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Enhancing Atlantic Climate Resilience

# NEWSLETTER

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## Atlantic Adaptation - 2026 Conference Updates



Registration is **NOW OPEN** for our [upcoming conference](#)!

Don't miss out on this **unique opportunity** to network, collaborate, and hear success stories of climate change adaptation from across all four Atlantic provinces.

**Is your organization interested in becoming a sponsor or exhibitor?** Check out the links below, or email Anna Garf at [conference@climatlantic.ca](mailto:conference@climatlantic.ca), to learn more.

**Do you need financial support in order to attend?** Check out our recent [social media post](#), which highlighted a few external resources that can support your conference experience.



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**FROM ACROSS ATLANTIC CANADA & BEYOND**

# Funding

## 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.

## NL Community Wildfire Prevention and Mitigation Program

Following a devastating 2025 wildfire season, the provincial government has announced expanded FireSmart programming to develop Community Wildland Fire Resiliency Plans. Indigenous governments and organizations, municipalities, local service districts, and other agencies across the province are encouraged to apply. Applications are due by March 10.

## 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.

## Nova Scotia Youth Climate Bursary

Young people aged 14-24 who are looking to pursue climate change training or education can receive up to \$2,500 in support of their efforts. Applications are due by March 13.

## Canadian Youth Climate Action Award

Youth across Canada can receive up to \$7,500 to celebrate and amplify their work in organizing and creating impactful community programs. Applications are due by March 15.

## Fundy Community Foundation

This program supports projects that address the challenges faced by communities in southwestern New Brunswick. Applications are due by March 19.

## **Growing Canada's Community Canopies - Urban Forestry Plans and Studies Stream**

This fund stream aims to increase tree canopy coverage and improve community capacity to manage urban trees. Applications are due by April 15.

## First Nation Adapt Program

Open to First Nations communities below the 60th parallel, this fund supports projects that increase climate resilience by addressing local climate change adaptation priorities. Applications are accepted year-round.

## FCC Community Funding

Up to \$10,000 is available for non-profits, First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities, schools, and others to fund projects centered around food security, well-being, education and food literacy, or community enhancement. Applications are accepted year-round.

## Ongoing Funding Opportunities

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

# Upcoming Events

## **March 7 - Living Lakeshores | Public Information Meeting**

Where: Sakawa Canoe Club, Lower Sackville, NS

Learn about shoreline restoration projects happening across the province, as well as Green Shores training opportunities. **This event is free to attend.**

## **March 26 - International Coastal Access Symposium**

This is a virtual symposium co-hosted by the Ecology Action Centre, Dalhousie University and East Coast Environmental Law. It will showcase speakers from around the world who will share stories, research, and policy insights related to preserving and enhancing public coastal access and advocacy. **This event is free to attend, however registration is required.**

## News

### ❄️ [Climate Adaptation in Action - Real-Time Ice Monitoring in Labrador](#)



Image Credit: Smartice Monitoring and Information Inc.

**SmartICE** is a community-based social enterprise that blends monitoring technology with Indigenous traditional knowledge to inform climate adaptation. Their measuring instruments provide northern communities with real-time ice and snow thickness data to inform communities about travel conditions and to help identify safe travel routes as our climate continues to change. Their SmartBUOYs are deployed in or near a variety of different coastal Labrador communities, with the most recent deployment being in Sheshatshiu (see photo above).

Real-time data from the buoy in Sheshatshiu, as well as others across the province, can be accessed and viewed on [SIKU](#), a platform for Indigenous communities and harvesters.

### [Recently Released - New Brunswick Climate Change Risk Assessment](#)

Risk assessments are a critical foundational step in planning for and enhancing long-term climate adaptation efforts. This province-wide assessment identifies how New Brunswickers can expect themselves and the environment to be impacted by various climate risks (flooding, wildfire, etc.).

[READ THE TECHNICAL REPORT](#)

[READ THE SUMMARY REPORT](#)



The program includes 60 sessions, 3 plenaries, 8+ study tours, 4 parallel events, over a dozen networking opportunities, and more. Every element of the program is designed to support meaningful exchange, practical learning, and cross-sector collaboration.

