Lasting Legacy: Sharing Outputs of the Together for Climate Project

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The Together for Climate (T4C) Project

• Two-year project funded by the Real Estate Foundation of BC
• Worked with local and regional governments across Vancouver Island
• Objective – help municipalities move from climate change risk assessment, to planning, to action
• Outputs - a localized climate change adaptation plan and policy-guiding document for each municipality
Project Outcomes

• A community-wide adaptation strategy or guiding document that includes actionable elements for the municipality and local stakeholders. Elements included in this plan would be:
  • Summary of locally relevant climate change projections and impacts
  • Completed community vulnerability and risk assessments
  • Adaptation vision, goals, and objectives
  • Community and corporate adaptation actions
  • Additional implementation considerations
Guiding Principles

• A Whole Systems Approach
  • Understanding that the natural, social, economic, and built systems are interrelated and constantly changing
  • Relates to climate impacts and risks - impacts in one area of a system can adversely affect another area

• Collaborative Co-Production
  • Plans and guidance documents were coproduced by the participating municipality and a variety of community partners.
A Regional Approach

• Worked with eight communities from across centre and southern Vancouver Island

• Each local government acted as a convener of a community supported process

• More than 25 workshops were held across the eight communities

• 165+ community partners, local stakeholders, and municipal staff were engaged
Our Methodology

- The project followed ICLEI Canada’s Building Adaptive and Resilient Communities (BARC) framework
- National program for Canadian communities
- A flexible five milestone framework
- Respond to the impacts of climate change
  - Protect the people, property, and prosperity of your community
- Municipalities apply a comprehensive methodology to municipal climate change adaptation
- Used by numerous municipalities throughout Canada
- Milestones 1 -3 were completed as part of T4C
Our Process

• Identify Stakeholders and Build an Adaptation Team

• Understand and Prioritize Climate Risks
  • Climate Science and Impacts
  • Vulnerability and Risk Assessments

• Identify Adaptation Actions and Implementation Considerations

• Developing a Final product
Together for Climate Project Timeline

**Phase 1**
Project Launch & Climate Impacts
- Sep. - Dec. 2018
- 1st Local Stakeholder Meeting: Climate Science & Climate Impact Statements
- Provincial Workshop 1: Climate Science & Collaboration

**Phase 2**
Vulnerability & Risk Assessment
- Jan. - May 2018
- 2nd Local Stakeholder Meeting: Vulnerability & Risk Assessment

**Phase 3**
Action Plan Development
- Jun. - Dec. 2019
- 3rd Local Stakeholder Meeting: Action Goals & Objectives
- Provincial Workshop 2: Livable Cities Forum - Building Better Communities Through Resilience Oct.28-30

**Phase 4**
Plan Writing & Lasting Legacy
- Jan. - Sep. 2020
- 4th Local Stakeholder Meeting: Action Prioritization & Implementation
- Provincial Workshop 3: Together for Climate Webinar Series June 1-4
- Finalization of Plans Dissemination Success Story Webinars
T4C & Working Around COVID

• March of this year we were faced with many questions regarding the uncertainties of the current reality
• Many municipal staff were seconded to support emergency management efforts
• From a project perspective, flexibility became key
  • Increase the availability of ICLEI staff for each participant
  • Move workshops to a digital format
  • Malleable with project outputs and timelines

• We are grateful for the participation and unwavering commitment of all municipalities in the project who forged ahead with us
Lessons Learned

• The work should continue after the project ends - ensuring project outputs are useful for differing circumstances

• Adaptability and flexibility are essential to our work as climate practitioners

• We all move at a different pace
Identifying a Need: Cultural Heritage Planning & SLR

- Several T4C communities had concerns about the impacts of SLR on cultural/archaeological/indigenous sacred sites
- Question – what was the role of local governments in managing these sites and protecting them from SLR?
- ICLEI Canada partnered with an archaeologist specializing in cultural heritage
- Developed resource: *Considering Sea Level Rise and Cultural Heritage: A Resource for Municipalities*
  - Background information and strategies for municipal planners incorporating cultural heritage into sea level rise management and planning
Find out more online!

- The Together for Climate project page can now be found on ICLEI’s website!
  - [www.icleicanada.org/project/together-for-climate-project/](http://www.icleicanada.org/project/together-for-climate-project/)
- The webpage includes:
  - Adaptation Plans and Guiding documents for the participating local and regional governments
  - T4C Output Report - documenting the process and lessons learned
  - *Considering Sea Level Rise and Cultural Heritage: A Resource for Municipalities*
Thank you!

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QUESTIONS?
Thank you to all our T4C participants!