

Municipal Adaptation and Resiliency Service (MARS)

Training Series





MARS: OVERVIEW







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2. Community of Practice

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- 3. Adaptation Training
- Adaptation Award
- 5. Demonstration Projects







MARS Training Series Overview

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- 8 webinars
- All delivered using GOTO webinar
- Java required IT may need to update
- Webinar 1 1.5hrs long
- All others 1 hr long
- Delivered every 2 weeks starting Jan 22, 2014

WEBINAR 2 OVERVIEW







Portal Tour- January 29th

- Orientation to the MARS Community of Practice (MARS CoP) Portal
- Presentation by Annette Morand from the Ontario Centre for Climate Impacts and Adaptation Resources (OCCIAR)

WEBINAR 3 OVERVIEW







Financial implications of climate change- February 6th

- Legal drivers will include expert presentation from Zizzo Allen LLP
- Policy drivers
- Regulatory drivers
- Business drivers
- Other drivers
- Barriers to implementation
- Facilitating factors

SECTOR SPECIFIC WEBINARS (3-7) OVERVIEW







- Webinar 3 Transportation infrastructure, February 20th
- Webinar 4 Building code and land use planning, February 27th
- Webinar 5 Vulnerable Populations, March 6th
- Webinar 6 Green Infrastructure, March 20th
- Webinar7 Water/ waste water / storm water, March 27th

SECTOR SPECIFIC WEBINARS (3-7) OVERVIEW







For each sector specific webinar we will examine:

- How this sector will be affected by climate change
- Demonstrate adaptation options using real examples that show
 - What the drivers were
 - What the issue was
 - What the process was
 - Who was involved
 - How was it funded
 - Challenges/opportunities
 - Lessons learned
 - Additional information sources

WEBINAR & OVERVIEW







Communicating and Collaborating - April 10th

- Communicating internally
- Communicating externally
- Fostering internal collaboration
- Fostering external collaboration
- Knowing your audience
- Framing your message for your audience
- Communication tools
- Engagement tools
- Resources

WEBINAR SCHEDULE







1.	Climate Adaptation	n in the Municipal Context	January 22 nd
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- 2. MARS Community of Practice Portal Tour January 29th
- 3. Financial and Legal Implications of Climate Change February 6th
- 4. Municipal Transportation Related Infrastructure February 20th
- 5. Building Code and Land Use Planning February 27th
- 6. Vulnerable Populations

 March 6th
- 7. Urban Natural Systems March 20th
- 8. Water, Wastewater and Storm Water Systems March 27th
- 9. Communication and Collaborating April 10th

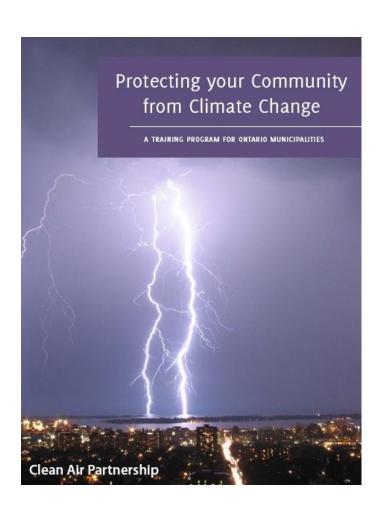
ADAPTATION TRAINING PROGRAM







http://www.cleanairpartnership.org/municipal adaptation program resources



- 12 Modules
- All PowerPoint presentations
- All worksheets & exercises
- Train the trainers program

WEBINAR 1 OVERVIEW







- MARS Webinar Series Overview
- 2. Introduction to climate change adaptation
- 3. Overview of observed climate change globally, in Canada, and in Ontario
- 4. Recent events in Ontario
- 5. Sourcing climate trends and projections information
- 6. Overview of an adaptation program







2 INTRODUCTION TO CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

CLIMATE CHANGE LEADS TO







- Warmer air, soil and water temperatures
- Shorter winters; Earlier springs but sometime "backwards" springs
- Longer summers, growing seasons; Later falls
- Changes in precipitation patterns, including more intense events
- Increased weather variability & extreme events
- Increased evaporation from surface waters; Potential for lower Great Lakes
- Coastal sea level rise and stronger storm surges;
- Shrinkage of polar ice cap and glaciers
- Reduced average snow packs but, potential for more extreme snow storms

HEALTH IMPACTS







HEAT RISKS

- Heat-related illness & deaths
- Increased smog and related illness and deaths (unless emissions reduced)
- More food-borne illness
- Increase in vector-borne diseases such as West Nile & Lyme disease, new diseases





PRECIPITATION RISKS

- Increased waterborne disease potential
- Injuries and deaths from flooding & winter storms (e.g. ice storms)
- More lake effect snowstorms
- Increases in basement mould from flooding incidents

