



CLIMAtlantic

# YEAR IN REVIEW

2025-2026





## Message from ED

After another busy year working across the region to support climate resilience, we can proudly say we have come a long way since our establishment five years ago! Our partnerships and collaborations grow stronger, with many opportunities to support each other's work and mandates. We continue to work closely with provincial and federal agencies, particularly on maximizing the benefits of climate change adaptation locally – in communities, sectors, and ecosystems.

The next years will not be easy. Robust adaptation recognizes that climate risks do not exist in isolation. Part of our role is to help decision-makers, policymakers, and users understand that any goals in affordability, housing, community resilience, and ecosystem health cannot be sustained without effective adaptation. We will continue to refine how to make our services as immediately impactful and relevant as possible by incorporating the needs, goals, and operational realities of our users.

**Sabine Dietz** (she/her/elle), Executive Director  
May 2026



## Highlights

- 1 The CART (Climate Adaptation Resilience Training) Program added 138 graduates, bringing the total to nearly 200 thus far.** Graduates included youth as well as early- and mid-career professionals across sectors such as energy, education, and public health, as well as staff from federal, provincial, local, and Indigenous governments. The program remains trusted by employers to upskill staff in adaptation and resilience concepts, use of climate data and resources, engagement strategies, and problem solving.



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*I take away from this course a giant toolbox including many new favourite links that I will use again and again – inspiration on how to better facilitate workshops and bring people together in an inclusive way. It gives me hope to know there are others out there trying to bring positive change.*

Nova Scotia CART Participant



**2 CLIMAtlantic’s flagship service remains free and continues to evolve with the region’s needs and stages of readiness.** Approximately 400 free services requests were completed last year. The level of involvement and complexity of these requests has been increasing over time, as users take on more difficult adaptation challenges. It is not uncommon for requests to take weeks or months to complete. Individuals, organizations, and governments continue to rely on us to help them manage climate risk and build resilience to support communities, livelihoods, and ecosystems.

### TOP 5 SERVICE REQUESTS

- Providing general information on adaptation
- Providing a presentation
- Networking, connecting people with each other
- Directing them to existing resources/tools/reports/policies
- Locating, using, or interpreting climate projections

### THE TOP 5 TOPICS

- Coastal flooding and erosion
- General information
- Education and training
- Agriculture/Conservation
- Health



*I find [the provincial Climate Services Specialist] to be the most helpful...the support they have provided has been invaluable to the work I’ve been doing to identify [the [Province’s] major industry/sector risks.*

User of our climate services  
(or Annual survey respondent)



**3 More than 90 Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities and community organizations participated in our Community Resilience Program.** We supported staff and councillors through training (CART and Municipal Learning Series) on climate risk and vulnerability, planning, and community engagement. The team offered 1-on-1 and group guidance, bringing in relevant experts to provide tailored, practical support.



*[Thank you] for...the presentation on Planning and Climate Change Liability and Risk...it was very informative and provided a nice overall description of planning. I think that everyone was able to take away something from this. I hope that you will present to other municipal Councils and Planning Boards as it was very worthwhile!*

Chief Administrative Officer, Town in PEI



- 4 Our most popular online tools continue to be the interactive Coastal Adaptation Toolkit (3000+ downloads and 6000 visits), live Networking Map (~290 pins), and the Adaptation Library (460+ resources). Users benefit from the place-based expertise used in the development of these resources. The value of our tools and resources is driving increasing visits to our website, despite many other websites seeing significant drops in click-through rates since Google AI was introduced to Canada in Fall 2024.



