



Every year, the country faces increasing record-breaking climate events, including wildfires, extreme heatwaves, and floods. To help communities adapt and prepare for climate-related disasters, the Government of Canada finalized and launched the National Adaptation Strategy. The Strategy lays out a framework to reduce the risk of climate-related disasters, protect nature and biodiversity, build and maintain resilient infrastructure, and support a strong economy and workers. It also identifies common goals, objectives, and targets to focus the efforts of governments and communities across these key areas and to help ensure future investments are targeted and effective.

In the coming months, the federal government will work with provinces and territories to advance joint action plans. The government will also work with First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities through the Indigenous Climate Leadership Agenda, which supports self-determined Indigenous climate actions.

Since 2015, the Government of Canada has invested more than \$6.5 billion in adaptation, including \$2 billion in commitments since Fall 2022 to implement the National Adaptation Strategy and support other adaptation-related activities. One of the streams of delivery for the Strategy is the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund, of which the City of Surrey has previously received \$77.6 million for its Coastal Flood Adaptation Strategy.

I know wildfires are on a lot of people's minds right now, which is why the Government of Canada is advancing a Wildfire Resilient Futures Initiative through the National Adaptation Strategy. The Wildfire Resilient Futures Initiative has a proposed investment of \$284 million to enhance the FireSmart Canada program and increase Canadians' resilience to wildfire while building wildland fire knowledge through research and pilot projects on fire risk reduction measures. This initiative will also create a Centre of Excellence for Wildland Fire Innovation and

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Resilience to help transform wildland fire management in Canada and internationally through innovation, knowledge exchange, and supporting Indigenous fire stewardship.

For every \$1 we invest in climate adaptation measures now, we can save ourselves up to \$15 in costs across the economy. Insured losses for catastrophic weather events have tripled, totalling more than \$18 billion between 2010 and 2019. As extreme weather increases with climate change, both our economy and our environment will suffer. We must act now to stop the impacts of severe weather events on individual properties and our communities.

The National Adaptation Strategy is needed now, more than ever, to establish a shared vision of our future. The Strategy aims to transform the way governments, communities, and Canadians work in partnership to prepare and reduce the risks of climate change through coordinated and ambitious action. Through cooperation and collaboration, including continued efforts to reach net-zero emissions, Canadians and their communities can increase their resilience to the impacts of climate change. The National Adaptation Strategy helps governments and communities in Canada work more effectively together by setting collective priorities for urgent action, ensuring that collective actions do not leave anyone behind.



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