

Our Environment



Commitment

CIBC is committed to being an environmentally responsible organization. We demonstrate this commitment through continuing enhancements to our environmental risk management policies and procedures, initiatives to minimize CIBC's impact on the environment, promotion of environmental stewardship practices and support of strategically-aligned environmental organizations.

Priorities

- Strengthening our framework for environmental reviews in lending activities
- Understanding the implications of climate change
- Demonstrating environmental responsibility in our operations
- Researching best practices in biodiversity protection

Measures

- Update all environmental credit risk standards and procedures and re-adopt the Equator Principles
- Complete a study on the portfolio impacts of climate change
- Monitor and report on our key environmental performance indicators
- Collaborate with stakeholders on a strategy to consider biodiversity issues where appropriate

" CIBC has recognized the need for conservation and sustainable development of Canada's boreal forest. We applaud CIBC's leadership and willingness to work with a wide range of stakeholders to understand environmental risks while seeking opportunities to adapt business practices accordingly. The future of Canada's boreal forest depends on such constructive and innovative attitude from all sectors. "

Larry Innes, Acting Director, Canadian Boreal Initiative

Demonstrating our commitment to the environment

CIBC is proud of its longstanding history of integrating environmental management into business activities. Our Environmental Risk Management (ERM) group is responsible for oversight of environmental issues across the organization, while our Real Estate group manages programs and initiatives to operate our branches and offices in an environmentally-conscious manner. The Environmental Management Committee, made up of several business and functional units, works to ensure that material environmental issues associated with CIBC's operations are addressed.

CIBC participates in a variety of national and international environmental associations. We presently chair the North American Task Force of the United Nations Environment Programme's Finance Initiative (UNEP FI) and are active members of the Canadian Bankers Association Environmental Issues Specialist Group and the Environmental Bankers Association.

We promote environmental awareness among our employees and clients through our "CIBC and the Environment" website, as well as information sessions and events. For example, in 2006, we held an Earth Week celebration in downtown Toronto and hosted a UNEP FI workshop on Environmental Risk Management, attended by 45 bankers from around the world.

Updating our credit standards and procedures

CIBC's environmental risk management standards and procedures apply to all lending to small business, mid-market and large corporate sectors. In 2006, we updated our environmental risk management standards and procedures to make them easier for our clients, business managers and risk managers to understand and apply. As part of this update, we added climate change and biodiversity issues to the assessment process.

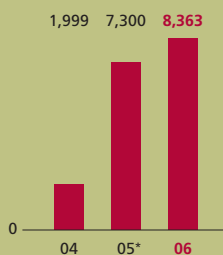
This year, CIBC was involved in the review and update of the Equator Principles, a framework for social and environmental review in project finance that we first adopted in 2003. CIBC renewed our commitment to the Equator Principles in July 2006. Since then, we have held several information sessions for our lenders and risk managers to review the Principles and their implementation. No new project finance, to which the Equator Principles would apply, was undertaken in 2006.

Responding to climate change

CIBC is establishing a Carbon Management Program to help address the challenges of climate change. Our focus has been on monitoring our carbon dioxide emissions, implementing energy efficiency improvements within our facilities and purchasing green power.

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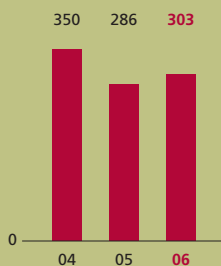
Paper recycling
(tonnes)



* Implementation of a national shredding contract

In 2006, 8,363 tonnes of paper products were recycled across our branch network and office buildings.

Water consumption
(millions of litres)



In 2006, CIBC consumed 303 million litres of water, a reduction of 14% since 2004.



In 2006, CIBC continued to purchase Climate Neutral Carpet, installing over 17,000 square metres and offsetting approximately 358 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions.



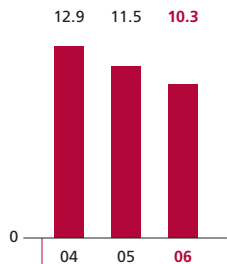
Over the next two years, 18 branches in the Vancouver area will offset 100% of their carbon dioxide emissions through the purchase of BC Hydro Green Power Certificates, primarily sourced from EcoLogo[™] certified small hydro projects.

CIBC is both a signatory to and participant in the Carbon Disclosure Project's fourth information request (CDP4). The CDP4, which represents a group of 225 institutional investors with \$31 trillion in assets under management, assesses how the largest companies in the world manage climate change issues. CIBC's score of 75 was the highest among all banks in the Americas, based on the assessment in the CDP4 report. CIBC also played an advisory role in the CDP Canada initiative to promote enhanced corporate disclosure on climate change among TSX-listed companies.

CIBC is one of the largest purchasers of green power among the Canadian financial institutions. From 2003 to 2005, CIBC purchased 6,000 MWh (megawatt hours) of Evergreen Energy Green Power from Ontario Power Generation, which offset approximately 5,400 tonnes of carbon dioxide. In 2006, we entered into an agreement with BC Hydro to purchase approximately 2,100 MWh per year of Green Power Certificates for the next two years, which will offset approximately 1,500 tonnes of carbon dioxide.