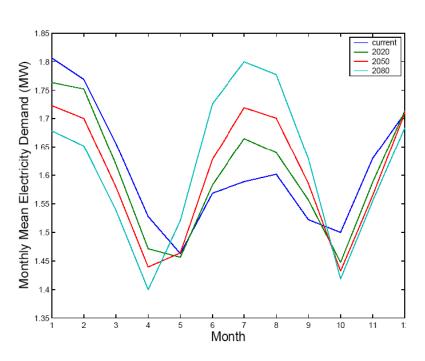
ENERGY IMPACTS

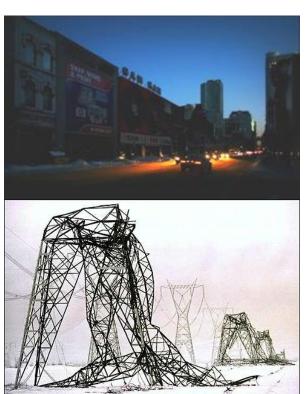






- Rise in average & peak summer demand
- Stress on electricity generation, transmission & distribution
- Damage to transmission & distribution capacity from storms, wind
- Decreased hydro power from declining water levels



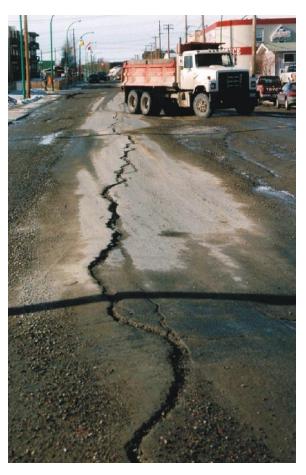


TRANSPORTATION IMPACTS









- Damage to roads, bridges, culverts
- Disruptions due to blackouts, storms, floods, freezing rain
- Reduced Great Lakes shipping
- More frequent disruption of air traffic





WATER IMPACTS







- More frequent flooding from intense rainfall events; changed seasonality to flooding risks
- Water quality impacts from stormwater runoff, warmer water in lakes and streams and lower lake levels, algal blooms
- More frequent heat waves and droughts (increasing water demand and potentially leading to water shortages)





BUILDING IMPACTS











- Basement flooding
- Damage from high winds, severe thunderstorms & tornados
- Roof damage from ice dams created by frequent freeze-thaw cycles, rain on snow
- Increased thermal discomfort in buildings without a/c
- New building codes and standards; retrofits & repairs to existing buildings
- Accelerated concrete deterioration (CO₂)

URBAN ECOSYSTEM IMPACTS







- Stress on vegetation from heat & drought
- Damage to parks & trees from floods & windstorms
- More pests & disease
- Loss of native biodiversity
- Loss of wetlands & shorebirds
- More invasive species established





VULNERABLE POPULATIONS









- Homeless
- Low-income people
 - Housing conditions
 - Limited mobility
 - Lack of insurance, savings
- People in poor health
- Isolated seniors
- Infants & small children

GOVERNMENT FINANCE IMPACTS







- Direct costs of repairing weather-related damage to municipal infrastructure, facilities & parks
- Costs for premature replacement of infrastructure, increased maintenance
- Expenditures during & after weather emergencies
- Subsidies for uninsured residents & businesses affected by climate-related events
- Increased insurance costs
- Loss of taxes, incomes due to business disruption
- Lawsuits

ADAPTATION Vs MITIGATION







Mitigate reduce greenhouse gas emissions

"Avoid the unmanageable"

Adapt take action to reduce vulnerability

"Manage the unavoidable"

ADAPTING OUR ENVIRONMENT



















THE FUDAI FLOODGATE









- 12 years to build ('72-'84)
- ¥3.56 billion (\$33m)
- 205m span
- 15.5m high
- 10m is standard height for a Japanese floodgate
- Ugly as hell, costly
- Not based on past data or trends, but rather on the worst possible future scenario imaginable

ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE







- Actions that reduce negative impacts of climate change, increase opportunities
- Adjusting policies and actions in response to observed or expected changes in the climate
- Can be reactive or proactive in nature
- The past will not be the future, due diligence to consider likely future conditions
- Identify vulnerabilities, pick the priorities (impact and likelihood)
- Adaptation is not always cheap, nor is it always expensive
- Prevention of future possible impacts is not always popular but the risks and impacts should be considered; staged approaches are options
- Perfect data is not a prerequisite to adaptation but uncertainties on the future climate must to be factored into decisions (to avoid maladaptation risks)

CLIMATE ADAPTATION IS NOT NEW







- Following Hurricane Hazel, Ontario developed regulations that restricted developments on flood plains
- Following the August 2005 storm, the City of Toronto developed new overflow protection for Black Creek
- Following heat waves in the 1980's and 1990's, many municipalities developed heat alert and response systems





WHAT IS NEW FOR ADAPTATION?







- Thinking ahead, rather than only looking back
- Using historical climate trends and climate projections to estimate the impacts of a changing climate
- Planning for the future to avoid potential impacts
- Especially important for:
 - Climate impacts that could inflict multiple deaths or major economic damage
 - Long-lived, costly infrastructure that is expected to serve while the conditions under which it operates are changing
 - Natural systems and their ecosystem services that benefit all municipalities and reduce municipal climate risks

