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Enhancing Atlantic Climate Resilience

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FROM ACROSS ATLANTIC CANADA & BEYOND

Funding

Community Impact Grant

The Community Impact Grants from Ecclesiastical supports organizations and programs making positive and sustainable impacts in their communities. Previously funded projects related to climate adaptation have included tree planting, youth environmental stewardship, and managing eco-anxiety through biodiversity initiatives. Applications are due on August 15th. [Learn more.](#)

Emerging Climate Champions Award

This award provides multi-year funding of \$1 million to organizations with youth leadership working to advance climate solutions in their communities. A variety of organizations are eligible to apply, including grassroots, Indigenous, women-led, and those from historically underrepresented communities. Applicants must register to apply by August 15th, 2025, at 6pm Atlantic. Once registered, final applications are due on September 22nd, 2025, at 6pm Atlantic. [Learn more.](#)

Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation - Adaptation in Action Stream

This fund supports municipal governments with building skills to adapt and increase resilience to climate change. The Adaptation in Action stream specifically supports implementation of equitable climate adaptation actions. Applications for both [feasibility studies](#) and [implementation projects](#) are currently open, with a Round 1 deadline of August 19, 2025 . [Learn more.](#)

Sussex Area Community Foundation

This foundation provides grants that support environmental, health, and social projects in and around the area of Sussex, NB. Registered charities, all levels of government, and athletic associations are eligible to apply. The next deadline for applications is September 10, 2025, at 12pm Atlantic. [Learn more.](#)

Climate Change and Health Adaptation Program (CCHAP)

This fund supports First Nations and Inuit communities and organizations in their efforts to identify, assess, and adapt to the health impacts of climate change. Applications for the CCHAP South of 60°N stream are open until September 12, 2025. The CCHAP North stream has an ongoing intake process. [Learn more.](#)

Community Climate Adaptation Fund

This fund supports researchers' efforts to engage with communities on the topics of ocean, community, and climate adaptation. Projects should prioritize inclusion of lived experiences and other knowledge systems, create leadership opportunities, and support climate-vulnerable communities. Eligible applicants include faculty, staff, technicians, students, and postdoctoral fellows from Dalhousie University, UNB, UPEI, and MUNL. The next application deadline is September 15, 2025. [Learn more.](#)

Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation - Climate-Ready Plans and Processes Stream

This fund supports municipal governments with building skills to adapt and increase resilience to climate change. The CRPP stream provides up to \$140,000 to support the integration of equitable and inclusive climate resilience into municipal plans, processes and management systems, including asset management, adaptation plans, risk assessments, and capacity-building initiatives. Applications are due on September 16, 2025. [Learn more.](#)

FCC Community Funding

This fund provides up to \$10,000 to organizations working to enhance their communities in areas related to food and agriculture. Eligible projects should focus on food security, well-being, education and food literacy, public trust in agriculture and food, or community enhancement. Applications are accepted year-round. [Learn more.](#)

Nova Scotia's Thriving Forests

This program funds tree planting projects to help Nova Scotia reach its goal of planting 21 million trees. The aim of planting efforts is to tackle climate change, mitigate biodiversity loss, and secure healthy forest ecosystems. Applications are currently open. [Learn more.](#)

Ongoing Funding Opportunities

We maintain a [page of recurring opportunities on our website](#). [Click here for the full list!](#)

Upcoming Events

August 12 - Native Council of Nova Scotia's Family Eco-Fun Day

Where: Farmer's Market, Truro, NS

Visit CLIMAtlantic at this fun, drop-in event! We'll be alongside other organizations showcasing work toward a more sustainable future with interactive activities and informative resources. The event will include snacks, BBQ, kids' crafts, training/career info, and more! [Learn more](#).

August 13 - Climate Ready Communities Series

Where: Online

These virtual webinars and workshops bring together municipal leaders to explore innovative, equitable and sustainable strategies for adapting to our changing climate through a community equity lens. Register for future sessions [here](#).

August 20-22 - Atlantic Asset Management Conference: The Future of Our Infrastructure—Tough Choices for Municipal Services

Where: Dartmouth, NS

This conference by AIM Network will bring together municipal leaders, staff, elected officials, and partners for meaningful discussions on funding, growth, and infrastructure planning under climate stress. If you're interested in real conversations, actionable insights, and strategic connection, this conference can provide you with a space to collaborate, network, and learn. Register [here](#).

September 18-21 - Climate Connections Retreat

Where: Tatamagouche Centre

The Climate Connections Retreat offers a space to pause, strengthen relationships within and across communities, further our understanding of climate related topics, and what's being called for. Catherine Martin will share Mi'kmaw teaching about how to transform our relationship with the land, within the context of climate work. [Register here](#).

