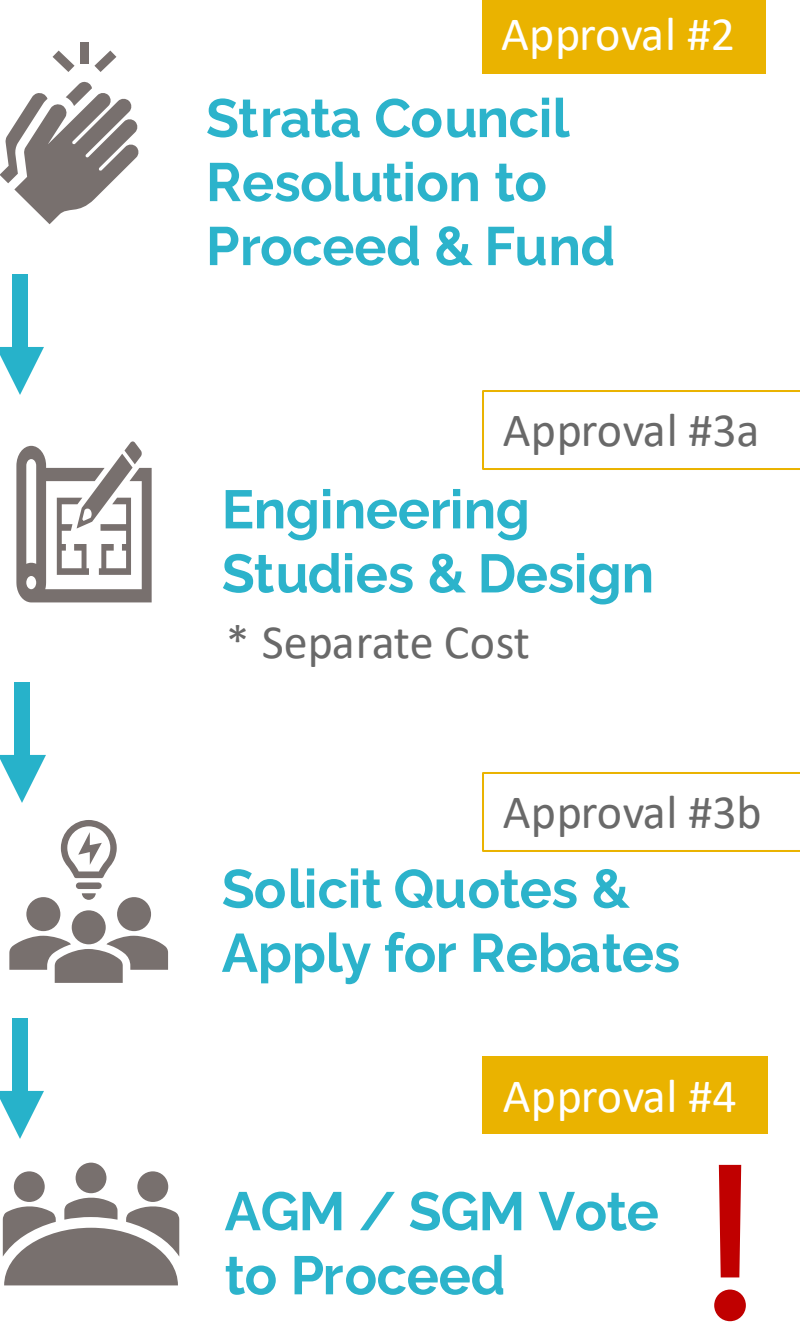
- Legal services
- Engineering services
- Project Management
- Capital Incentives

Building Support at Every Step

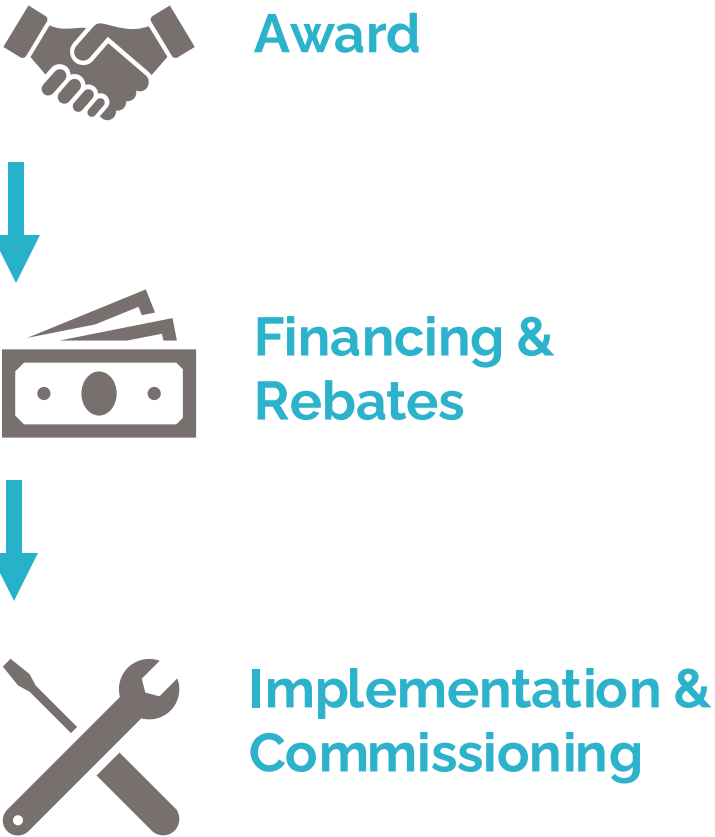
1 | Find out your Options



2 | Finalize your Plan



3 | Make it Happen



4 | Celebrate



THANK YOU!

Learn more or register your building at:

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