



CLIMAtlantic: 2024-2025 Year in Review



A message from the Executive Director

Our mandate in the Atlantic region is a broad one, namely to provide those who need it in Atlantic Canada with information and supports to consider climate change impacts in their decisions. Driving our organization is the need for approachable, reliable, actionable climate information to address climate-related risks and support adaptation. That means we need a very diverse team which can on one hand dig deep into climate science, data and projections while on the other hand develop engagement strategies, outreach tools and resources, and support communities, sectors, individuals and governments.

As a climate services organization, we lean into challenges, constantly consider needs and gaps, and explore how we can provide the supports needed while also innovating. We push the envelope with collaborators and clients in asking broader, deeper questions around how we can manage and be prepared for the changes in our climate and their impacts, when so much uncertainty prevails. We have many challenges in front of us, but with a fantastic team, and a lot of support from governments, partners, and others, we know we can meet those challenges.

Sabine Dietz
(she/her/elle)
Executive Director



Our Achievements

Our four virtual Idea Exchange sessions during 2024-2025 let people share project ideas, brainstorm with others, and find collaborators. These online events let people share project ideas, brainstorm with others, and find collaborators. Each session included a funding overview, quick project pitches, and small group conversations for ideas and support. One participant felt that : “It was a streamlined process of finding collaborators on projects - made connecting easy peasy!”. Another participant said they “greatly appreciate this structure for partnership and project development!” While these were originally done for regional funding opportunities, we had the opportunity to provide this service at the provincial level as well.

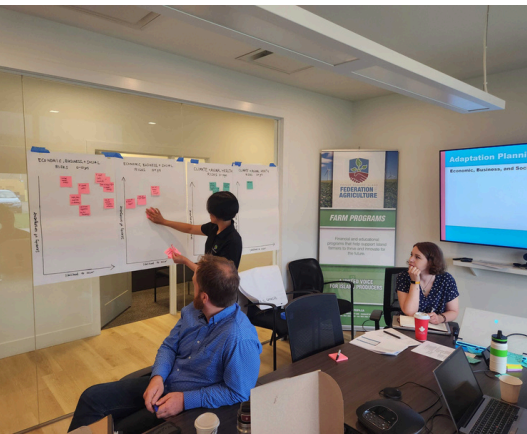


“I've learned the importance of seeing the big picture and zooming out to understand how my activities can be better adjusted to address not just one short-term goal, but multiple goals that align with a long-term plan. I think this is strategic thinking or long-term planning. something I've become more familiar with in a practical way, and I'd like to keep practicing it more often.”

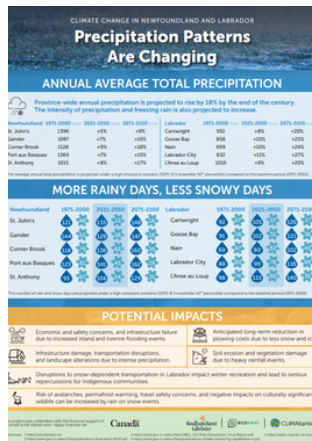
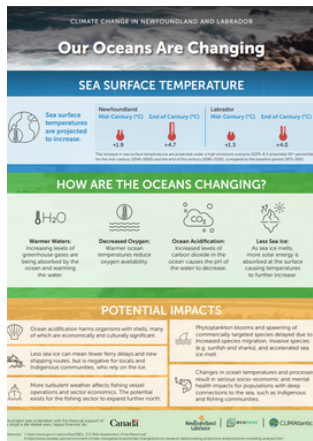
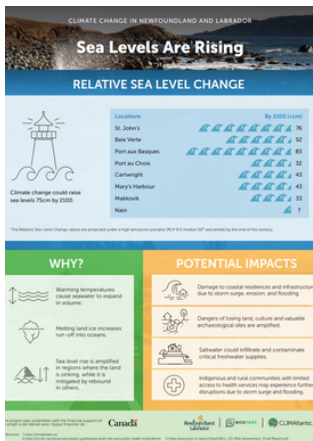
Sepehr Khosravi (he/him), Newfoundland Climate Services Specialist

We developed key partnerships and supported sectors in their work:

CLIMAtlantic, in partnership with Climate Sense, developed the PEI Federation of Agriculture’s Sectoral Climate Adaptation Plan. “Without [CLIMAtlantic’s] time and expertise, this Plan would not have been successful. Their work in project design, facilitation, data collection, and analysis were invaluable. Their use of adaptation pathways, climate projections, research, and local perspectives helped make the Plan relevant to climate challenges impacting the sector.”



