



Together for Climate

Managing Risk Through Community Collaboration

CLIMATE CHANGE is already being experienced in communities throughout the Country – flooding, extreme heat, changing water levels, and increased storms – are just some of the impacts facing municipalities in British Columbia and throughout Canada. It truly is one of the defining issues of our time.

Meaningful climate change responses draw on the skill-sets of many stakeholders and decision-makers, including municipal, provincial, and federal governments, private sector specialists, industry associations, planners, health professionals, and others; each stakeholder has a unique and key role to play in helping to mitigate the causes of and adapt to the effects of a changing climate.

Join this ICLEI Canada project to bring together these stakeholders locally to co-develop an implementation-ready climate adaptation strategy.

Eight municipalities from British Columbia are being invited to join the project. Participating municipalities do not need to have any experience with climate change adaptation or mitigation, but should be ready to come together with their broader community partners and stakeholders to assess and plan for the effects of climate change.



Fast facts about the Together for Climate Project

This project will help municipalities move from climate change assessment, to planning to action by:

- Identifying and bringing together local stakeholders in a community wide planning effort,
- Using climate change modelling data to identify local vulnerabilities,
- Assessing and prioritizing climate risks, and
- Developing implementation-ready adaptation plans.



About the Project

The Together for Climate project will build agents of change for climate adaptation in communities across British Columbia. Centered around building capacity to engage stakeholders, collaboratively assessing vulnerability and risk, and co-developing an implementation-ready local adaptation plan, the project will result in adaptation being integrated across both the municipality and wider community. The element of collaborative and co-developed planning is especially important as the development of resilience plans that are not collaborative can miss crucial interdependences whose omission can actually increase risk as opposed to eliminate it. With technical guidance from ICLEI staff, participants will initiate their adaptation effort with local stakeholders, assess their risks, and develop a local action plan through a series of local and regional workshops involving local stakeholders to work with climate information, assess vulnerability and risk and work collaboratively to develop their local action plan.

The results each participating community can expect are:

- 1) local climate impact report
- 2) vulnerability and risk assessment
- 3) implementation ready adaptation plan
- 4) engaged network of local stakeholders.

This innovative project will create lasting change in participant communities by creating and strengthening collaborations within and between municipalities, thus enabling broader regional collaborations in the future. The project is scalable and replicable, and has the potential to create true leadership in municipalities that are eager to take action. The success of ICLEI's BARC methodology ensures that this project is far beyond the proof of concept phase, and will result in tangible and meaningful outcomes for the participating communities.

Have questions or want help with your application? Contact Craig!

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Project Details

Why Join?

- Travel funds for two representatives to attend three provincial workshops over the course of the project;
- One-on-One advisory services from ICLEI on climate change science, vulnerability and risk assessment, local action planning, climate communications, and stakeholder engagement;
- Individual climate science data reports that summarize and coalesce localized climate science for both historical and climate projection data including summaries of projected changes to temperature, precipitation, intensity-duration frequency curves, and extreme events;
- Facilitated networking with project peers from across BC;
- All take home materials related to identifying climate impacts, assessing risks, developing action plans, and training on delivering localized workshops;
- Access to specialists and experts in climate change science, assessment, planning, and communications;
- Assistance in the planning, logistics, delivery, and reporting of localized workshops; and
- Full summary reports of workshop outcomes, vulnerability and risk assessment findings, lessons learned throughout the process.
- Draft version of a community-wide climate change adaptation plan – including prioritized climate change impacts, actions to address these impacts, and a preliminary implementation strategy.
- Opportunity to share your experience and the lessons learned in your municipality with a national audience.

What is the Commitment?

- Actively participate in all project related workshops, meetings, and webinars;
- Contribute to the development of targeted training materials for your community;
- Spearhead the process of setting up local workshops related to climate change impacts, risks, and planning;
- Identifying a broad range of local stakeholders (i.e. municipal staff colleagues, conservation authorities; health units, researchers, local businesses, community groups, etc.);
- Assist in the delivery of local training with colleagues and identified stakeholders;
- Report final results and lessons learned in an annotated way to be framed into a designed final report and case study for broad dissemination.
- Share project experience in either a webinar and/or face-to-face workshop with a national audience.
- Estimated time commitment of approximately 15 days over a 2-year period.

For more details about the Together For Climate project contact:

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Timing of the Project

Funding for this project is being sought through the General Grants program of the Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia. As such the exact timing of the project is contingent on the award of funding and the timing of that award. Below is a table outlining approximate dates and timing surrounding the project:

Summer 2018	Launch of Together for Climate project, stakeholder identification, etc.
Fall 2018	Climate science reports and vulnerability assessments
Fall 2018	Provincial workshop #1
Winter 2019	Risk assessment analysis and prioritization
Spring 2019	Provincial workshop #2
Summer 2019	Adaptation plan development
Fall 2019	Provincial workshop #3
Winter 2020	Dissemination and implementation

About Us

ICLEI is a non-profit organization focused on building and serving a worldwide movement of local and regional governments that are committed to achieving tangible improvements in environmental sustainability through cumulative local actions. Our Canada office provides Canadian-focused programming, training, and fee consulting on a variety of local sustainability issues. These range from energy and greenhouse gas (GHG) management to climate change adaptation and resilience planning, and urban biodiversity. Our staff are environmental professionals with more than 40 years cumulative experience in the municipal, non-profit and private sectors. We have a thorough understanding of the municipal arena and technical knowledge required to help local governments plan, implement, and achieve their sustainability objectives.

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