



LIVABLE CITIES FORUM

Pop-up event

highlight reel

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ABOUT THE EVENT

This one-day event provided a space for adaptation practitioners and local government representatives to discuss climate change adaptation and resilience with a focus on collaborative vulnerability and risk assessment, managing climate risks, and mainstreaming climate change across operations.

OBJECTIVES

- To help municipalities and sustainability practitioners learn how to understand and assess community climate risks using locally relevant tools developed nationally or provincially
- To bring together participants from across Canada participating in the Adaptation Changemakers project, while showcasing the results the project is achieving

60
Delegates

15
Municipalities
from across
Canada

12
Expert speakers
and panelists

4
Interactive
panels, plenaries
and workshops



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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Plenaries and panels were delivered by a diverse group of speakers representing provincial government, local governments from across Canada, and associations of municipalities. Delegates were introduced to a suite of tools and resources available to support municipalities in adapting to climate change. An interactive mapping workshop demonstrated how communities can identify and map climate impacts as a tool for education, engagement, and ground-truthing.



1

Managing Community Climate Risks in Newfoundland, Atlantic Canada, and Nationally



2

Expanding your Climate Risk Assessment Toolkit: Examples of Tools for Managing Climate Risk at the Community Level



3

Workshop: Kickstarting Community Adaptation: Identifying, Mapping, and Planning for Local Climate Risks



4

Adaptation Stories from the Field: Learning about local adaptation actions



"Climate change is a journey, we are not yet at our destination"

—Jackie Janes, Assistant Deputy Minister, Climate Change Branch, Newfoundland and Labrador



TAKEAWAYS

- Climate change can affect all sectors, services, and stakeholders in a community. Adaptation isn't the responsibility of a singular agency, department, or representative – it requires a multi-stakeholder approach. Therefore, collaboration coproduction of adaptation actions or strategies should be a priority for communities.
- There are many tools, programs, and resources available to municipalities to research, assess, and plan for climate change-related risks. The challenge is getting them into the hands of those that can use them, and ensuring they are used effectively. Moreover, tools do not need to function in isolation – they can compliment one another and municipalities can work together on managing local climate risks.
- Municipalities across Canada have begun implementation on climate adaptation without a formal strategy in place. Municipalities can use innovative funding mechanisms, community partnerships, and public engagement to build support for small scale adaptation initiatives that make a big difference.