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Enhancing Atlantic Climate Resilience

NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER 2025

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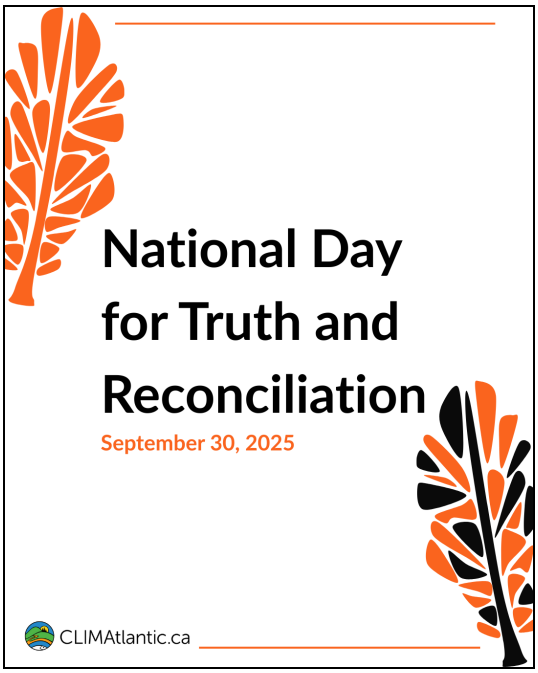
FROM ACROSS ATLANTIC CANADA & BEYOND



An Important Reflection

September 30th, 2025, was the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. We want to use this space to pause and honour the survivors and intergenerational survivors of the residential school system.

Meaningful progress toward reconciliation and decolonization requires each of us to play our part in addressing harms and honouring treaties.

We encourage you to check out our recent social media post, which links to a number of resources and videos to learn (and un-learn) more.

VIEW THE POST

Funding

How to Make Lasting Change with Limited Funding

Securing enough funding to advance climate adaptation projects can feel like navigating a maze, especially in the long-term. Check out this article from Federation of Canadian Municipalities on ***how to make climate adaptation funding go further****.*

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 **feasibility studies** are due on October 28, 2025. Applications for Round 2 of **implementation projects** are due on October 9, 2025.

Go Wild Grants
This fund supports projects that protect and restore natural habitat on school grounds for the benefit of wildlife and people. Separate funding streams are available to: primary schools; secondary schools; and colleges, universities, and CEGEPs. The deadline to apply is October 24, 2025.

Clean Foundation's Climate Action Grant
Providing up to $1,000 in funding, these grants support youth-led projects in Nova Scotia that tackle climate change at the community level. Applications are accepted twice during the school year; the next application deadline is October 31, 2025.

Carleton North Community Foundation
Supporting a variety of community projects in Northern Carleton, New Brunswick, this fund

includes categories related to adaptation such as education and the environment. There are four application deadlines each year; the next deadline is November 1, 2025.

Indigenous Perspectives Program
This fund provides four research stipends of $15,000 each to amplify voices of Indigenous researchers, knowledge holders, and writers working to advance climate policy. Climate adaptation is one of many focus areas; integrating Two-Eyed Seeing and intersectional issues is encouraged. A **free webinar** to learn more about the program will take place on October 17th. Applications are due on November 3, 2025.

The Youth Harbour Fund - Action Grants
Designed to support youth-led organizations working in climate action, this grant provides up to $30,000 in flexible and operational funding for projects working to reduce the impacts of climate change, reducing staff burnout. The deadline to apply is November 3, 2025.

Net-Zero Emerging Concepts and Technologies - Research Program
This program funds projects in Atlantic Canada that support clean technology research and innovation. Applications for ECT-Nova Scotia are due on November 3, 2025. Applications for ECT-New Brunswick are due on November 10, 2025.

Ongoing Funding Opportunities
We maintain a page of recurring opportunities on our website. **Click here for the full list**!

