

Presentation to Eastern Ontario  
Climate Change Adaptation Workshop  
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**CATARAQUI REGION  
CLIMATE CHANGE  
ADAPTATION GROUP**

# Climate Change & CA Mandate

## ◎ CAs:

- Healthy Watersheds
- Safety from Hazards
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Local Initiatives & Partnerships

## ◎ Regional Climate Change Group

- Liaising to engage community and share expertise
- Identifying key adaptation approaches together
- Protect natural resources, economy, infrastructure

# Regional Solution/Personal Need

- ⦿ CRCCA convened an unofficial adaptation group; no funding but need identified
- ⦿ On individual work “to do” lists
- ⦿ Intent
  - Ease workload through sharing expertise
  - Move toward action
  - Implement best solutions



# Steps to Date

- Initial Meeting: Bernie McIntyre presentation; broad range of attendees
- Feb 8<sup>th</sup> Workshop: OCCIAR Risk Assessment Tool and Municipal Infrastructure
- March 8<sup>th</sup> EC Work: Adam Fenech
- Truly integrated with FABR/TIARA work

# Learned

- ⦿ Expected continuity of attendees
- ⦿ Not happening without individual invitations – even then, spotty

# Future Approach

- Internal evaluation to identify Team
- Similar to OLWR – or – members invited based on topic: Drought response affects our region *very* differently than increased flows (Former: commercial implications; latter: municipal implications)
- Provincial backing/mandate would help

# Minimal Funds/Direction Necessary

- OLWR proves that CAs convene regional teams effectively and *cheaply*
- Would need more funds than OLWR because of compilation of research needed, but not a full-time position
- More monitoring is needed – separate to formation of Teams

# Framework

- ◎ OCCIAR Risk Management/Vulnerability Assessment process for determining priorities
- ◎ Engage expertise for particular scenario
- ◎ Specific terms of reference
- ◎ Identify & overcome deficiencies:
  - Capital
  - Staff Time
  - Political support? Buy-in?

# Outstanding Questions

- ⦿ Do we know enough to engage municipal staff in meaningful discourse that results in definitive actions?
  - That depends on the topic
- ⦿ What timeline is needed to gather required data? (e.g., major storm events, impact to IDF's)
- ⦿ No appetite for only more research
- ⦿ Little appetite for back-patting
- ⦿ Focus on hard infrastructure may be wrong for time being. “No regrets” options