ADAPTATION IS ALREADY HAPPENING







	Buildings	Transportation	Health	Water	Natural systems
Increasing Adaptive Capacity	•Review of building codes and standards	•Transportation risk assessments	•Heightened planning and exercises	•Source water protection plans	•Naturalization policies
	•PIEVC infrastructure engineering studies •Energy efficiency	Review of engineering standardsActive transportation	•WNV Task Force •Heat island mapping	•wastewater master plans and strategies	Shade policiesiTree studies;Humber
	studies	master plans	•Local food plans	•Flood studies	Nursery tree plots for future
Delivery of Adaptation	•Backflow valve installations	•Permeable pavements	•HARS	•Low water response systems	•Systematic tree pruning
Projects	Regional building energy retrofits Install hurricane ties & clips Emerging Building codes and standards for future climate	 Fan installations in traffic signal boxes Installing concrete at bus stopping zones Changed materials and practices 	Cooling centres Mosquito control Cold weather response	•Flood warning system •Combined sewer separation •Designs with additional capacity	Increase tree canopyParkland naturalization







3 CLIMATE CHANGE IN ONTARIO

Dr. Neil Comer, Heather Auld Risk Sciences International (RSI)



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Provides private and public sector clients with the tools and expertise needed to understand and effectively manage risk

http://www.risksciences.com/

Dr. Neil Comer, Senior Climatologist

- Worked with the Meteorological Service of Canada and the Adaptation and Impacts Research Section of Environment Canada
- Developed Environment Canada's Atmospheric Hazards Network and the Canadian Climate Change Scenarios Network (CCSN)
- Current Advisor to the Ontario Regional Climate Change Consortium and reviewer for the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) 5th Assessment Repot

Heather Auld, Principal Climate Scientist

- Worked with Environment Canada and the Department of National Defence
- One of Canada's foremost engineering climatologists
- Served on both World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and IPCC expert groups
- Main climate science advisor to Canada's National Codes Commission

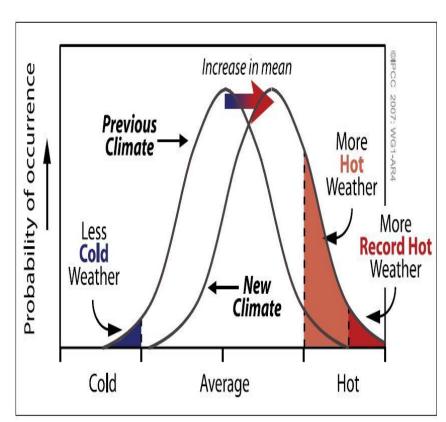
CONDITIONS ARE CHANGING







- Observed 'Normal' climate has already changed
- Climatologists use 30 years to define a climate period
- 30 years 'smooths out' normal year to year variation
- In Great Lakes regions, normals are becoming warmer and wetter in general



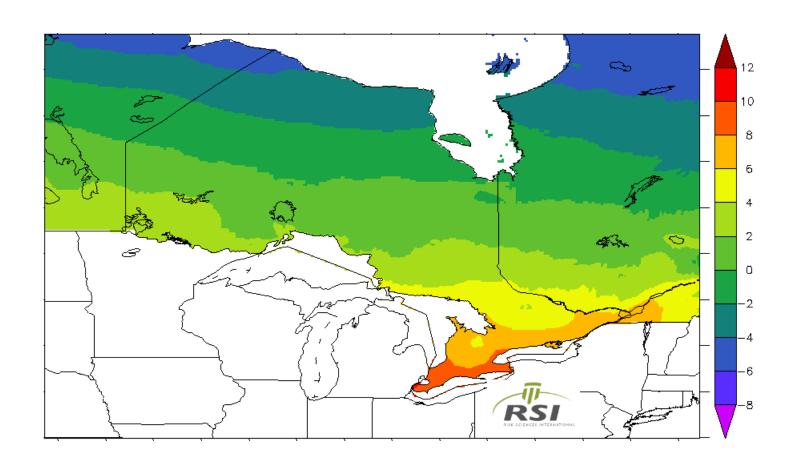


ONTARIO MEAN TEMPERATURE









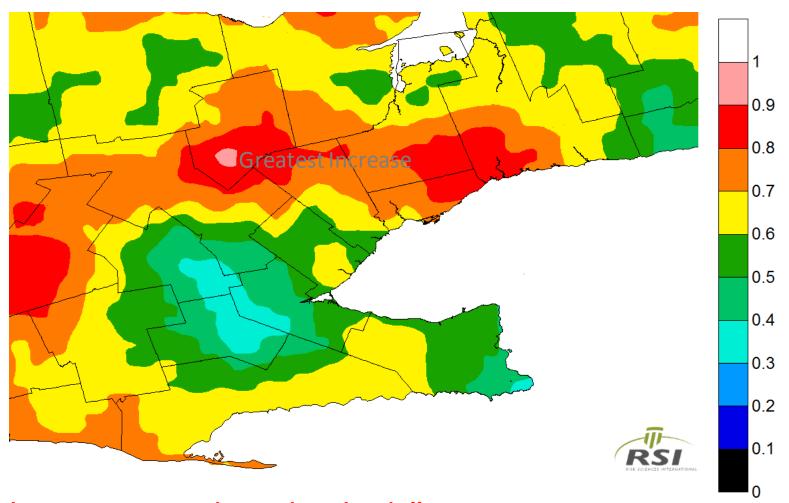
Notice northward progression of warmer contours e.g. orange

