



# **Working Together Prince George's Community Collaboration for Climate Change Adaptation Planning June 1st, 2020**

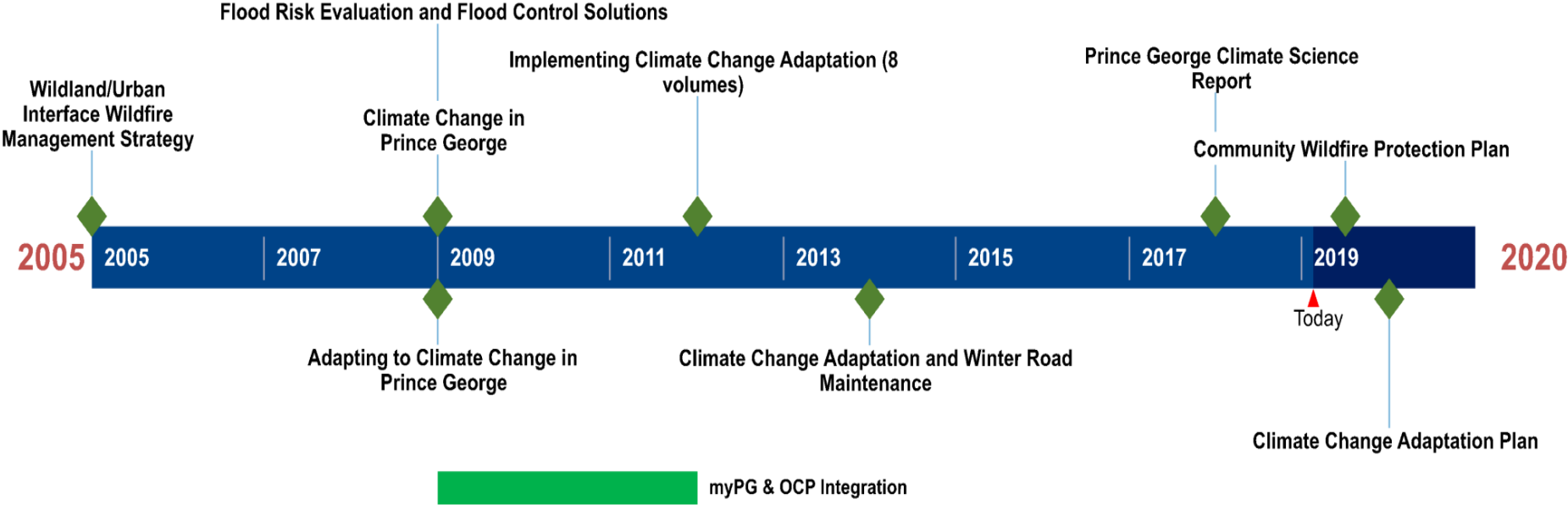
# Outline for this session:

- Welcome to Prince George.
- History of Climate Change and Climate Action
- Participation in the Changemakers Project
- Successes of Collaboration
- Lessons Learned
- Additional Sustainability Partnerships

# Prince George, BC



# History of Climate Change Adaptation



# 2009 Adaptation Strategy with UNBC

- Partnership with UNBC, with collaborations with Fraser Basin Council, PCIC, government agencies
- Implementation of Strategy led to additional collaborations.
- This Project has been featured in many case study documents.



# Motivation for Adaptation Refresh

- Record breaking wildfires were top of mind
- Impacts experience to local industries: forestry, tourism
- Emergency Operations Centre: managing influx of evacuees



# The Changemakers Project



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# Role of Municipalities

- Cities play a key role in administering partnerships for climate action.
  - Already maintain partnerships for other local issues.
  - Manages infrastructure, parks, transportation and connected to residents.





# Why Were Stakeholders Selected?

- Representatives from Industry, Academia, other forms of government, Non-Profits
- Varying Interests: Economic, Social, Environmental
- Holistic and Multi-Stakeholder, Relevant to Prince George
- Internal and External Stakeholders



# Successes

- Wide interest and participation from stakeholders in workshops.
- Engaging Discussions.
- Increased interest at participating organizations.



# Lessons Learned

1. Try not to focus on one climate change impact.
2. With time, interest can wane.
3. Not all actions can be done by the City.
4. Communicate expectations up front.



# PGAIR as a Model

- Prince George Air Improvement Roundtable as a model for Climate Action Partnerships
  - Or encourage PGAIR to broaden mandate to include climate action.



# Additional Partnerships

- Relationships with local organizations do result in implementing programs that achieve goals
  - One-off examples are easier to achieve than committing to action items within a plan



# Summary

- Cities play a key role in administering partnerships for climate action.
- Partnerships provide the opportunity for the generation of great ideas and enthusiasm.
  - Collaborations can often result in partnerships on other projects.
- Lessons Learned:
  - Important to be clear up front on expectations of the collaboration. You are not asking for people to create new actions for your organization – but rather actions their own organization can take ownership of.
  - Recommend drafting a Terms of Reference.

# THANK YOU

Questions?



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