Upcoming Events

October 6, 14 - Towards Resilient Woodlots: Risk Assessment and Mitigation | Webinars
Where: Online
The New Brunswick Federation of Woodlot Owners will teach attendees how to assess risks that threaten the Wabanaki-Acadian forest in the context of climate change, as well as strategies to reduce these impacts. In-person workshops are also being offered at various dates and locations. Live interpretation will be available for webinars. **These events are free to attend.**

October 7 - 200 Year Anniversary of the Miramichi Fire | Past, Present and Future
Where: Hugh John Fleming Forestry Centre, Fredericton, NB
This half-day event will explore the history of the landscape, the present state of Acadian Forests, as well as future conditions. Wildfire scientists, forest management specialists, history professionals, and others will be in attendance, as well as Dr. Alan MacEachern, author of The Miramichi Fire, who will present on his book. This event is a fundraiser for the local chapter of the Canadian Institute of Forestry and Maritime Forest History Society. **Ticket prices vary.**

October 9 - econext Conference
Where: Delta Hotel, St. John's, NL, or online
Engaging leaders from various sectors such as business, government, academia, and communities, this conference will explore recent developments in clean energy, net-zero initiatives, green innovation, as well as persistent challenges. **Ticket prices vary.**

October 9 - Climate risk assessment and adaptation planning for municipalities | Webinar
Where: Online
This event will explore how municipalities can use the **Climate-Ready Communities Assessment Tool** to evaluate local climate risks and implement equitable solutions, and will include a case study from the City of Fredericton. Live interpretation is available. **This event is free to attend.**

October 16 - Teaching for Climate Justice and Youth Well-Being: Engaging Emotions and Structural Change in Education | Webinar
Where: Online
Sharing highlights from her doctoral research, Dr. Maria Vemvalis envisions a path forward in which young people navigate environmental and social disruption with compassion and grounded hope. Guiding principles, cultivating critical consciousness, and transforming thinking habits will be explored. **This webinar is free to attend.**

October 16 - Canadian Land Reclamation Association: Atlantic Fall Symposium
Where: Mount Allison University, Sackville, NB
Following the theme "Returning to Roots - Rebuilding and Reclaiming What Has Been Lost", this event will highlight current reclamation projects, new and emerging technologies and solutions, and concludes with a field tour of a tidal wetland being restored within the Tantramar Marsh system. **Registration fees vary.**

October 16-17 - Symbiosis - Creating Interrelationships Towards Environmental Action | Conference
Where: Kingswood Resort, Hanwell, NB
Hosted by several collaboratives under the New Brunswick Environmental Network, this annual conference will explore how we can collectively drive environmental action. The event will include networking opportunities, a world café, guided workshops, and more. Live interpretation is available. **Registration fees vary.**

October 21 - Municipal Climate Adaptation Certificate Information Session | Webinar
Where: Online
This certificate is tailored for municipal staff and elected officials working to advance climate adaptation across Canada. Led by the Climate Institute, this 60-minute webinar will introduce the Municipal Climate Adaptation Certificate's structure, highlight key learning outcomes, and feature insights from the Climate Institute team and municipal leaders already engaged in climate-resilience initiatives. **This webinar is free to attend.**

Hiring

Atlantic Canada Community Organizer, My Climate Plan
This contracted, remote position will help the public engage with decision-makers and support local group and community resilience efforts. Applications are accepted until the position is filled.

Expressions of Interest

Share Your Stories: First Progress Report on Canada's National Adaptation Strategy

The first Progress Report on Canada's **National Adaptation Strategy** is set to be released in April 2026. Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) is seeking examples and stories from practitioners related to adaptation successes, challenges, barriers and opportunities to help inform the Report. This will help paint a picture of the state of adaptation across the country. Early input is welcomed by October 10; however, ECCC will continue to accept stories and examples after that date. Questions can be directed to **adaptation@ec.gc.ca**.

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

NB - Share your thoughts on the updated Clean Air Act
The New Brunswick Department of Environment and Local Government is reviewing the Clean Air Act, which helps to protect outdoor air quality. Individuals can participate online via submitting a survey or written submission before October 16th, or attend in-person engagement sessions at various locations.

NB - Seeking Atlantic Canadian Examples of Nature-Based Solutions
The New Brunswick Environmental Network is expanding a database of nature-based solutions (NbS) projects, with a focus on Atlantic Canada. They're looking to connect with groups working on projects that include: economic data on project costs and maintenance, ecosystem benefit, and comparisons to grey infrastructure alternatives. This database will support a cost-benefit analysis tool designed to help communities assess NbS options and promote more resilient decisions. Questions can be directed to Liane Geis at **liane.geis@nben.ca**.