September 19-November 13 - Decolonizing ENGO-First Nation Partnerships

Where: Online

Members of the ENGO sector can choose between three workshop streams:

- Introduction to Decolonization in the ENGO Sector - Lecture-style teaching for first-time learners.
- Advanced Decolonial Theory and Application - A conversational learning environment for those familiar with the session topics.
- For Indigenous Ears Only: A Space for Reflection and Action - Collaborative sessions for Indigenous people working in the ENGO sector.

Choose your [stream and register](#).

October 1 - 31 - Youth Environmental Leaders Learning Lab

Where: Online

This five-session program is designed for youth aged 18-30 who want to strengthen their leadership and advance their careers in environmentalism. The program runs from October 1 to 31. [Apply](#) by August 15.

October 22 - 23 - Indigenous Consultation and Engagement Atlantic: Bridging Communities, Nations, Government, and Industry to Advance Sustainable Development in the Atlantic, and Shape

the Evolving Duty to Consult

Where: Atlantica Hotel, Halifax, NS

Explore the importance of Indigenous consultation and engagement for responsible development, effective governance, and reconciliation in Atlantic Canada. This conference offers an opportunity to learn from Indigenous leaders, legal experts, and industry professionals who will share insights and foster practical, solution-based dialogue. Key topics include climate change strategies, Indigenous self governance, socioeconomic challenges of First Nations Communities, and opportunities for renewable energy development in the region. [Register here.](#)

Hiring

Flood Adaptation Facilitator, Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities

This full-time contract position will involve assisting municipalities to understand and adapt to flood hazards. It will also play a leading role in building municipal capacity to respond to flooding. [Learn more and apply.](#)

Bilingual Program Coordinator, Gaia Project

This hybrid position involves coordinating and delivering education programs across New Brunswick. It will also support team collaboration, assist in program development and foster partnerships with schools and communities. This position is bilingual, and programming will be facilitated in French. Learn more and [apply here.](#)

Climate Change Project Coordinator, Coastal Action

This position will lead the 3D Visualization for Flood Hazard Communication Project. Applications are accepted until the position is filled. Learn more and [apply here.](#)

Manager of Accounting and Financial Wellness, TransCoastal Adaptations

This three year position will support the executive director with financial management, oversee project and operation budget and reporting, and support the development of funding proposals and strategic planning [apply here.](#)

Expressions of Interest

Special Call for Projects: Wildfire Resilient Infrastructure

To support wildfire resilience in Canada's smaller communities, the Climate Ready Infrastructure Service is seeking projects to provide local governments and First Nations with up to \$20,000 of expert consulting support. Participants will receive a range of options to improve the resilience of their infrastructure project. [Register](#) before August 31, 2025.

Study Recruitment: Relocation Due to Climate Risk

If you are 19 years or older, live in Atlantic Canada, and have been relocated due to climate related risks, consider participating in this study. PhD student Robin Willcocks-Musselman at Dalhousie's School for Resource and Environmental Studies is aiming to explore people's experiences with the process of relocation due to climate risks. Participation requires two interviews, which will take about three to five hours in total. To learn more and participate, reach out to Robin at rwilcoc@dal.ca or 902-818-7653.

Nova Scotia Environmental Network (NSEN) BioBlitz

NSEN is hosting a BioBlitz on iNaturalist from June 25 until September. The goal is to engage the public, support citizen science, and generate useful data for NSEN members, Biodiversity Caucus members, and others in the science community. Learn more about the BioBlitz event [here!](#)

CoastAdapt is Seeking Input to Strengthen Canada's Coastal Resilience

Help shape [CoastAdapt](#), a new initiative that will develop a Canada-wide resource to help communities learn about and make informed decisions on how to live with, and prepare for, changes along the coast. The goal is to help communities quickly pinpoint the information they need; especially region-specific guidance that reflects the challenges faced on the ground. [Learn more about the project here](#), and [respond to the call for input here](#).