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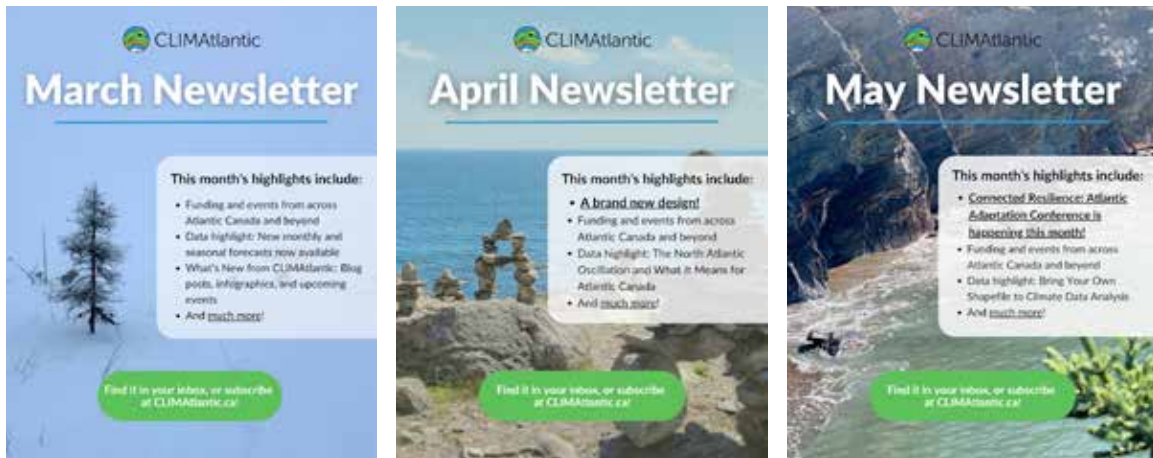


*Keep the information and resources coming.  
Difficult to find solid research from a credible  
source.*

Annual survey respondent



- 5 **The monthly newsletters continue to deliver timely adaptation information to 3100+ subscribers across the region and beyond.** Funding opportunities, events, data highlights, and new tools and resources were the most popular sections. Our annual survey indicated that 95% of respondents found our communications to be credible and 91% found the information relevant and easy to understand.



*I really appreciate the newsletter. There is always something of interest there, and oftentimes things I hadn't known about before (especially in the Data Highlight and the What We're Reading sections). I recommend this newsletter often to colleagues and partners.*

Annual survey respondent



- 6 **Our gatherings offer new and experienced practitioners from different fields and sectors opportunities to connect with each other, and new ways to integrate adaptation into their work.** Through a mix of in-person provincial community of practice events, to online workshops and webinars, we hosted 3500+ participants across 33 sessions.



*[The webinar] helped me understand how adaptation isn't a one-size-fits-all solution, but something that needs to be tailored depending on the context, resources, and risks involved. It made me more aware of how multi-level collaboration is essential in building climate resilience.*

Webinar Participant



- 7 **We teamed up with electricity sector partners to help communities prepare for extreme weather.** This included six information sheets on storm and heatwave preparedness and developing background reports on funding for battery storage and community microgrids – to keep the power on when it matters most.





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**We are working with coastal communities and sectors to develop new ways of building longer-term resilience.** We are testing different ways to approach adaptation decision-making using seven different case stories across the region. We are moving away from a one-time high-stakes decision to a series of choices over time, as new information and alternatives become available. This work includes ways to leverage natural assets while balancing community priorities, exploring how development and land use can support long-term adaptation, and how discussions can occur around extremely vulnerable yet crucial community infrastructure.



*We've been exposed to [adaptation pathways] being developed in other parts of the world, New Zealand for example. We were pleasantly surprised that the capacity to do similar work was available in Atlantic Canada [...] and skills that don't exist within our department were able to be brought to us and our sectors...*

Case story participant



9 **Climate career development is one of our priorities and applies to our own workplace as well.** CLIMAtlantic continues to provide summer students, interns, and recent graduates with on-the-job experiences and mentoring by adaptation practitioners who work with communities and sectors. We hired 5 students and interns this past year, bringing our overall total to 17 over our five-years in operation, further contributing to the adaptation workforce in Atlantic Canada.