PEI - Islanders: Share your ideas on land use
Use your voice! The PEI Government wants Islanders to share their thoughts on land use, protection, and development. Key topics include housing, climate change, coastal protection, farmland preservation, and community infrastructure. Comments can be shared through an online survey or at in-person events. Phase 1 of engagement concludes on October 17th.

Atlantic Canada - Call for Community Energy Project Leaders to Complete Survey
The Accelerating Community Energy Transformation initiative, based at the University of Victoria, invites project leaders with experience in community energy financing to share details about project funding, ownership, Indigenous participation, and community benefits. The survey is 30-45mins long and provides a $95 honorarium. Data collected will be used to develop an open-access platform that showcases financing strategies, features project case studies, and highlights financing gaps, enabling others to strengthen their projects. Questions can be directed to Sam Treacy at **samanthatreacy@uvic.ca**.

DATA HIGHLIGHT

Meet the Updated ClimateData.ca!

ClimateData.ca has released a major update, making it easier than ever to explore reliable climate data for planning and adaptation. The redesigned platform offers simpler navigation, a friendly layout, and new tools that help both experts and non-experts use climate information.

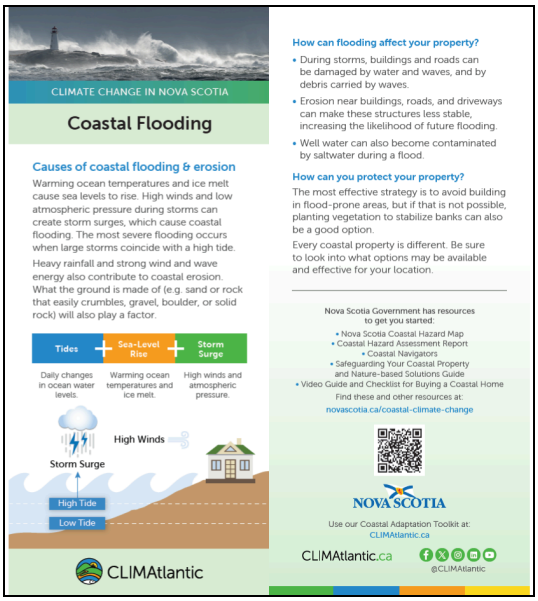
With powerful updates to the Maps, Downloads, and Learning Zone features, users can now:

- Explore regional climate projections (including sea level rise, heat extremes, and precipitation)
- Customize data analysis with thresholds (e.g., days above 32°C, freeze–thaw cycles)
- Access practical resources tailored to sectors like agriculture, health, and marine planning

These improvements lower barriers to accessing high-quality climate data supporting Atlantic Canadians in making informed decisions for a changing climate.

EXPLORE THE NEW VERSION

NOTEWORTHY TOOLS & RESOURCES



New Infographic on Coastal Flooding

Created in partnership with the Nova Scotia Government, our new infographic highlights the common causes of coastal flooding and erosion, how it can affect your property, and actions you can take to protect your property.

VIEW THE INFOGRAPHIC

WHAT'S NEW FROM CLIMATLANTIC

Our News

Announcing our Upcoming Conference!

Join CLIMAtlantic for two days of connection and sharing to grow climate resilience in the Atlantic region. This conference will bring together climate change adaptation practitioners, knowledge holders, community leaders, policymakers, engineers, academics, youth, artists, and more.

Enjoy engaging **workshops**, hands-on **activities**, **panels**, and **talks** focused on climate risks, adaptation and resilience and approaches, and **case stories** across the Atlantic region. You'll leave with practical tools and resources for building connected resilience as well as a broader network and opportunities for further learning.

Registration will open in January 2026 and a call for speaker interest will be sent out in fall 2025. Be the first to know about registration, opportunities to contribute, and more!

BE THE FIRST TO KNOW

Our Events

Nova Scotia Climate Adaptation Community of Practice - Meet the Marsh with TransCoastal Adaptations