DATA HIGHLIGHT

Winds of Change: Adapting to Stronger Winds in a Changing Climate

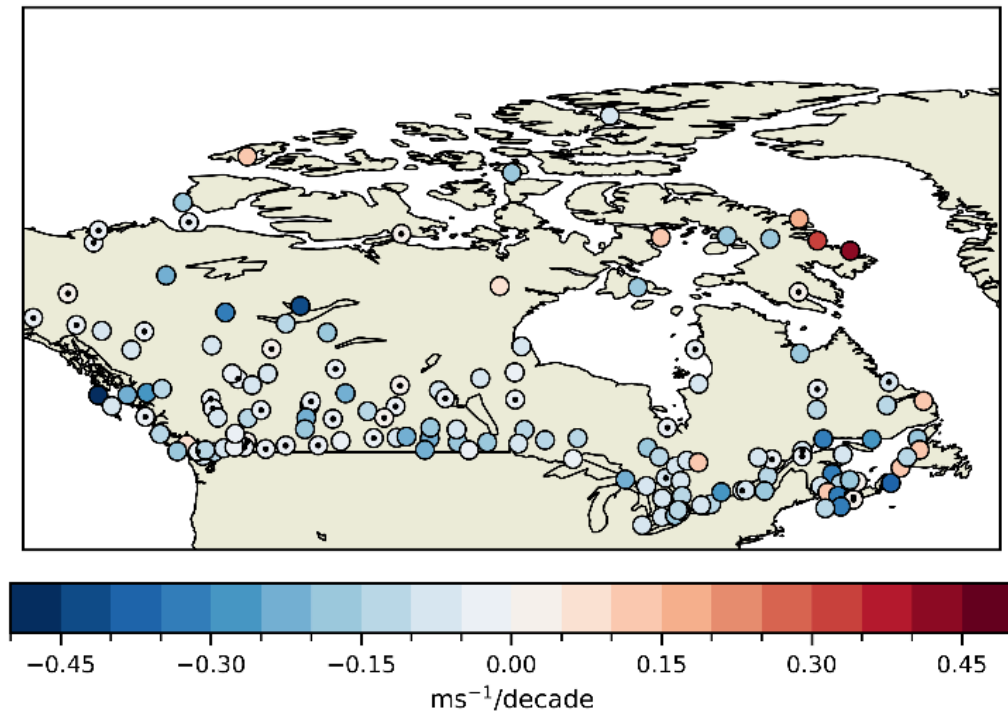
While hurricanes are a well-known source of damaging winds in Atlantic Canada, they're not the only concern. Many extreme wind events in the region also arise from extratropical cyclones and convective storms. These systems can produce intense wind gusts that impact power infrastructure, buildings, and coastal operations.

Understanding how climate change may alter these storm systems is essential, but also challenging. Projecting future changes in wind speed is complex, climate models struggle to simulate extreme winds at local scales, and confidence in projections remains lower than for variables like temperature or precipitation.

Despite these data limitations, adaptation is possible. Tools like the [Design Value Explorer](#) and [Future Building Design Value Summaries](#) provide projections of wind design pressures under different warming levels, offering helpful guidance for integrating wind risk into resilient design and planning.

A risk-informed, flexible approach is key; even when projections carry uncertainty, preparing for the possibility of stronger winds builds resilience in a changing climate.

Annual-Average Wind Speed Trends from AHCCD Data, 1950-2014



[LEARN MORE HERE](#)

NOTEWORTHY TOOLS & RESOURCES

Getting Nature into Financial Reporting: Natural Assets Disclosures for Local Governments

The Standards Council of Canada's Getting Nature into Financial Reporting can help local governments highlight the management of valuable services and the financial value they provide to communities. This guide aims to help local governments track and recognize the value of their natural assets.

[LEARN MORE](#)

Newfoundland and Labrador's 2025-2030 Climate Change Plans

The 2025-2030 Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan aims to assist local communities to learn and adapt to the realities of climate change. It outlines key actions to help governments, organizations, businesses, and communities prepare for climate change impacts. Reducing risks and managing the impacts of climate change requires a collective effort across all sectors.

[LEARN MORE](#)

What's New From CLIMAtlantic

Our Events

August Webinar: Climate Adaptation in Atlantic Canada - How CLIMAtlantic Can Help

August 13, 12pm Atlantic

In our final part of the Adaptation Essentials series, we'll explore the tools and services CLIMAtlantic offers that can advance your adaptation efforts. Learn more about our Coastal Adaptation Toolkit, Climate Adaptation and Resilience Training, Networking Map, Adaptation Library, and other free resources available to you!

Register [here](#) by August 12.

The poster is for a webinar titled "Adaptation climatique au Canada atlantique : Comment CLIMAtlantic peut-il aider?". It is part of the "Série de webinaires" and "L'essentiel de l'adaptation" series. The date is "13 août 2025". The time is "12 PM Atlantique". The platform is "Zoom". The language is "Anglais et Français". The speakers are Amanda Marlin (Responsable de la formation et de l'apprentissage (CLIMAtlantic)), Armin Nikkhah (Responsable de la science et des données (CLIMAtlantic)), and Jenna Miller (Spécialiste des services climatiques du Nouveau-Brunswick (CLIMAtlantic)). The CLIMAtlantic logo is at the bottom.

