

Have you noticed that winters are warmer... that climate is changing? Do you want to be heard by government? Then you are invited to apply to be a part of a Citizen Panel

Getting ready for a Changing Climate: What should we do?

...a workshop about weathering the storm

Weekend 1
November 12th &
November 13th 2011

Weekend 2
November 19th &
November 20th 2011

Daily from 8:30am to
4:30pm

Venue
Living with Lakes
Centre
840 Ramsey Lake Rd.
Sudbury, ON
P3E 6J7

* **FOOD IS PROVIDED:**
Breakfast and lunch
will be served daily as
well as coffee/
snacks.

What is a Citizen Panel?

A Citizen Panel is a group of about 15-20 people who meet with experts to discuss a challenging topic of public interest. The goal is to make proposals to government about public policy and for action. It provides an opportunity for citizens to make informed recommendations on policies that will influence their lives.

What is the purpose of this Changing Climate Panel?

Weather is changing and Ontario needs to be better prepared for the risks that are already clear. Although all three levels of government – federal, provincial and local – are involved, the panel will focus on evaluating "Climate Ready" Ontario's Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan, released in June. What should be done first? What has been missed? What should the government be doing? We are keen to hear what people in Sudbury have to say and we want to take the recommendations of the Changing Climate Panel to all three levels of government.

What does it involve?

Two weekends and a reading assignment. We understand this is a big time commitment for some people, but it is also a great opportunity to have your voice heard and have a direct impact on future climate change policies in Ontario.

- **Weekend 1** is a two-way knowledge sharing session. The panel will not only get to listen to a number of experts speak about climate change, but they will also have the opportunity to interact with experts and each other, pose questions, and express values and interests. By the end of the weekend, the panel will be well versed on the topic of climate change.

- **Weekend 2** is an interactive workshop. The panel will work together with a facilitator to create a list of comments, ideas, and recommendations on government and local responses to climate change. Whether it is evaluating existing policies, coming up with new policy ideas, or simply adding to the conversation – each and every comment and idea will be taken into consideration.

These recommendations will be put into a final report which will be presented to all three levels of government!

Who can apply?

Anyone! We are accepting applications from people of all ages, with different jobs/professions, with different backgrounds, and with varying levels of climate change knowledge. **We are not looking for people who are "climate change experts"**. Our goal is to recruit people who represent a cross-section of the Sudbury community. All we ask is that you have an open and inquisitive mind, care about influencing policy, and want to have your opinions heard.

Visit our website at www.climateontario.ca no later than **Sunday November 6th** to fill out a short application form. You may also contact Annette Morand from OCCAR at amorand@mirarco.org or 705-675-1151 ext. 5117 if you have any further questions. We hope to see you there!



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