TEMPERATURE CHANGE – GTA MEAN ANNUAL TEMPERATURES









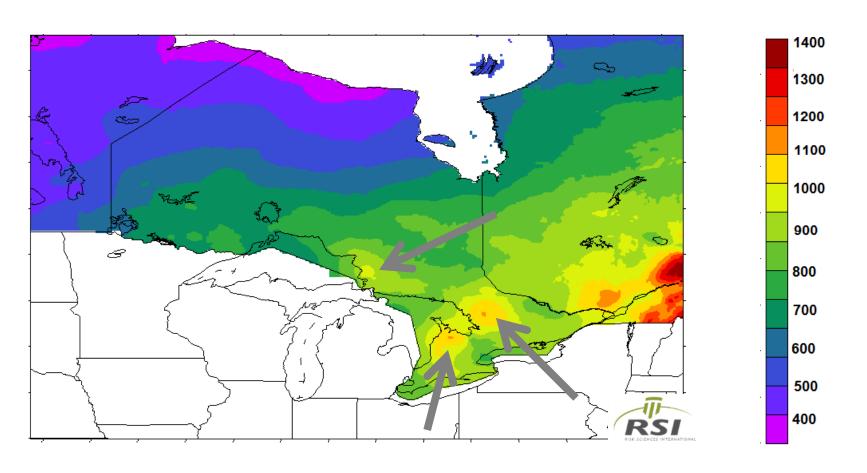
Increases are not equal everywhere. Local effects.

ONTARIO MEAN PRECIPITATION









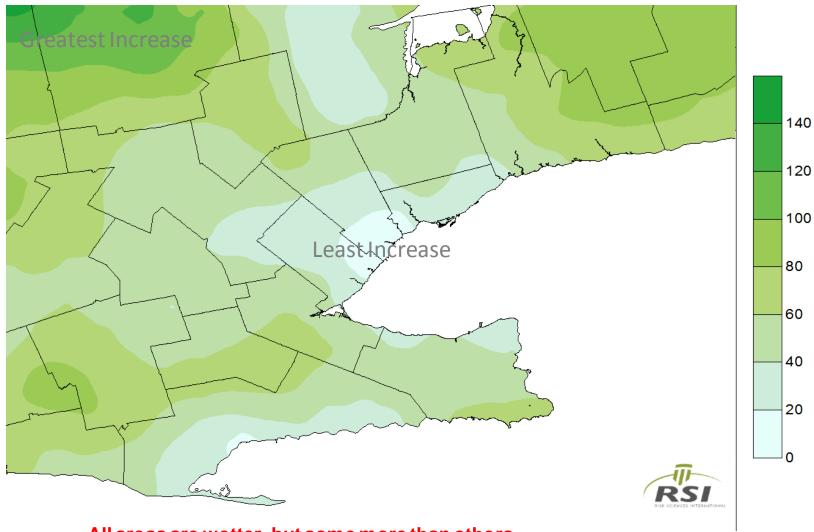
Greatest Increases to lee of the Great Lakes – lake effect precipitation

PRECIPITATION CHANGE - GTA









All areas are wetter-but some more than others

OUR CLIMATE FUTURE









"HOW ON EARTH DO WE TURN IT OFF?"



MOST AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE







- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
- Reports every 6 years from worldwide scientific community
- In spite of some denial of human-made climate change, there is overwhelming consensus among climate scientists
- Our best science uses complex atmospheric models

Notably, changes we have seen are totally consistent with future projections



THE NEW IPCC (AR5) 2013







Some Highlights/Quotes:

- "Warming of the climate system is unequivocal"
- "Human influence has been detected in warming of the atmosphere and the ocean, in changes in the global water cycle, in reductions in snow and ice, in global mean sea level rise, and in changes in some climate extremes"
- "It is extremely likely that <u>human influence</u> has been the <u>dominant</u> cause of the observed warming since the mid-20th century"
- "Warming will continue to exhibit <u>interannual-to-decadal variability</u> and will not be regionally uniform"
- "The <u>contrast in precipitation</u> between wet and dry regions and between wet and dry seasons <u>will increase</u>, although there may be regional exceptions"



THE NEW IPCC (AR5) 2013







Some Highlights - 'Extremes Report: SREX':

- "It is virtually certain that increases in the frequency and magnitude of warm daily temperature extremes and decreases in cold extremes will occur"
- "It is *very likely* that the length, frequency, and/or intensity of ... heat waves will increase"
- "It is likely that the frequency of heavy precipitation will increase"
- "Attribution of single extreme events to anthropogenic climate change is challenging"