*As I became more familiar with everything that is going on, I felt like I was able to make higher quality contributions to the work that I was involved in...Throughout the summer, I narrowed down my focus to the things I was most excited about being involved in so that I could give them my full attention. I loved the breadth of projects that I got to be involved in and continue to feel very supported by this team!*

Summer Student



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**Our on-the-ground success garners considerable interest and has given the team opportunities to share our approaches on regional, national, and international stages.** This includes presenting on coastal adaptation, long-range planning in the aquaculture sector, and a closing plenary panel on how relationships inform coastal work at the Coastal Zone Canada conference, as well as strategic long-term planning, “failing forward”, and strengthening workforce capacity in adaptation at the Adaptation Futures conference.



*While Adaptation Futures 2025 was an incredible learning experience, it also acted as a barometer for our own work and confirmed that we are among the innovators.*

Adrian Prado, Innovation + Adaptation Manager

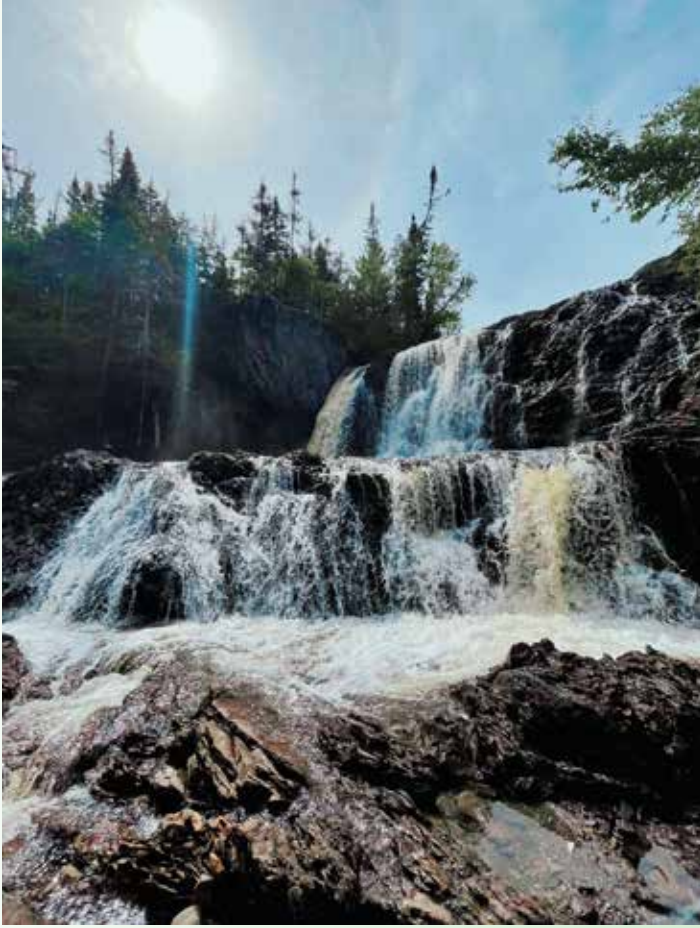


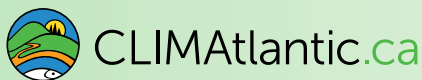
## Looking ahead

Our new strategic plan will guide our work for 2026-2029. It focuses on the four things the region needs most from us:

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- 1 Extending our free services to new users across the Atlantic region, especially in underserved communities and sectors;
  - 2 Guiding individuals and organizations to move beyond awareness and planning towards implementing adaptation in their work;
  - 3 Improving the flow of data, tools, and resources so decision-makers and policymakers can make informed decisions;
  - 4 Connecting practitioners, experts, users, funders, and recipients with each other to improve adaptation design, execution, and monitoring.
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CLIMAtlantic is an organization built on collaboration and partnerships. Created out of a federal initiative to establish regional climate services organizations across Canada, our core work is supported by all four Atlantic provinces and Environment and Climate Change Canada.

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We work closely with partners across the region to connect people with trusted experts and practical information so you can make informed decisions about adapting to our changing climate.

CLIMAtlantic works in Atlantic Canada, which is situated on the unceded and unsurrendered homelands of many Indigenous Peoples, including the Mi'kmaq, Wolastoqiyik, and Peskotomuhkatiyik who are all members of the Wabanaki Confederacy (which also includes Panawahpskewi and Abenaki), as well as the Beothuk, Innu, and Inuit.

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