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Enhancing Atlantic Climate Resilience

# NEWSLETTER

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## Registration Open - Atlantic Adaptation Conference!



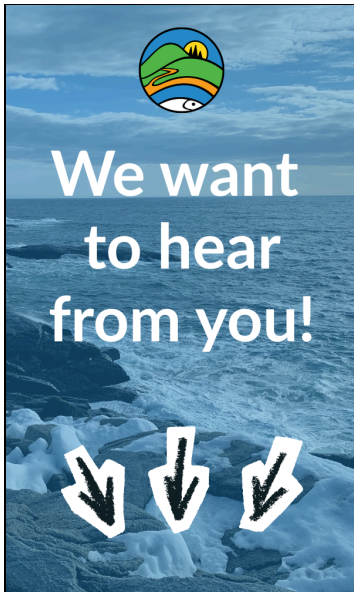
We're thrilled to announce that registration is **NOW OPEN** for our [upcoming conference](#), which will bring people together to network, share success stories, and advance climate adaptation in Atlantic Canada.



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## 2025 User Survey

CLIMAtlantic is looking for feedback so that we can improve our services. **Please complete our 10-minute survey** by Sunday, February 15.

 [COMPLETE SURVEY](#)

## FROM ACROSS ATLANTIC CANADA & BEYOND

### Funding

#### Blue Creators Grant

This fund provides up to \$5,000 for artists to spark deeper conversations on ocean science, conservation, and community-led climate action. Applications are due by February 6.

#### Young Nature Leaders Grant

This grant provides up to \$1,000 for youth (under 30) to create and implement community-based projects that focus on nature. Projects that focus on areas such as Indigenous-led conservation and habitat stewardship will be prioritized. Applications are due by February 20.

#### Climate Action Grant

This grant, provided by the Clean Foundation, provides up to \$1,000 for youth-led projects seeking to address climate change in local communities across Nova Scotia. Applications are due by February 20.

#### Youth Innovation Grant

Up to \$30,000 per project is available through this fund for youth (under 30) to kickstart climate adaptation or mitigation projects. Applications are due by February 27.

#### Learning for a Sustainable Future - Action Project Funding

This program provides up to \$500 to students or teachers looking to engage with their community through student-led climate action projects. Applications are due by March 9.

#### Sussex Area Community Foundation

This grant supports projects that enrich communities in and around Sussex, NB, including those related to climate change adaptation. Applications are due by March 11.

### Climate Change Preparedness in the North

This program supports Indigenous and northern communities in Labrador looking to increase their resilience to the impacts of climate change, particularly through existing community infrastructure. There is no deadline to apply.

### Ongoing Funding Opportunities

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

## Upcoming Events

### February 5 - Knowledge, Data, and Capacity Building | Webinar Series

Where: Online

Learn how to build the know-how, data literacy, and capacity needed to implement nature-based solutions with confidence in Part 4 of this webinar series. 🎉 Featuring CLIMAtlantic speakers [Armin Nikkhah](#) and [Amanda Marlin](#)! 🎉 **This event is free to attend.**

### February 6 - The Rise of Climate Denialism & Use of Social Media | Webinar

Where: Online

This event will explore how the world of digital media is shifting to cultivate anti-climate messaging, and what can be done to counter this, such as effective communication strategies, building sustainable media, and uplifting pro-science voices. **This event is free to attend.**

### February 16-17 - ACORN: Gathering for Growth | Conference



Where: Truro, NS

This conference includes networking opportunities, workshops, and other ways to celebrate local food, organic farming, and sustainable agriculture initiatives happening across Atlantic Canada. **There is a registration fee.**

## Learning & Training

### April 7, 9 - Natural Asset Management Training for Non-Profit Organizations | Workshops

Where: Online

These workshops are designed to strengthen the ability of non-profits to communicate with local governments on climate adaptation, nature-based solutions, and asset management planning. **There is a registration fee.**

### Online Climate Adaptation Certificate - Applications Open!

The University of Waterloo's **Climate Institute** is offering a certification for municipal staff and elected officials. It aims to enhance their knowledge of local climate resilience. Available in both English and French, with a subsidized rate available for Indigenous communities. An [information session](#) on February 26 will highlight the course structure and more.