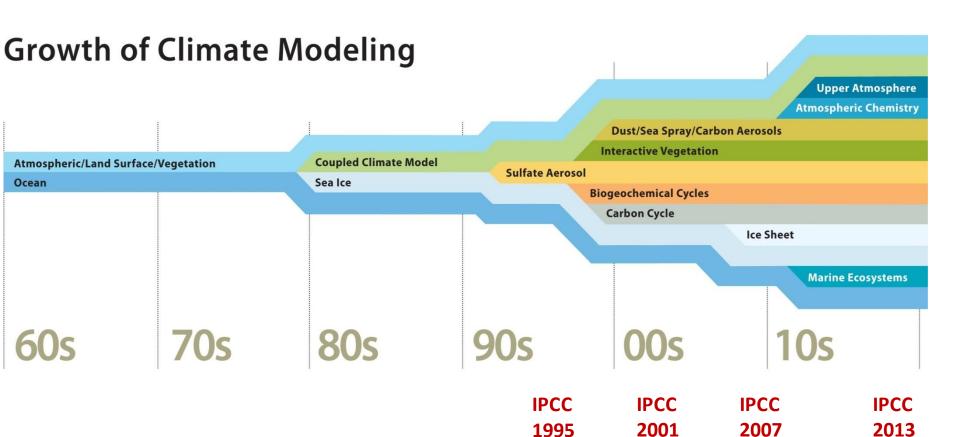


THE MODELS.. increasingly complex









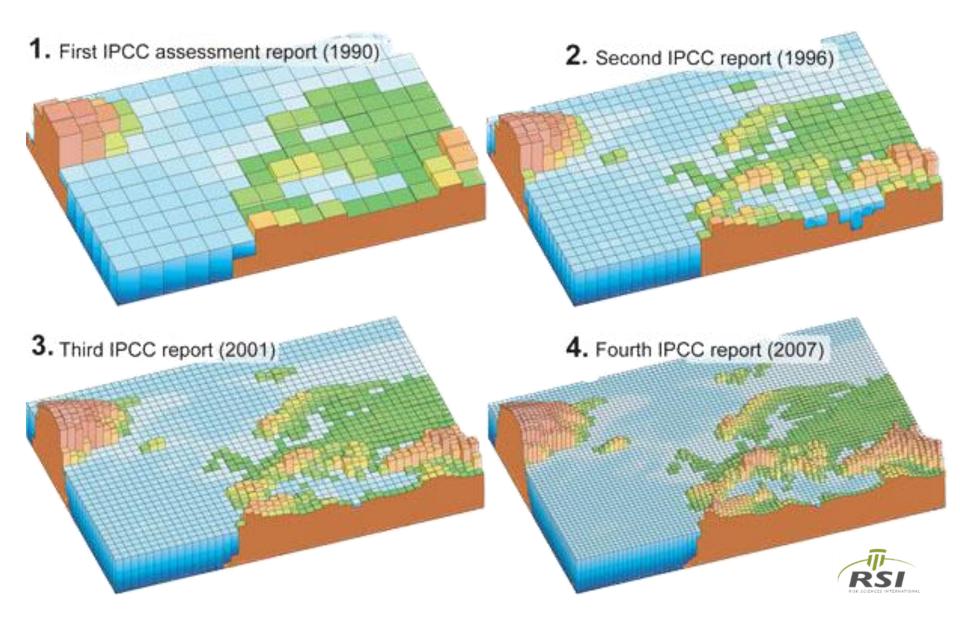


THE MODELS... better resolution









THE MODELS



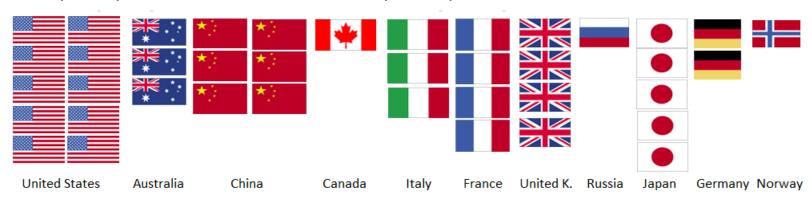




• AR4 (2007) 24 Global Climate Models (GCMs) available



• AR5 (2013) 40 Global Climate Models (GCMs) available





GHG EMISSIONS

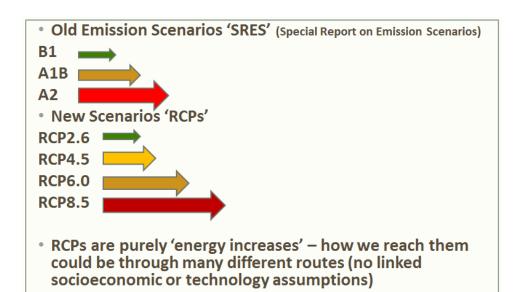






- New assumptions of GHG emissions
- Representative Concentration Pathways (RCPs)









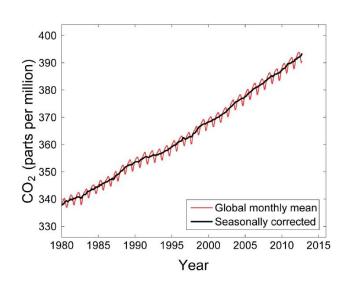
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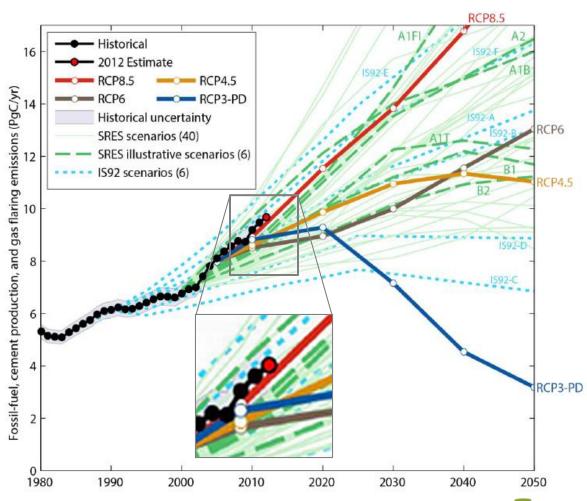






