



## News Release

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### Canada Invests in Climate Change Adaptation in Northern Ontario

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Natural Resources Canada

Canadians' quality of life — and our future growth — are deeply tied to the environment. That is why Canada continues to tackle climate change and invest in adaptation measures that will prepare our communities and industries for a greener future.

Paul Lefebvre, Parliamentary Secretary to the Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, Canada's Minister of Natural Resources, today announced an investment of more than \$680,000 for the Mining Innovation Rehabilitation and Applied Research Corporation (MIRARCO) for two projects that will help Ontario adapt to climate change.

Funded through Natural Resources Canada's Climate Change Adaptation Program, the projects will help MIRARCO provide local communities with the tools and knowledge needed to better understand and adapt to the impacts of a changing climate.

The first project — *Assessing Vulnerability to Climate Change in a Northwestern Ontario Forest Region* — will help MIRARCO and its partners undertake a forest vulnerability assessment. The findings will demonstrate how local knowledge and research can help identify and minimize the impacts of climate change on forest management.

The second project — *Ontario Regional Adaptation Collaborative* — will provide communities and industry with resources that will help them understand climate change risks and take adaptation measures. This will give them the essential tools to incorporate climate change adaptation into planning and decision-making.

The MIRARCO's Climate Adaptation Centre is dedicated to assisting communities and sectors in adapting to climate change by providing climate science and adaptation tools. The Centre is also a resource hub for researchers and stakeholders searching for activities, events and resources on climate change impacts and adaptation.

The global shift toward a cleaner, greener economy is the opportunity of a lifetime. From May 27 to 29, 2019, Canada will welcome over 25 countries to this year's Clean Energy Ministerial and Mission Innovation Ministerial to discuss a future that is cleaner, brighter and more prosperous for generations to come. Canada will showcase its leadership in cleantech innovation, champion gender equality and participation by youth and Indigenous peoples in clean energy, and promote Canada as an investment destination. Learn more at: <http://cem-mi-vancouver2019.ca/>.

## Quotes

“Regions across Canada are experiencing the effects of climate change differently. That is why projects such as these are so important. Our government is investing in MIRARCO because the important work they do helps Ontario communities and industries address the impacts of climate change that are specific to them.”

*Paul Lefebvre*

*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Natural Resources and Member of Parliament for Sudbury*

“Climate change is happening now. We are seeing and experiencing the impacts globally, as well as closer to home. In Canada, we have experienced impacts such as flooding, forest fires and drought conditions. It’s critically important to help communities and industries, like mining and forestry, understand climate change, how they will be impacted into the future and what they should do to prepare. A Pan-Canadian approach is needed to ensure a coordinated solution to anticipate and mitigate the risks and hazards.”

*Vic Pakalnis, P.Eng.*

*President and CEO, MIRARCO Mining Innovation*

## Related Information

- [Climate Change: Impacts and Adaptation](#)
- [Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change](#)
- [Simply Science: Climate Change](#)

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