When: October 14
Where: Kentville, NS

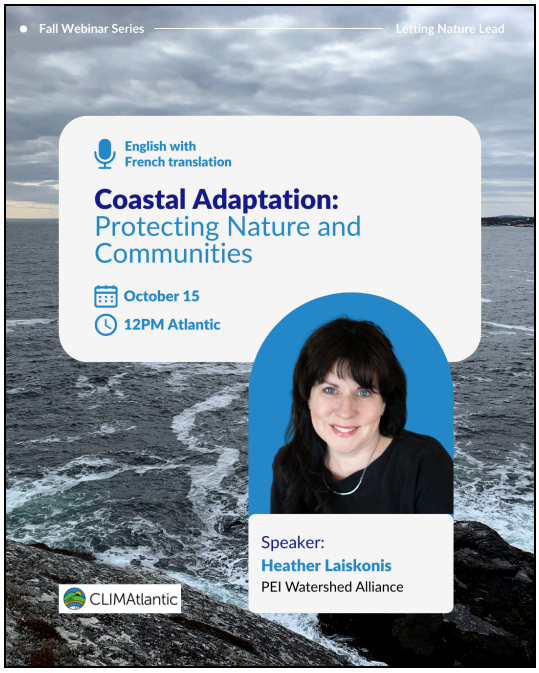
Join CLIMAtlantic and TransCoastal Adaptations Centre for Nature Based Solutions (TCA) for lunch, networking, and a tour of the Belcher Street Dyke Realignment and Marsh Restoration Site near Kentville, NS. You'll learn more about tidal wetland restoration, nature-based climate change adaptation in Nova Scotia, and how TCA is building resilience in dykeland communities.

Space is limited and spots will be available on a first come first serve basis — **Register now!**

Webinar - Coastal Adaptation: Protecting Nature and Communities

When: October 15, 12pm Atlantic
Where: Online

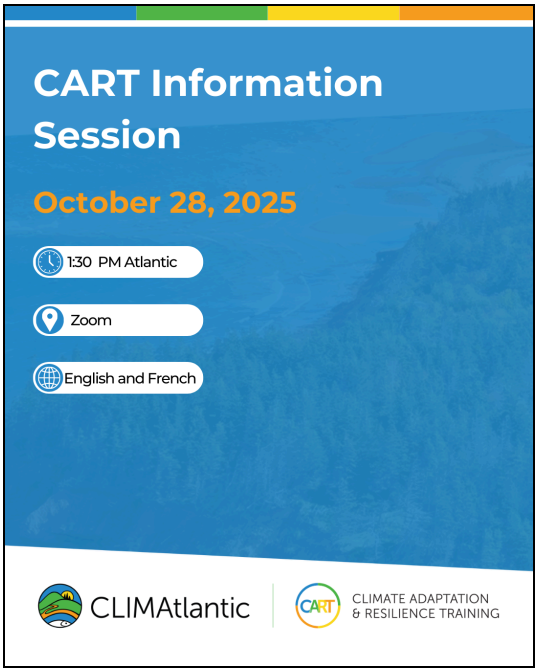
In the second part of our webinar series on Letting Nature Lead, Heather Laiskonis, Executive Director of the PEI Watershed Alliance, will discuss coastal adaptation planning, practices and policies that prioritize nature, and how they benefit both ecosystems and communities. Live interpretation will be available. **This event is free to attend.**



September Webinar Recording: Leading with Nature - Municipal Planning and Conservation

Haven't seen Part 1 yet? In the first installment of our Letting Nature Lead series, Alexandre Truchon-Savard (City of Dieppe, NB) and Stephanie Paradis-Leger (INNOV CCNB)

introduced us to how nature-based coastal adaptation strategies help conserve nature and enhance biodiversity, benefiting ecosystems and communities. **Watch the recording in English or French.**



Climate Adaptation and Resilience Training (CART): Bilingual Info Session

When: October 28, 1:30 pm Atlantic
Where: Online

Are you interested in joining CART this winter or curious to find out if it's right for you? Attend our virtual info session to learn about program details like the structure, schedules in each province, learning outcomes, and more! You'll meet the CART team and have an opportunity to ask questions. **This event is free to attend.**

Municipal Space

Building Community Adaptation Capacity in Atlantic Canada

CLIMAtlantic recently launched a **free** program to help communities become more resilient to climate change risks already affecting Atlantic Canadians like drought, wildfires, flooding, erosion, and more. **Building Community Adaptation Capacity** aims to help you enhance your community's safety while avoiding service disruptions and infrastructure damage by planning ahead. We'll help you:

- Access and use information, resources, and support like tools and funding
- Identify practical and effective ways to address your community's needs and risks
- Build capacity to respond and adapt to climate change

To learn more, submit an expression of interest or email us at info@climatlantic.ca.

