



# CHIPPEWAS OF GEORGINA ISLAND

## FIRST NATION COMMUNITY CLIMATE CHANGE

### ADAPTATION PROGRAM C.C.A.P

**Georgina Island is now in our 3rd Year of the Community Climate Change Adaptation Program and would like to share our information to assist other First Nations in setting up their own Community Climate Change Adaptation Programs.**

Background:

## Climate Change Adaptation Program (CCAP)

Through the Climate Change Adaptation Program (CCAP), AANDNC is supporting Aboriginal and northern communities to address risks and challenges posed by climate change impacts and to become more resilient.

This program, delivered by the Climate Change Division, is designed to support Canada's commitment to Aboriginal and northern peoples' pursuit of healthy and sustainable communities by allowing communities to prepare for challenges created by a changing environment.

CCAP is focused on working with organizations, institutions and communities that can take the lead in assessing and developing management strategies to adapt to the impacts of a changing climate, undertaking risk and vulnerability assessments, and identifying appropriate actions required to reduce risks due to a changing climate and its impact.

Community involvement is important for successful climate change planning; therefore the CCAP requires that communities be involved in the projects supported by the program. Through the leadership of key community members, Aboriginal and northern communities can plan and adapt to climate change.

CCAP is part of the Clean Air Agenda (CAA). In its first 3 years (2008-2011), the program funded over 90 projects and 80 communities. It has contributed to enhancing resilience in some of Canada's most vulnerable communities, as well as increasing interest in the implementation of climate change adaptation initiatives in Aboriginal and northern communities across the country.

The program works in collaboration with, and complements a number of related programs, including Health Canada's Climate Change and Health Adaptation in Northern/Inuit Communities program and the Natural Resources Canada's (NRCan) Regional Adaptation Collaboratives.

Complementing the efforts to address adaptation at the community level, CCAP is working collaboratively with the Standards Council of Canada to address adaptation for northern infrastructure. Northern infrastructure is highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and there is currently very little consideration of climate change information in the design of new infrastructure and when making repairs to or upgrading existing infrastructure. This initiative will provide tools in the form of new and revised codes, standards and guidelines that will enable Northerners to ensure that their infrastructure can withstand the effects of climate change, in order to support long-term economic and social development.

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