A project funded by NRCan's Climate Resilient Coastal Communities program developed partnerships with the City of Charlottetown, Government of PEI, PEI Watershed Alliance, Communauté maritime des Îles-de-la-Madeleine, TransCoastal Adaptations: Centre for Nature-Based Solutions (St. Mary's University), Government of New Brunswick, Town of Ferryland, Fundamental Inc. Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador, Government of Nunatsiavut, Nature NB, and Valores to explore broader approaches and longer timescales when considering adaptation to climate change.



We developed five infographics about climate change in Newfoundland and Labrador. These infographics covered topics such as sea level rise, warming temperatures, and changes to storms and rainfall patterns. You can find them on our website in the adaptation library.

Our Impact



Team Growth: In 2021, CLIMAtlantic had a small team of 8 people. By 2024-2025, including summer students, we had 21 team members.

“The last year has been a time for growth for the team. Both adding to our numbers and capacity building for individuals. Along with the growth in numbers we have been able to have a cohesive team, working well together with a variety of interests, abilities and skills. Though we are spread across Atlantic Canada we enjoy our time together online and in-person.”

Janelle Frail (she/her), Engagement + Operations Manager



Service Requests: In 2024-2025 we had 464 service requests compared to 529 in 2023-2024. While there were fewer service requests, they are growing in depth and complexity. Our Provincial Specialists are participating as collaborators and steering committee members on months-long, multi-stakeholder projects. The majority came from within Atlantic Canada, and a few others from across the country.

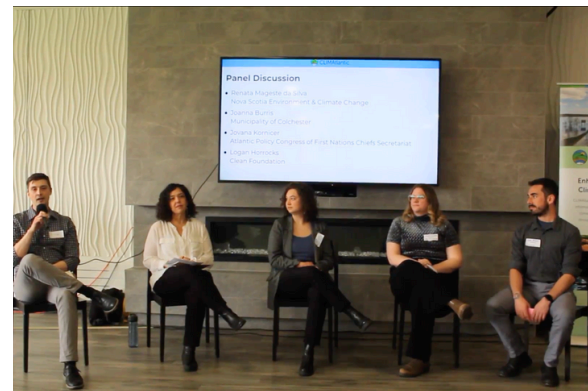
More than half of our service requests came from people we've helped before. Many others found us through personal connections, referrals from provincial specialist host organizations, and social media.

- The top 5 reasons requests were made include:**
1. Collaboration
 2. General information
 3. In-person presentations
 4. Networking
 5. Data requests

- The top 5 topics included:**
1. General information
 2. Coastal challenges
 3. Education/Training
 4. Agriculture
 5. Other



Events: We held 16 events (webinars, ideas exchanges, community of practice events), with a total attendance of over 1850 participants, but also attended many events across the region and nationally.



Social Media: LinkedIn, Facebook and Instagram remain our most engaged social media platforms. However, our YouTube channel is starting to grow, with the addition of our monthly webinar recordings. In 2024-2025 we had 7,000 engagements across all platforms, and over 1,600 new followers!



Website: Our website had over 179,000 page views! The Coastal Adaptation Toolkit (CAT) was our most accessed resource, with 7,770 views. Visitors also frequently looked for funding opportunities, team info, and job postings.

“It became obvious to me that people are excited to innovate, adapt, and build collective resilience. But, the stress and demands from their daily work and pressures are significant barriers. I see how adaptation approaches that recognize and ease these pressures have generated hope and reignited passion.”

Stephanie Arnold (they/them), Strategy + Innovation Manager, Prince Edward Island Climate Services Specialist:



Newsletter: The CLIMAtlantic Newsletter continues to grow. In 2024-2025, we added 1,062 new subscribers! Of our 3,083 subscribers, 52% received the English version, 2% received the French version and the remaining 46% are subscribed to the bilingual newsletter.