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### Community Resilience in Action - Local Highlights

The Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund is helping communities across Nova Scotia prepare for the impacts of climate change.

- Over \$450,000 has been awarded to help restore a [historic African Nova Scotian church](#), improving its energy efficiency and providing a safe harbour during emergencies.
- [Kings County researchers](#) will receive over \$825,000 to study breakwaters, renewable energy options, wharf upgrades, and improving coastal access for community members and emergency services.

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## DATA HIGHLIGHT

### New Monthly and Seasonal Forecasts Now Available

## Mean temperature forecast for January to March 2026

Released January 1st, 2026

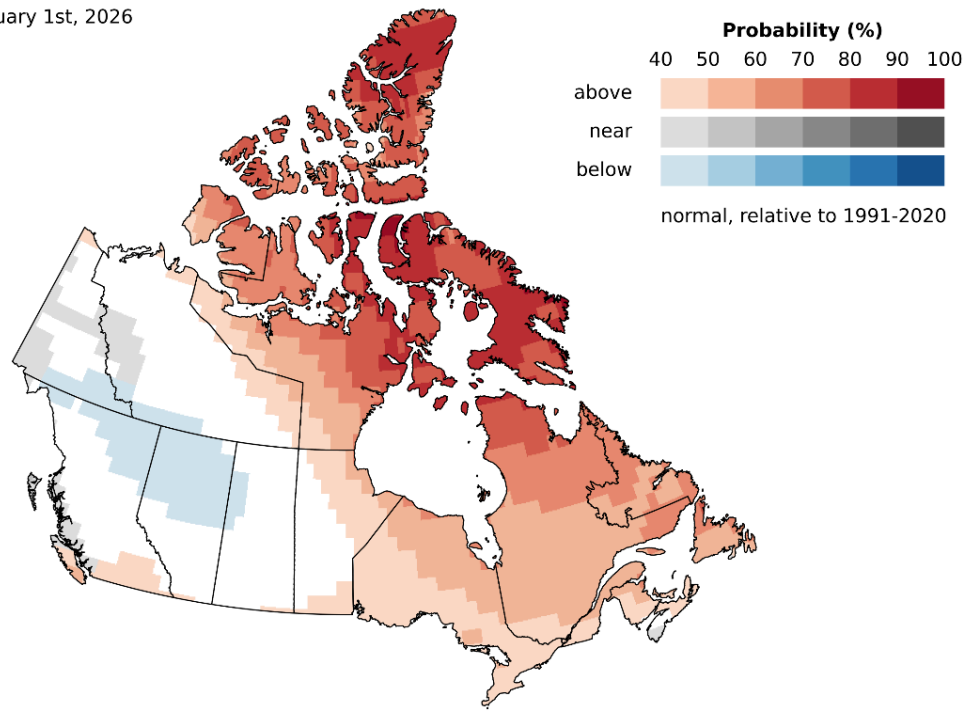


Image credit: climatedata.ca

Seasonal forecast maps now available on ClimateData.ca are helping bridge the gap between short-term weather forecasts and long-term climate projections. These new map-based products allow you to explore location-specific probabilities for temperature and precipitation in the coming months and seasons using the same interactive interface used for historical and future climate data.

Built on Environment and Climate Change Canada's Canadian Seasonal to Interannual Prediction System (CanSIPsv3), these forecasts show the likelihood that conditions will be above, near, or below normal (with 1991–2020 baseline). While they do not predict specific weather events, they provide valuable insight for seasonal planning.

From agriculture and water management to energy planning, infrastructure maintenance, public health, and tourism, seasonal forecasts can provide vision up to a year in advance. The data set is updated monthly and can be downloaded in consistent formats.