## Surveys

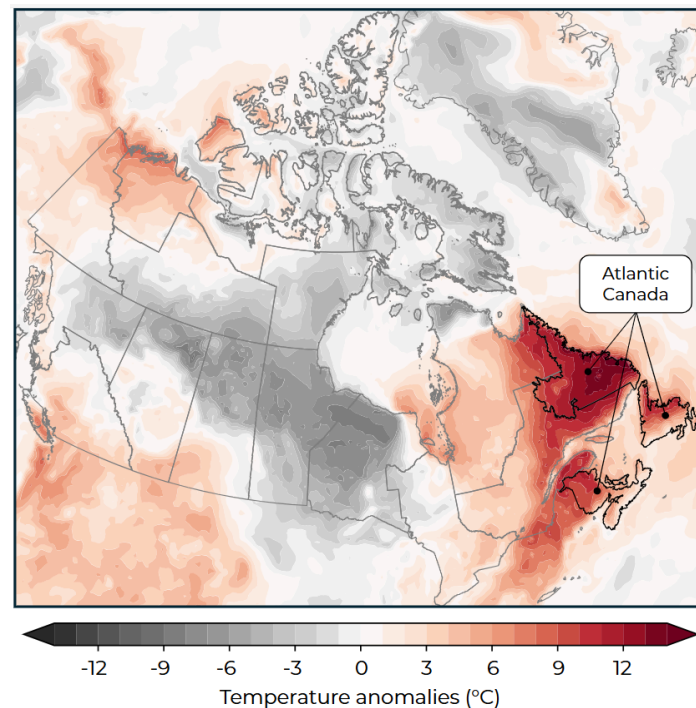
### Questionnaire - [Impacts of climate change on NB agriculture](#)

A project led by The VALORÉS applied science research institute is seeking feedback from NB producers of all crop types. This 5-10 minute survey will be used to inform climate adaptation methods for producers across the province.

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## DATA HIGHLIGHT

### A Closer Look at Atlantic Canada's Intense Summer Heat



Atlantic Canada experienced an intense stretch of extreme heat in August 2025, with unusually hot daytime temperatures persisting for about a week. According to a new analysis published on [Climatedata.ca](#), the region's most significant heat event occurred from August 7-14, with peak heat on August 13. During this event, daily maximum temperatures averaged 28.4°C across the Atlantic Canada region, **about 9.6°C above the normal daily high for that time of year**. This heat was also associated with very dry conditions, which can worsen heat impacts, increase wildfire risk, and strain communities through longer and more frequent heat warnings.

What makes this event especially important for resilience planning is that it was not only extreme, but also much more likely because of human-caused climate change. Using [ECCC's Rapid Attribution system](#), scientists assessed how climate change has altered the likelihood of these types of events. For Atlantic Canada, the August 7-14 heat event was classified as "far more likely" (at least 10x more likely) in today's climate compared to pre-industrial

conditions. Importantly, Atlantic Canada was also the only region in this study where the likelihood remained “far more likely” both in the current climate and under a future climate with 2°C of global warming, underscoring how strongly climate change is already shaping extreme heat risk in our region.

These findings highlight the value of practical adaptation actions across Atlantic Canada.

[FULL CLIMATEDATA.CA ARTICLE](#)

[ECCC'S RAPID ATTRIBUTION  
SYSTEM](#)

## WHAT'S NEW FROM CLIMATLANTIC

### Our Events

#### 🇳🇸 Sector Adaptation Deep Dives - Nova Scotia Community of Practice

**When:** February 5, 9 AM - 11 AM Atlantic

**Where:** Online (via Zoom)

This event will include short presentations from sector coordinators in NS (ex: Electricity, Christmas Trees, Archeology), followed by multiple rounds of breakout rooms to provide a deeper dive into the adaptation work being done by each sector. **This event is free to attend.**