- Current emissions appear to follow the highest RCP8.5 pathway
- NO international agreements in place





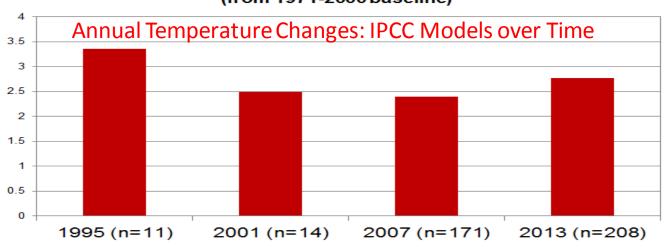
THE NEW IPCC (AR5) 2013 vs older





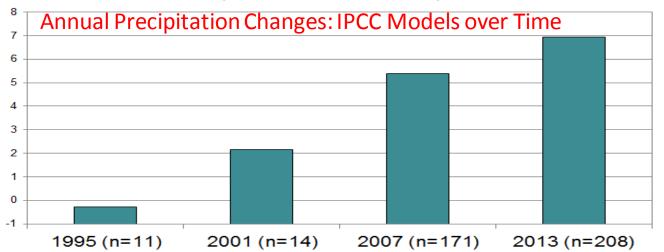


S. Ont Annual Temperature Change for the 2050s (from 1971-2000 baseline)



Generations of models – all show warming

S. Ont Annual Precipitation Change (%) for the 2050s (from 1971-2000 baseline)



Generations of models – tending to increasingly wetter



PROJECTION UNCERTAINTIES







Climate models more effective at means and large-scale weather systems / storms

Difficult to resolve convective storms in climate models / historical analysis

More CERTAINTY

Less CONFIDENCE

Warmer winters

More heat waves

More winter in precipitation ra

More intense rainfalls

More ice storms

Increase in wind extremes

Longer growing season (frost-free)



PROJECTION UNCERTAINTIES







The IPCC is very clear that the use of a **limited** number of climate models is **not** recommended for decision-making

- The use of a limited number of models or scenarios provides no information on the uncertainties – multiple models or ensembles can help
- Although each GCM represents the 'best effort' of each modelling centre, there are biases (& adjustments needed)
- The use of an ensemble (mean/median) of models tends to converge to a 'best estimate' by reducing the strong random biases in single models



AR5 ENSEMBLE PROJECTIONS







- For our clients we calculate the ensemble change from all models from the international modelling centres
- About 5 Terabytes of model data from the IPCC
- All model runs are re-gridded, re-calibrated and averaged (100s of model runs – 40 models x multiple runs)
- The differences or 'spread' of the model estimates gives us an indication of projection certainty
- Unequal changes over each season



AR5 ENSEMBLE MEAN ANNUAL TEMP

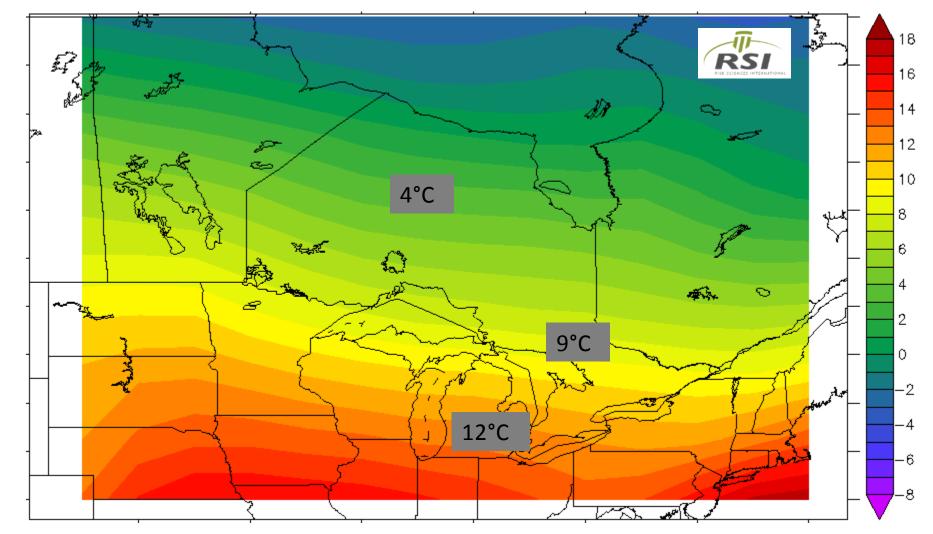






(RCP8.5)

2050s (2041 – 2070)



