

Presentation to Eastern Ontario
Climate Change Adaptation Workshop
Feb 9, 2011

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 8th Workshop: OCCIAR Risk Assessment Tool and Municipal Infrastructure
- March 8th 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