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The poster is for a CLIMAtlantic Winter Webinar Series event. It features a blue and white color scheme with a background image of a snowy landscape. At the top left is the CLIMAtlantic logo, and at the top right is the text 'WINTER WEBINAR SERIES'. Below this, on the left, is a microphone icon with the text 'English with French translation'. To the right of this is a calendar icon with the text 'February 11, 2026' and a clock icon with '12PM Atlantic'. The main title of the webinar is 'Mapping our Future: How Spatial Health Data Can Enable Climate Resilience'. Below the title are two circular headshots of the speakers. Under the first headshot is the text 'Speaker Kate Kelly UPEI Centre for Health and Community Research'. Under the second headshot is the text 'Speaker Mary-Ann Standing UPEI Centre for Health and Community Research'.

#### Webinar - 🌐 Mapping our Future: How Spatial Health Data Can Enable Climate Resilience

**When:** February 11, 12 PM - 1 PM Atlantic

**Where:** Online

Join Mary-Ann Standing and Kate Kelly of [UPEI's Centre for Health and Community Research](#) to hear about the importance of detailed community mapping in making equitable decisions. **This event is free to attend.**

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# Connection and Wellbeing in Adaptation - Nova Scotia Community of Practice

**When:** March 13

**Where:** Fairbanks Centre, Dartmouth, NS

Spend a day outside of the office and get to know other climate practitioners! This event will bring experts together for an open discussion on the role of connection and wellbeing in climate adaptation work, on both local and province-wide scales. **This event is free to attend.**

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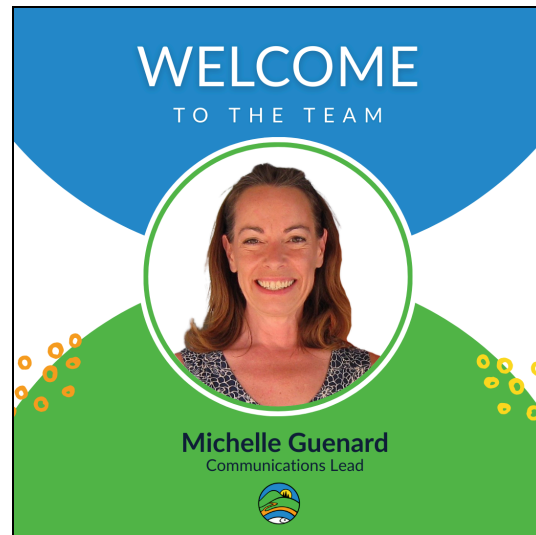
## January Webinar Recording - Nurturing Connection: Nature, Mental Health, and Climate Change

Missed last month's webinar? Wil Brunner from [Soft Pine Wellness](#) explored nature-based interventions, climate cafes, and other ways to navigate emotions about climate change. Watch the recording in [English](#) or [French](#).

## Our News

### Welcome, Michelle!

We're excited to welcome Michelle as our new **Communications Lead**! Michelle comes to CLIMAtlantic via the Canadian Centre for Climate Services and Environment and Climate Change Canada. Having worked on Canada's National Adaptation Strategy, she specializes in making complex climate policies clear and accessible.



### [Climate Adaptation Stories: Using Nature to Adapt to Coastal Erosion in Halifax](#)

## New Blog Post!

### Using Nature to Adapt to Coastal Erosion in Halifax



Nova Scotia will experience one metre of sea level rise by 2100. Shore Road is one of the first sites in Halifax to combine traditional 'hard' infrastructure with nature-based approaches to protect against erosion.

## Municipal Space

### Municipal Service Delivery | Learning Sessions

The series launched in January with our English and French Climate Risk and Vulnerability in Municipal Service Delivery workshops! Questions from participants focused on: how to include extreme events of varying intensity in risk assessments, and what to do when residents with different levels of vulnerability provide conflicting risk scores.

The series continues this month with two additional opportunities to learn about integrating climate adaptation into municipal service delivery, using resources and best practices to support your work, and connect with other communities. Sessions will be delivered in English with live interpretation to French, and followed-up with small-group office hours.