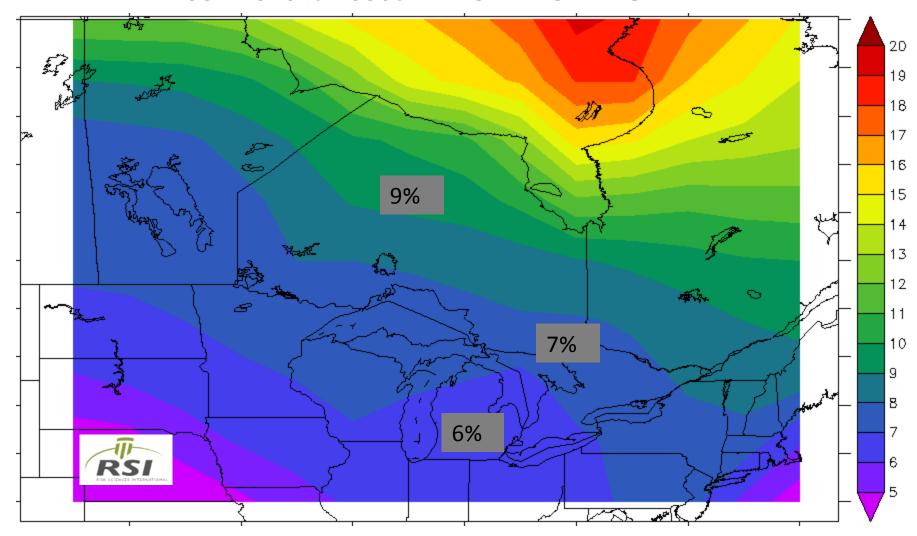
AR5 ENSEMBLE MEAN ANNUAL PRECIP







(RCP8.5) 1981-2010 to 2050s PERCENT CHANGE - WETTER



AR5 ENSEMBLE EXTREMES







GTA Ontario Precipitation Extremes (2050s and 2100)

Indicator Name (observed baseline value)	Change mid-century from 1981-2010	Change by 2100
Maximum 1 day precipitation (37 mm)	+9%	+20%
Maximum 5 day precipitation (60 mm)	+6%	+17%
99 th Percentile precipitation amount (79 mm)	+37%	+87%

Extremes expected to be more responsive to climate change than averages Potential for intense thunderstorm rainfalls to increase at greatest rates

Indicates that a greater proportion of precipitation will come from more extreme events



CONCLUSIONS







- Climate change is already affecting us
- Our best adaptation measures require the best science
- Ensemble projections are current best-practices and represent due diligence, consideration of uncertainty
- New IPCC projections are consistent with historical trends
- We appear to be on the 'high' projection pathway based upon our greenhouse gas emissions
- Climate change will have significant impacts on mean climate but perhaps extremes to an even greater extent



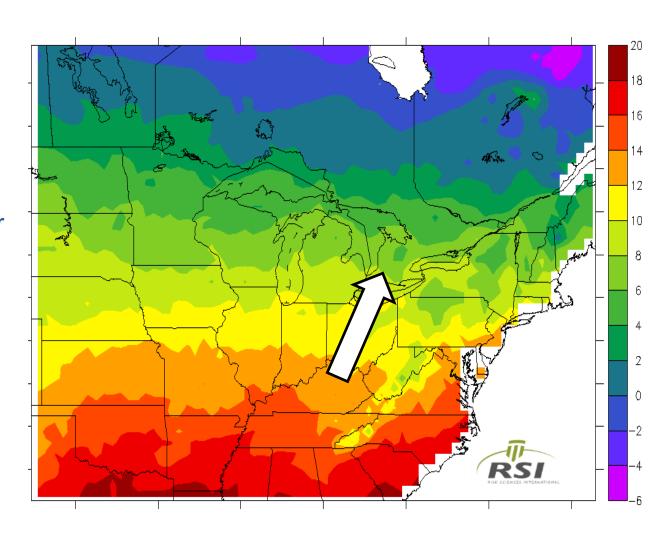
OUR FUTURE CLIMATE?







- Looking to the 2050s ensemble projection
- The current climate analog for southern Ontario is Kentucky









4 RECENT EVENTS IN ONTARIO







Goderich Tornado (2011):

- F3 Tornado, winds peaking at 280 km/h
- 1 death and 37 people injured
- 500 trees downed on public property
- 19 commercial and 35 residential buildings demolished, 283 buildings requiring repair
- Snapped, uprooted and downed power line, natural gas leaks
- Preliminary total damage estimate, \$100 million
- \$2.5 million in damage to municipal property and emergency response incurred costs











Wawa Flood (2012)

- Excess of 100 mm of rainfall in 12 hour period
- Severe flood damage to bridges, a major culvert, sewer line, storm water and road beds, as well as private property
- Extensive damage to fibrotic telecommunication lines
- Evacuation of Michipicoten First Nation community members (population 65)
- City's flood disaster related costs exceed \$3.5 million
- City continues to be in state of emergency today











Thunder Bay Flood (2012)

- Four days of thunderstorms and intensive rain;
 antecedent (wet) periods often important in flooding events
- Severe flood damage to bridge and road infrastructure, landfill, sewage treatment plant
- Thousands of basement floods (business and residential), power disruptions, submerged vehicles
- City's flood related costs \$22.9 million
- Estimated insured damages over \$200 million











Toronto and area flooding (2013)

- Severe thunderstorms and record level rainfall in only a few hours
- Severe flood related damage to; parks and recreation facilities, transportation infrastructure, sewer and water systems, ravines, roadways and private property
- Significant power outages and disruption to municipal services
- CN rail, Toronto Hydro experienced considerable damage
- City of Toronto storm related costs, estimated \$65,235,842
- Excess of \$850m in private insurance claims











Georgian Bay Low Lake Levels (2013)