Project Highlights

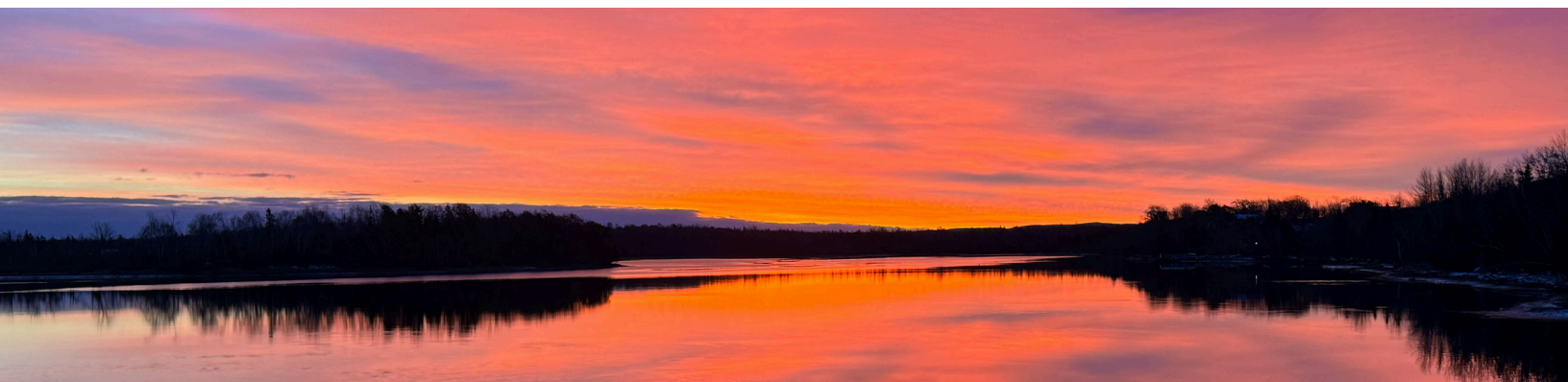
The Making Adaptation Count across the East Coast project, supported by NRCan's Climate Resilient Coastal Communities Program, began in April 2024 and uses the adaptation pathways methodology to explore case studies across Atlantic Canada and the Magdalen Islands. Each case is different, showing that flexible approaches are needed - even when facing similar climate risks. The project is gaining momentum, with over 100 meetings held and a successful gathering in Moncton to share ideas and learning.



"Adaptation capacity is a very complex concept to define. A community with a low population, few assets and a handful of extremely engaged volunteer councillors can be more nimble in addressing the impacts of climate change than a comparatively larger community with paid full-time staff and many more assets and responsibilities. On the other hand, limited control over assets and services may mean less agency to act on the necessary changes. Context may matter more than community size and these differences contribute to a murkier characterization of adaptation capacity."

Adrian Prado (he/him), Adaptation + Innovation Manager

CLIMAtlantic received a Partner Grant from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to support small communities in Atlantic Canada with climate adaptation. Through training and guidance, we'll help them understand their climate risks and what they need to begin planning. While still early days, we're hopeful this work will strengthen local capacity and build long-term climate resilience.





The Climate Adaptation and Resilience Training (CART) program launched this year with support from Natural Resources Canada and the Province of Nova Scotia. In its first cohort, 94 people from across Atlantic Canada took part, building their knowledge and connecting with peers through hands-on learning and networking. The strong demand for CART shows how valuable it is in growing a connected and confident adaptation community in the region.

"I have really enjoyed engaging with the module work, reflections and homework, in addition to the virtual/in-person day we had.... Diving into the case study and exploring topics with folks was really positive and does feel like the needle is moving forwards....My goals and areas to expand feel supported, especially by the wealth of knowledge from the CART team and fellow participants. Thanks all!"



"After more than a year of planning and preparations, it was exciting and rewarding to see the CART program launch in January. It has been so gratifying to see how much participants have learned, the skills they got to practice and the connections and networks they made. I am very proud of the CART planning team, cohort leads, and all our staff who helped make CART a reality this winter!"

Amanda Marlin (she/her), Training and Learning Manager





“Developing partnerships with multiple players all with varying degrees of interest and investment can be a challenge. It has been incredible to watch ten organizations working thoughtfully together towards adaptation; each taking the time to listen, reflect, and build on the conversation. When we take the time to listen, there’s a lot of power and creativity that comes from that.”

Emily Kennedy (she/they), Climate Change Adaptation Coordinator:

In 2024-2025, the electricity adaptation project worked on collaboration with sector to explore key areas like sector knowledge sharing, public education, and existing energy programs. We hosted our first community of practice in January with 25 attendees and began an electricity sector knowledge sharing needs assessment.

“One of the most meaningful parts of this year has been using data and science to support others, while also learning a lot along the way. Whether it was through coastal storm surge and sea-level rise work, analyzing extreme rainfall, improving access to climate projections, or helping people understand climate scenarios, each project has felt purposeful. I’ve also appreciated the opportunity to contribute to national and regional efforts and to help ensure that information is communicated clearly and usefully.”

Armin Nikkhah (he/him), Science + Data Lead



What's ahead in 2025-2026

We are hoping that 2025-2026 will be just as rewarding as the past year. We expect to continue building capacity for adaptation across the region through our projects. This will include offering new services, a website refresh, and a variety of projects and activities across the region and sectors. Here are just a few of the exciting things ahead:

- We're launching a new program and services to support communities.
- Our first French CART cohort will begin this fall.
- We're developing a new 3-year strategic plan to guide our work.
- We will co-chair the Coastal Zone Canada conference in PEI.
- We're growing our team's French-English bilingual capacity.
- We're committed to supporting Indigenous leadership in climate adaptation.
- We're investing in professional development so our team can keep learning and feel fulfilled.
- We'll include more systems thinking in our programs and services.
- We're working to centre nature more deeply in everything we do.



This work would not be possible without the support of our funding partners:



We would also like to thank all of our collaborators and partners.