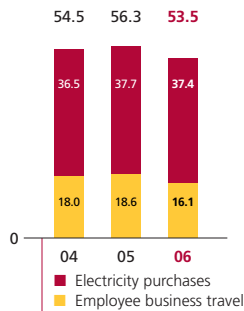
in Canada might affect our clients and CIBC's loan portfolio. Based on our findings, we are developing carbon risk assessment tools and raising awareness regarding risks and opportunities associated with climate change and carbon markets.

Direct CO₂ emissions⁽¹⁾
(thousands of tonnes)



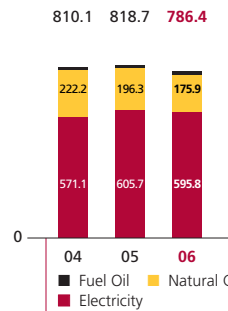
Carbon dioxide emissions from the combustion of natural gas and fuel oil decreased by 20% since 2004.

Indirect CO₂ emissions⁽¹⁾
(thousands of tonnes)



Carbon dioxide emissions from employee business travel and electricity purchases decreased by 2% since 2004.

Energy consumption
(thousands of gigajoules)



In 2006, CIBC consumed 786.4 thousand gigajoules (GJ) of energy, a reduction of 3% since 2004.

(1) All values for direct and indirect CO₂ emissions have been restated to reflect the GHG Protocol Initiative. For indirect CO₂ emissions, Environment Canada's Annex A: Interim Guidance on Performance Measures for GHG Emissions has also been used.

Raising our environmental standards

Within our retail branch network, energy efficiency and sustainability are key drivers in the selection of everything from lighting to window blinds. In 2006, we pilot tested lighting technology which could reduce energy use by 3% in our branches. We have also installed daylight sensors for ABM lobby lighting and timers for exterior signage to optimize energy savings.

For the third consecutive year, waste audits were carried out at 50 CIBC branches. Total solid waste generated by the branch network in 2006 was an estimated 1,182 tonnes, compared to 1,400 tonnes in 2005. This reduction is associated with a more robust national shredding program, implemented in 2005.

We also conduct environmental site inspections at our branches in order to identify and remediate, where necessary, hazardous materials and environmental risks within our branch network. This program began in 2005, and to date, we have inspected 651 properties across Canada, including 291 in 2006.

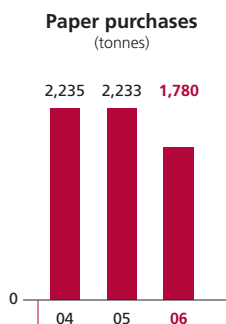
In consultation with external stakeholders, CIBC is in the process of formalizing its Environmentally Responsible Procurement Standard. As part of our supplier selection process, we incorporate environmental criteria – including energy efficiency, packaging, recyclability, and product end-of-life options – into our standard request for proposal. Environmental measures are weighted along with other criteria, and factored into the final selection decision. Our chosen suppliers are monitored on an ongoing basis to ensure that they maintain or improve their environmental performance over time.

In an ongoing effort to reduce waste while maximizing efficiencies, CIBC reuses office equipment and furniture wherever feasible. In 2006, approximately 5,376 pieces of surplus furniture were refurbished and redeployed. In addition, the use of black remanufactured toner cartridges was introduced to the procurement process mandate. CIBC is a founding member and the largest corporate supporter of Industry Canada's Computers for Schools program. Since 1993, we have donated more than 14,300 computers. This year, we donated 528 computers to the program.

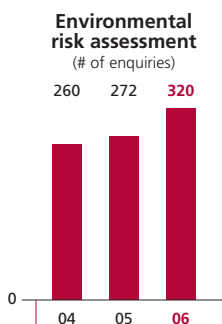
Safeguarding Canada's boreal forest

In consultation with the Canadian Boreal Initiative, the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and several industry associations, CIBC is researching how we may be able to contribute to the preservation of Canada's boreal forest through our policies and practices. We are enhancing our lending standards and procedures by integrating certain principles of biodiversity into the environmental credit risk assessment process. CIBC has also committed to use FSC-certified paper in our 2006 Annual Accountability Report which means that the wood fibre used in this report comes from forests that are managed in an environmentally and socially responsible manner.

Together with several Canadian banks, and with the support of Environment Canada, CIBC has initiated a study to examine policy options for Canadian banks wishing to integrate boreal forest considerations into lending, procurement and other bank activities. This study will be completed in 2007.



CIBC's paper purchases decreased from 2,235 tonnes in 2004 to 1,780 tonnes in 2006.



Environmental risk evaluations are fully integrated into CIBC's credit assessment processes.



CIBC conducted a study to investigate the promotion of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) principles to new CIBC buildings and major renovations.