- In 2013, Lakes Huron and Michigan measured the lowest levels since record keeping began 100 years ago, 74 centimeters below their long-term average, 43 centimeter decline since January 2012
- 68 marinas, 76 private businesses and 31 government facilities are affected by lower water levels
- Estimated \$500 million spent by cottagers this summer to extend and repair docks and water systems
- Minimum \$7.9 million will be spent by municipalities this year in response to low water levels
- Estimated negative impact on local economies: between \$50 and \$100 million





1994 2013



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2013		
Heat Alert	Extreme Heat Alert	
September 11, 2013	July 19, 2013	
September 10, 2013	July 18, 2013	
July 15, 2013	July 17, 2013	
June 26, 2013	July 16, 2013	
June 23, 2013	June 25, 2013	
May 31, 2013	June 24, 2013	
May 30, 2013		
2012		
Heat Alert	Extreme Heat Alert	
August 31, 2012	July 18, 2012	
August 4, 2012	July 17, 2012	
August 2, 2012	July 14, 2012	
July 23, 2012	July 13, 2012	
July 16, 2012	July 6, 2012	
July 12, 2012	July 5, 2012	
July 3, 2012	July 4, 2012	
June 30, 2012	June 21, 2012	
June 29, 2012	June 20, 2012	
June 28, 2012		
June 19, 2012		
May 28, 2012		











2013 Central and Eastern Canada Ice Storm:

- 3 day event (Dec 20 -23) resulting in up to 30mm of ice accumulation
- 27 fatalities
- 1.5m people without power across 6 provinces and 5 states
- 600,000 homes without power in Ontario
- >2000 homes without power 10 days later
- Accurate cost estimates outstanding (at least \$106m for Toronto alone, primarily for tree cleanup as at January 9th, 2014)









5 SOURCING CLIMATE INFORMATION

SOURCING PROJECTIONS (FREE)







Global and Regional Climate Change Projections (2013 IPCC AR5)

 Working Group I contribution to the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report (WGIAR5) – in form of terabytes of data files requiring quality control http://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar5/wg1/#.UsxZ8vRDtzU

Canadian Climate Change Projections (2007 IPCC AR4)

Canadian Climate Change Scenarios Network (CCCSN)
 http://www.cccsn.ec.gc.ca/?page=main&lang=en

Ontario Climate Change Projections

Ontario Ministry Of Natural Resources, Interactive Climate Change Mapping Tools
 http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/ClimateChange/2ColumnSubPage/STDPROD_090054.html

SOURCING CLIMATE CHANGE DATA







- Risk Sciences International (RSI) 2013 IPCC AR5
 http://www.risksciences.com/page?s=575&lang=en-CA
- Ouranos (Quebec) http://www.ouranos.ca/en/
- The Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium (BC) http://www.pacificclimate.org/
- The Ontario Climate Consortium (Ontario) 2007 IPCC AR4 http://climateontario.org/wp/
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (USA) http://www.noaa.gov/
- Ontario Centre for Climate Impacts and Adaptation Resources (OCCIAR) collaborating with RSI http://www.climateontario.ca/
- Scientists in local universities (e.g. UWO, Waterloo, U of T)
- Environmental consultants (Golder, Deloitte, Dillon, etc)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES







- Centre for Climate and Energy Solutions http://www.c2es.org/
- Columbia Basin Trust http://www.cbt.org/Initiatives/Climate_Change/
- Fraser Basin Council <u>http://retooling.ca</u>
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities
 http://www.fcm.ca/Documents/reports/PCP/Municipal_Resources_for_Adapting_to_Climat_e_Change_EN.pdf

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES







- Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
 http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/ClimateChange
- AdaptNet Nautilus Institute
 http://www.nautilus.org/mailing-lists/adaptnet
- Climate Progress http://thinkprogress.org/romm/issue/
- Municipal Information Network http://www.municipalinfonet.com/
- Climate Change Adaptation Community of Practice http://www.ccadaptation.ca/

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES







- CAKE Climate Adaptation Knowledge Exchange http://www.cakex.org/
- OCCIAR Ontario Centre for Climate Impacts and Adaptation Resources http://www.climateontario.ca/
- United Kingdom Climate Impacts Program (UKCIP) http://www.ukcip.org.uk/essentials/
- Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction (ICLR) http://www.iclr.org
- Canadian Institute of Planners http://www.cip-icu.ca/

CONCLUSION







- Climate change is already affecting us
- It does not affect us all equally (socially, geographically)
- We have an idea of what provincial average changes will be
- Extremes will be considerably more severe
- The best science is needed to tell us what the downscaled local picture will be
- This is essential for decision makers
- There is a lot that can be done while waiting on this information
- Many of the earlier steps in an adaptation program do not require climate science
- The MARS webinar series will show how others have gone about adaptation

EXERCISE







On the MARS portal, a discussion page has been set up to accompany this webinar

With respect to your municipality we would like you to answer the following questions;

- Which potential climate parameters/impacts concern you the most? Why?
- How do you think the changing climate could affect your community?
- How do you think the changing climate could affect your municipal operations?

Please visit https://www.ccadaptation.ca/en/mars and share your perspective!







NEXT WEBINAR

MODULE 2: INTRODUCTION TO THE MARS PORTAL

JANUARY 29TH, 2pm