July Webinar Recording: What is Climate Change Adaptation and Why it Matters Canada How

Learn about climate change adaptation, the differences between mitigation and adaptation, and why both are important. The second part of our Adaptation Essentials webinar series is now available [here](#).

News

Welcome, Caitlyn, Wesley, and Jenna!



Caitlyn Weir (left) has joined us as the Climate Adaptation Specialist. They support projects and initiatives that build capacity, foster connection, and integrate climate adaptation with municipalities and organizations across the Atlantic provinces.



Wesley Blake (right) has joined the team as the Labrador Climate Services Intern. In this role, he supports the Labrador Climate Services Specialist and works closely with Indigenous groups, regional organizations, government agencies, and communities across Labrador.



Jenna Bowes has joined the team as the Communications Assistant. In this role, Jenna will assist the communications specialist in creating engaging, accessible content to tell CLIMAtlantic's story.

Welcome to the team!

UPDATE: The CART Atlantic-wide French cohort has been rescheduled to the winter session (January-March 2026).



CLIMATE ADAPTATION & RESILIENCE TRAINING

The Climate Adaptation and Resilience Training (CART) Atlantic-wide French cohort has been postponed to start in January 2026. The registration form will remain open until November 30th, 2025. Registration for winter English cohorts will open later this fall. For more information, visit our website [here](#).

Municipal Space

Building Community Adaptation Capacity in Atlantic Canada

CLIMAtlantic is implementing a new, free program through which we will provide support for building adaptation capacity in smaller communities. This program was funded through the [recently announced](#) Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation Partner Grants from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. This program, provided by CLIMAtlantic and partners, will offer tailored support for participants from the pre-planning stages of their adaptation work all the way to risk and vulnerability assessment. Those interested in participating can [express their interest here](#). For more information, feel free to reach out to info@climatlantic.ca.

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

Change Network : Summer 2025 Event

Following our last event in February, which focused on Community and Stakeholder Engagement, participants requested an agenda-less event focused on relationship building. So, last month, participants from nonprofit organizations, Indigenous organizations, governments, and academia gathered at Macphail Woods Ecological Forestry Project in PEI. We learned about each other's work and interests, spent time outdoors in between rain showers, and created art.

One person wrote, "Summer greens under smoke grey skies, drizzling rain to nourish the land. People gathered with no fixed purpose, learning how to once again relax and talk together. Changing views and attitudes gently. Understanding more, fearing less, accepting others' knowledge and pasts. Snacking lightly, mixing flavours to encourage enjoyment in differences."



CLIMAtlantic in the News

CLIMAtlantic's Executive Director, Sabine Dietz was featured in an interview with Radio-Canada about our Climate Adaptation and Resilience Training.

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WHAT WE'RE LISTENING TO

The Vassy Kapelos Show: Do we need to heat-proof Canadian cities?

After the recent high temperatures in central Canada, Tim Powers, managing director of climate resilience and health at the Intact Centre on Climate Adaptation at the University of Waterloo, discusses the health impacts.

[LISTEN NOW](#)

WHAT WE'RE READING

Finding the Mother Tree by Susanne Simard

The CLIMAtlantic book club recently enjoyed Suzanne Simard's debut book that introduces readers to the complex, interconnected, and surprisingly social world of trees.

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Climate and Environment Stories

The province of Nova Scotia's new website, TransitionNSstories.ca shares positive climate and environment related stories.

READ NOW

Citrus Trees in Canada? New Plant Hardiness Map Shows Shift in Growing Zones

CBC released an interesting article about the impact that climate change has had on growing new plants in regions they couldn't grow originally. The [Plant Hardiness Zone map](#) can shed some light on these changes.

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BROWSE OUR TOOLS

CLIMAtlantic's Help Desk

Looking for help accessing or interpreting climate data? Need help to figure out your adaptation options? Not sure where to find projections, or need guidance on how to use them? CLIMAtlantic is

here to help!

Email us or give us a call at 1-506-710-2226

HELP DESK

Kindest Regards,

- The CLIMAtlantic Team



The Government of Canada launched the Canadian Centre for Climate Services (CCCS) in October 2018, and as part of the program's mandate, began supporting the establishment of regional hubs to build capacity across the country and provide access to localised information and support needed to make communities and the economy more resilient to the impacts of climate change.

This project was undertaken with the financial support of:
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CLIMAtlantic was created in partnership with all Atlantic Canada's Provincial governments, and the support from the Ecology Action Centre, New Brunswick Environmental Network (NBEN), and Aster Group Environmental Services Co-op.



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DU NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK





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CLIMAtlantic works throughout Atlantic Canada, all of which is part of the unceded and traditional territories of the Mi'kmaw, Wəlastəkwiyik, Peskotomuhkati, Innu, and Inuit Peoples.

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