

Energy Efficiency Financing & Fiona, Forest Fires and our Climate-Changed Future: Resources and Information for Municipalities

MNL Conference Session Takeaways

What's in the news?

The 27th Conference of the Parties (COP) is coming up (6-18 Nov 2022) so our annual high season for climate change policy watching is well-underway.



This time last year, the Net-Zero Advisory Body (NZAB) was still brand-new. They've just co-hosted a second national hybrid conference with the Canadian Climate Institute though that delivered some very clear signalling around what Canadians can expect to see in months to come. The archived conference video, "2030 in Focus: Getting the Next Decade Right on Net-Zero" is worth checking out, including the *Governance and Accountability* panel session with FCM CEO Carole Saab; the *U.S. Emissions Reductions Progress*-themed interview with the Assistant Secretary of Energy for International Affairs, US Department of Energy; as well as the interviews conducted with the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada on the *Net-Zero Economy*, and the concluding *Progress Report* provided by the Hon. Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change and the Hon. Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Natural Resources.

Other familiar faces

National

The **Federation of Canadian Municipalities'** (FCM) wealth of information and program resources on a variety of climate change action fronts continue to grow so don't forget to keep visiting their terrific portal - <https://fcm.ca/en/resources>. They've been offering some excellent climate action-oriented webinars too so make sure you're subscribed to their e-notifications. ICYMI: Check out this recent piece on Fleet Electrification and the funding available.

The Climate Caucus (CC) - This growing, non-partisan network of local elected climate leaders and staff (that you might want to join) has had a busy year. Their regular, free webinars offer bite-sized chunks of inspiration on local climate actions delivered by your peers. They are archived as topical write-ups here in their Councillor's Handbook so you can catch up on anything you can't make it to live. Recent titles include "Low-Energy, Affordable Housing", "Managing Natural Assets" and "Mobility Electrification". Consider registering for these upcoming webinars: "Pushing for Ambitious Climate Action at the Municipal Level" (24 Nov) and "Community Renewables: Solar Energy" (28 Nov).

The National Research Council Canada plays a growing role in climate change related research and development activities. Keep an eye on news from the Ocean, Coastal and River Engineering Research Centre (OCRE) and Construction Research Centre – both featured in our *Fiona & Forest Fires* plenary.

The Institute for Research on Public Policy (IRPP) has been celebrating its 50th anniversary with an excellent series, "What should be on Canada's policy radar?" – nine, fabulous, archived talks including ones on "Building climate resilience" and "The Future of Canada's energy transition".

Atlantic

CLIMAtlantic – our regional climate services hub – is fully up and running now. They're delighted to announce that their **Labrador Climate Specialist Willa Nielsen** has just been hired! More news about her to come...and if you haven't already signed up for CLIMAtlantic's updates, now's the time.

Their Climate Services Officer for Newfoundland **Sepehr Khosravi** is attending our 2022 Conference Trade Show. Please visit his booth! Sepehr also recommends you check out these great new national resources:

- The [Map of Adaptation Actions](#) - adaptation case studies from all across Canada; and,
- [Climate Data Canada](#) - a portal for localized climate info with easy-to-use formats and visualizations to help with risk analyses and getting the word out to decisionmakers and the community at-large.

Provincially

You've perhaps seen our earlier *Save the Date* notices on the concluding virtual workshop series (28 Nov-2 Dec) of the *Climate Change & Resilient Infrastructure* project, funded by NRCan and led by Dr. Joe Daraio of Memorial University's Faculty of Engineering.

Now you can [REGISTER!](#)

Hot topics

Natural Assets

The CBC Radio "What on Earth" series' episode ["Putting a price on nature"](#) (Oct. 30th) takes a closer look at the value that must be placed on "ecosystem services", including the Town of Gibsons' efforts to account for the huge stormwater management contributions that their park and wetland areas make to their community's climate resiliency.

The **Municipal Natural Assets Initiative (MNAI)** offers numerous resources to assist you in identifying, working with, and protecting natural assets in your community – including this [interactive map](#) of nature-based climate solution case studies from across the country.

Social Procurement

Influencing purchasing decisions to effect change is a well-recognized tactic of marketers and activists alike. Bringing the practice to bear on climate change action and other municipal-sphere interests falls under the larger umbrella of "social procurement". The recently formed [Newfoundland and Labrador Social Enterprise & Innovation Coalition](#) – a.k.a. Social Innovation NL – recently hosted a great panel *"Social Procurement - Moving From Concept to Implementation"* with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador's Chief Procurement Officer participating. Their inaugural Social Procurement Summit coincides with this year's MNL Conference but the organizers will be archiving those proceedings for later viewing. Keep an eye on their [new website](#).

Community Climate Resilience & Adaptation:
Building Capacity & Expertise Collaboratively

Virtual Workshop Series

Week of Nov. 28th - Dec. 2nd, 2022

9:30-11:30 AM NDT each day

Monday, Nov. 28
Climate Data for Decision Makers

Tuesday, Nov. 29
Community Vulnerability Assessments

Wednesday, Nov. 30
Engineering Solutions to Climate Challenges

Thursday, Dec. 1
Planning & Policy Solutions to Climate Challenges

Friday, Dec. 2
Making Connections & Moving Forward

Register at:
tinyurl.com/2p8d72yx

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