

# CLIMATE CHANGE SYMPOSIUM



## highlight reel

APRIL 9, 2019 AT CAESAR'S WINDSOR, ONTARIO

### ABOUT THE EVENT

The one-day Symposium provided a space for adaptation practitioners and local government representatives to attend sessions and interactive workshops covering topics related to design, selection, and implementation of community adaptation actions. Participants had an opportunity to deep dive into subject matter led by experts in climate change adaptation and worked hands-on with a suite of tools to help ensure the longevity of adaptation actions, secure necessary resources, and communicate their community's successes.

### OBJECTIVES

- To help municipalities and sustainability practitioners learn about implementation-ready climate adaptation plans
- To bring together participants from across Canada participating in the Adaptation Changemakers project, while showcasing the achievements of the project thus far

50+

Delegates

17

Municipalities  
from across  
Canada

10

Expert speakers  
and panelists

4

Interactive  
panels, plenaries  
and workshops



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## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Plenaries, panels, and workshops were delivered by a diverse group of speakers representing local governments and university-based resource hubs from across Canada. Attendees were introduced to adaptation stories from other municipalities, the core components of an implementation-ready plan, and adaptation actions that have worked across Canada. The interactive workshop let attendees apply the day's learnings and create implementation plans for real, local adaptation actions.



### 1 Developing a Climate Change Action Plan: Stories of Survival and Implementation



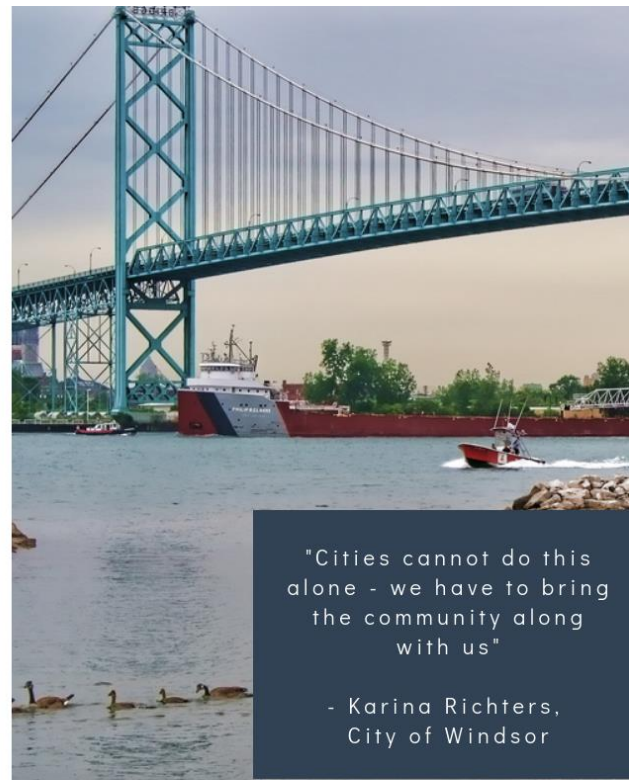
### 2 Ingredients for a Successful Plan: Partnerships, Financing, and Measuring Progress



### 3 Adaptation Actions from the Field: Stories of Adaptation Actions Implemented Locally



### 4 Workshop: Identifying the Keys to Implementation



"Cities cannot do this alone - we have to bring the community along with us"

- Karina Richters,  
City of Windsor



## TAKEAWAYS

- The dialogue among delegates showed us that community stakeholders and municipalities are eager to learn from each other about climate action planning, implementation, mainstream operations and policy, and lessons learned along the way.
- Municipalities that have completed adaptation plans have emphasized that the city cannot create or implement alone – the community must be engaged throughout whole process to increase support and minimize duplication of efforts.
- Investigating creative funding for infrastructure adaptation, utilizing community partnerships, and setting clear indicators are key ingredients for effective climate change action planning and longlasting implementation.
- While partnerships and tracking progress are valuable, we must layer in equity across all facets of adaptation. We must ask: Which groups are being engaged, and which aren't? Who is facing the costs and reaping the benefits of adaptation initiatives? How can we measure whether climate actions are contributing to equity in our communities?