



## MAINSTREAMING CLIMATE ADAPTATION



TUESDAY, MAY 12

<p>9:00 AM</p>	<p><b>Climate Ready Prairies Regional Summit (by invitation only)</b></p> <p>Previous participants of the Climate Ready Prairies project will gather to learn key insights from this research study and try out tools for effective climate adaptation communication and engagement.</p>
	<p>Optional Tours (<a href="#">descriptions</a>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:30 AM - Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction Resilience Display Centre, 191 Broadway</li> <li>• 9:30 AM - Sustainability &amp; Architecture Tour at The Leaf, 145 The Leaf Way</li> <li>• 9:45 AM - FortWhyte Alive Bison Bus Tour, 1961 McCreary Blvd</li> </ul> <p>\$15 per person   Limited availability   Pre-registration required</p>
<p>11:00AM</p>	<p>Forum Registration   Informal Networking   Exhibitors</p>
<p>12:00 PM</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>1:00 PM</p>	<p>Welcome and Opening Prayer</p>

### REGIONAL IMPACTS OF OUR CHANGING CLIMATE & TWO-EYED SEEING

<p>1:45 PM</p>	<p>The opening session will present current climate science using both Western and Indigenous knowledge systems. It will highlight prairie-specific hazards affecting communities, ecosystems, and economies, while emphasizing the importance of Indigenous knowledge and Two-Eyed Seeing in understanding climate change and adapting to it.</p> <p><b>Presenting organizations: Environment and Climate Change Canada   Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources</b></p>
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## APPROACHING WATER HAZARDS FROM MULTIPLE PERSPECTIVES

3:00 PM

This session will examine community responses to flooding and drought from multiple perspectives. Speakers will discuss how climate change is reshaping prevention, preparedness, response, and resilience strategies, using recent events to identify successes, areas for improvement, and lessons for future actions.

**Presenting organizations:** [INTACT Centre for Climate Adaptation](#) | [Manitoba Métis Federation](#) | [City of Winnipeg](#)

4:30 - 6:00 PM

Networking Social

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8:15 AM

Registration

## COMMUNICATING CLIMATE ADAPTATION: PRAIRIE PERSPECTIVES BROUGHT INTO FOCUS

9:00 AM

This session will open with an introduction to and key findings from the Climate Ready Prairies project. Speakers will then introduce a framework for communicating and engaging on climate adaptation and present regional examples. Together, these discussions will help participants understand effective strategies for communicating and engaging their communities on climate adaptation.

**Presenting organizations:** [Re.Climate](#) | [SevGen Consulting](#)

10:15 AM

Break



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## INSURING RESILIENCE: HOW ECONOMIC AND POLICY SYSTEMS DRIVE CLIMATE ADAPTATION

10:30 AM

This session will examine how the insurance sector is factoring climate change into risk assessment and decision-making, and the evolving roles of insurers, the private sector, and homeowners in driving adaptation. Presentations from insurance and finance leaders will highlight how economic levers—such as premiums, incentives, and bylaws—are shaping resilience at the household and community levels. Together, these perspectives will illustrate how financial mechanisms can accelerate practical adaptation actions.

**Presenting organizations:** [Wawanesa](#) | [Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction](#) | **Additional organizations TBA**

12:00 PM

Lunch

## BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

1:00 PM

This session will explore how planning, architecture, and design intersect with policy, regulations, and building code standards to reduce climate risk. Speakers will examine land-use planning and regulatory mechanisms that can normalize resilience-building across communities and developments. The discussion will highlight practical policy tools that embed climate resilience into everyday planning and decision-making.

**Presenting organizations:** [HTFC Planning & Design](#) | [Standards Council of Canada](#) | **Additional organizations TBA**

2:30 PM

Break



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## INTO THE MAINSTREAM: BRINGING ADAPTATION TO LIFE

3:00 PM

This session will explore different ways to identify climate hazards affecting your community or project, and introduce tools and resources to help evaluate your community's climate risks, vulnerabilities and next steps to take you along your adaptation path. Speakers will share practical examples of projects supported by NGO funders. The session will highlight lessons learned, enabling factors, and insights for others seeking to access funding programs and tools to advance adaptation.

**Presenting organizations: Environment and Climate Change Canada: National Adaptation Strategy | Federation of Canadian Municipalities**

4:30 PM

Closing Remarks

## TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

**Bison Bus Tour at FortWhyte Alive:** This tour offers a thrilling and immersive journey into the heart of the prairies, where attendees will encounter the majestic bison in their natural habitat. As you board the vintage-style bus, you'll be guided through grasslands and wetlands, where these iconic creatures roam, embodying the wild spirit of the Canadian prairies. *Note: The bus is unable to accommodate wheelchairs; attendees must be able to board the bus independently.* (1 hr)

**Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction Resilience Display Centre:** This tour highlights practical, cost-effective, consensus-based methods to become resilient to climate related disasters. Using hands-on exhibits, displays, videos, interactive kiosks and other features, the Centre demonstrates resilience to insurance professionals, builders and code officials, homeowners, and others. (1.5 hrs)

**Sustainability and Architecture Tour at The Leaf:** The design process for The Leaf kept sustainability front of mind and uses many features unlike any other in Canada. Travel through The Leaf's biomes and discover some of the architectural features that make the building so visually stunning, and learn about the many sustainable building options that highlight Assiniboine Park's commitment to the environment. (1.5 hrs)

More information regarding speakers will be shared in April.  
Please note that the agenda is subject to change. All times are CDT.