- 📅 February 12, 10-11:30am Atlantic
  - **Addressing Risks and Vulnerabilities within Land use Planning with Hope Parnham** (APALA, CSLA, RPP)
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## WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

 **Climate Adaptation and Resilience Training (CART) Program - Winter 2026 Launch**



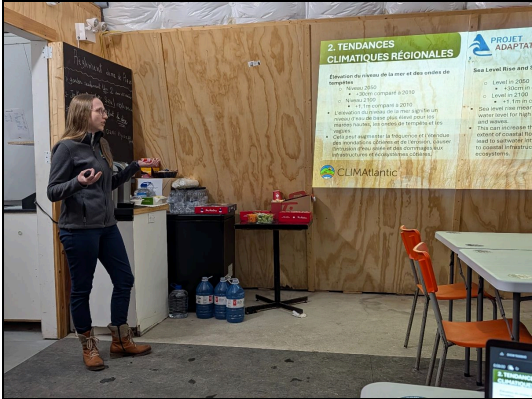
# CLIMATE ADAPTATION & RESILIENCE TRAINING

Our third CART term started last month! **101 participants** are taking part across our Atlantic-wide Francophone, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and PEI cohorts. Participants are learning to build skills and knowledge related to climate adaptation.

Our next application period will begin in Spring 2026. Visit our [website](#) to learn more.

 **Public Engagement - Projet Adaptation Péninsule Acadienne**

On January 6-8, [Jenna Miller](#) participated in engagement sessions with community working groups in Shippagan, Île-de-Lamèque, and Miscou (the Acadian Peninsula Rural District) as part of "Projet Adaptation Péninsule Acadienne". She spoke on local impacts of climate change and participated in community mapping exercises to identify areas at risk of coastal erosion and flooding.



## Supporting Community Climate Engagement in Tantramar

[Trevor Donald](#) and [Anna Stewart](#) from our Community Resilience team supported EOS Eco-Energy by volunteering as notetakers and facilitators during recent engagement sessions. These community discussions and risk mapping activities will inform the development of Tantramar’s climate change adaptation plan. The meetings, which took place in Sackville and Dorchester in November 2025 and January 2026, brought residents together to share local perspectives on climate concerns and priorities.

## WHAT WE'RE READING

### What is the Monetary Value of Ocean Ecosystem Services?

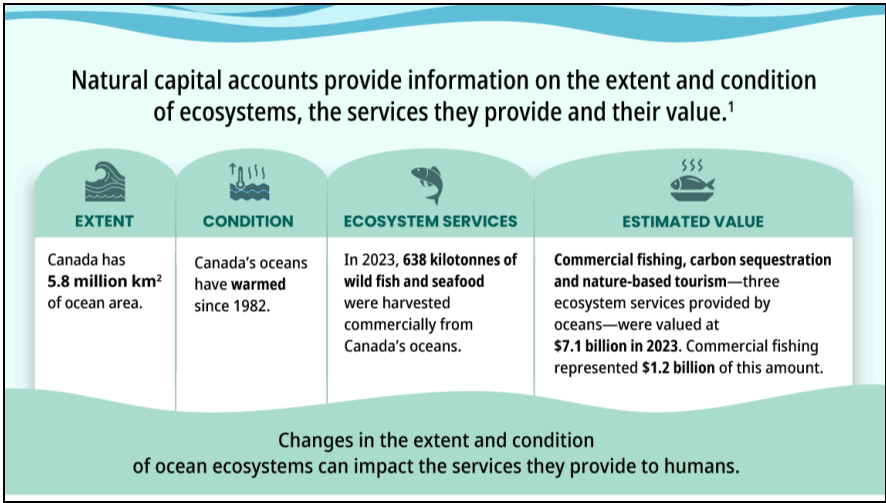


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The latest release from the [Census of Environment](#) used 2023 data to calculate the monetary value of services that oceans provide to humans . This value totalled \$7.1 billion, and includes nature-based tourism, carbon capture and storage, and harvested wild fish and seafood. This type of [research and data collection](#) is critical in communicating the importance of protecting these ecosystems.



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## 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

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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.

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## Enhancing Atlantic Climate Resilience

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

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