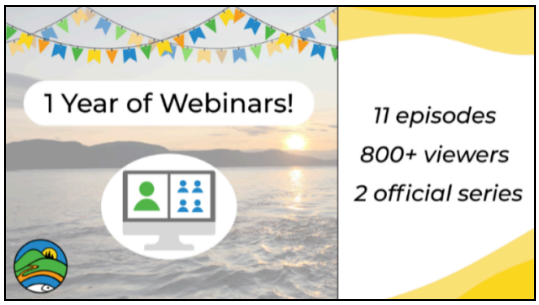
SUBMIT EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

1-Year Anniversary of our Monthly Webinars!

What a year it's been! Our monthly webinars kicked off last year on October 23rd. Over 800 people have tuned in over the last year.

We're just getting started! Keep an eye out for future announcements of an upcoming winter webinar series.👀



Adaptation Pathways In-Person Gathering

In September, we gathered with many of the Adaptation Pathway Project's case story teams, from across the Atlantic region and the Magdalen Islands. We collectively deepened our understanding of the process, and laid foundations and common understandings of each case's historical context and long-term values and objectives. This understanding will be further developed and refined over the coming months as many of the case story teams move forward on broader engagement. Many participants shared that the multi-day meeting of learning and co-creation left them feeling more hopeful and energized despite the intensity of the work. This project is supported by Natural Resources Canada's Climate-Resilient Coastal Communities Program.

Summit on Climate Mis/Disinformation

On September 19-20, our Climate Change Adaptation Coordinator, Emily Kennedy, attended the Summit on Climate Mis/Disinformation at the University of Ottawa. Participants of the event came together to explore a wide range of topics on how climate disinformation is shared, and how several sectors and researchers are addressing it. Our partner, ClimateData.ca, also introduced their new website during the event. Emily found the Summit a valuable chance to learn more about this timely issue and to make new connections.

CLIMAtlantic at Seniors for Climate (Halifax)

Caitlyn Weir, our Climate Adaptation Specialist, hosted a booth on September 19th at the **Seniors for Climate** Halifax event.

Thank You, Jasmine!

We'd like to thank Jasmine Otieno, our Climate Adaptation Support Assistant, for her time at CLIMAtlantic this summer! We wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors and are excited to see what this next chapter brings.

Welcome, Anna and Kamal!

Anna Stewart joins our growing team of Climate Adaptation Specialists. Her work will focus on supporting communities and partners in understanding and applying climate data to their projects.

Kamal Islam, a postdoctoral fellow in Dalhousie University's School of Planning, will help us to develop a geospatial planning tool that identifies cumulative risks across Atlantic Canada.

CLIMAtlantic in the News

Research centre launches new edition of climate data platform to help decision makers

CLIMAtlantic supported the redesign and launch of the new version of **ClimateData.ca**. Listen to this radio interview for an overview of the site's new features!

LISTEN

Student helps others step into the future - *featuring our very own Quinn MacAskill!*

In this Q&A-style article from *Canada's National Observer*, read about how Quinn's past experience working in community engagement and mobilization has inspired them to share their vision of hope for the future with both young and older generations.

READ ARTICLE

WHAT WE'RE READING

Decolonizing climate action + Bearing the brunt of climate change in Nunatsiavut

Part 1: Read about how Inuit in Labrador have been adapting to their environment for years, how Nunatsiavut Government's new climate action strategy aims to help protect communities using traditional knowledge systems, and current impacts.
Part 2: Dives deeper into the ways local communities are already being affected by climate change, and how this impacts well-being.

READ PART 1 READ PART 2

More great articles and resources:

- New P.E.I. garden teaches Islanders how to grow food in a changing climate
- Municipalities in Action Against Climate Change (available in French only)
- New wilderness park opening up historic quarry to Sackville nature lovers
- Case study: How recreation centres can function as resilience hubs
- Into the Wabanaki: A Forest Care Guide
- Was the summer unusually hot where you were? (available in French only)

WHAT WE'RE WATCHING

YouTube Playlist - 2025 Summit on Mental Health and Climate Change

Check out recordings from the Summit in February. Topics include how to navigate climate

emotions, art and community-based approaches to well-being, tokenistic versus meaningful youth engagement, case study findings from across the country (and beyond), and more!

VIEW PLAYLIST

BROWSE OUR TOOLS

CLIMAtlantic's Help Desk

Looking for help accessing or interpreting climate data? Need help to figure our 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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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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