[EXPLORE THE NEW SEASONAL TO  
DECADAL FORECAST MAPS/DATA](#)

[LEARN MORE + HOW TO USE  
THESE MAPS AND DATASETS](#)

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## WHAT'S NEW FROM CLIMATLANTIC

### Our Events

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

**When:** March 13, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM Atlantic

**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. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. **This event is free to attend.**

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## **Regional Realities: Climate Adaptation in the Atlantic**

**When:** March 17

**Where:** Online

Hear from our Climate Adaptation and Resilience Training (CART) team at this webinar - hosted by **Youth Climate Lab** - where we'll discuss how climate change affects Atlantic Canada, what climate adaptation can look like, how the CART program supports newcomers to adaptation, and a sneak peek of our program!👁️ **This event is free to attend.**

## **Preparing Nova Scotia's Construction Sector for Climate Change and Coastal Risks**

**Where:** Online

As the climate changes, impacts such as storm damage, flooding, coastal erosion, and supply chain disruptions create new risks for the construction industry. Understanding and considering climate risks and related coastal hazards within planning, design, and site selection can reduce future impacts on homes and public infrastructure. This **FREE** learning series will explore the following:

- **April 10** (12-1 PM Atlantic) - Overview of Climate Change and Coastal Hazards in Nova Scotia's Construction Industry
- **April 17** (3-5 PM Atlantic) - Navigating Construction Standards and Retrofits for Coastal Locations
- **April 24** (12-1 PM Atlantic) - Climate Data and Coastal Considerations in the Construction Sector

Need another reason to attend? Door prizes will be available. 👁️

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER

## ***New Webinar Series!***

## **Shared Resilience: Stories of Extreme Weather Adaptation**



**When:** March - May

**Where:** Online

Enter the spring season with budding inspiration. Whether you're a seasoned professional or just starting your climate adaptation journey, this series has something for you.

This 'lunch-and-learn' series will include 3 webinars, exploring real-life stories of communities, individuals, and groups actively working to increase local resilience to extreme weather events.

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## February Webinar Recording - Mapping Our Future: How Spatial Health Data Can Enable Climate Resilience

Missed last month's webinar? Kate Kelly and Mary-Ann Standing from [UPEI's Centre for Health and Community Research](#) discussed their efforts to accurately map social and health factors alongside climate adaptation planning, Indigenous data sovereignty, community-decision making, and more. [Watch the recording in English or French.](#)

## Our News



### Climate Adaptation Stories: Using Nature to Adapt to Coastal Erosion in Halifax

Halifax Regional Municipality has been carefully building a living shoreline at Birch Cove Beach. Read about their approach, lessons learned, and reflections on the value of community support.

## Infographic - What Is Electricity Resilience During Winter Storms?

We collaborated with representatives from Nova Scotia's electricity sector and funding from the Government of Nova Scotia, to develop a set of six infographics on electricity resilience.

CHECK THEM OUT

## Municipal Space

### **Municipal Learning Series - Wrap up and Recap!**

This series, which trained municipal and community leaders on climate resilience through a series of workshops and practitioner-led sessions, wrapped up in February.

A big thank you to Hope Parnham of Dv8 Consulting, and Krystal Pyke of ClimateSense, for highlighting how land use planning can address climate risks and vulnerabilities, how this ties into capital planning, emergency preparedness, and community programming, and how different types of engagement strategies and activities support a community's understanding of its climate risks, needs, and challenges.

We also introduced small group office hours for the first time, to allow for deeper discussions with the speakers. More events are on the way - stay tuned! In the meantime, please reach out for free support on climate risks and adaptation in your work!

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## WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

### Health and Climate Resilience - Webinar Series Recap

This 3-part series wrapped up in February. A huge thank you to our wonderful guest speakers, who helped us to explore the connections between climate change and physical health, mental health, and community health and wellbeing. Check out our [one-pager recap](#) on the series to see what was discussed at a glance.

Missed an episode? [All of the recordings can be found on our website](#) - available in both English and French.

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## WHAT WE'RE READING

### Books Without Borders - Stories of Solidarity and Justice

Check out this list from the International Development Week, which features stories from across the globe that cover each of the [17 Sustainable Development Goals](#) outlined by the United Nations.



[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**

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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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