

A Tamarack Institute Gathering

Climate Transitions Cohort
Q&A Session

Gratitude & Land Acknowledgement

We begin this conversation by acknowledging that we are meeting on Indigenous land. As settlers, we are grateful for the opportunity to meet and we thank all the generations of Indigenous peoples who have taken care of this land.

This recognition of the contributions and historic importance of Indigenous peoples must be clearly and overtly connected to our collective commitment to make the promise and the challenge of Truth and Reconciliation real in our communities.

Check-in

Introduce yourself in the chat box.

Please share your name, organization/affiliation, and where you are calling in from.

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a vibrant red dress and black heels, is perched on a large, fallen tree trunk in a dense forest. The scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of a setting sun, which creates a lens flare effect behind her. The forest floor is covered with fallen leaves and green ferns. The background is filled with tall, slender trees, some with autumn-colored foliage. A large purple triangle is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the text.

About the Community Climate Transitions Cohort

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A **10-month learning journey** designed for communities to develop and implement community plans for a just and equitable climate transition.



A **group of trailblazing communities** from across Canada will be part of a **learning process** to develop a common vision and common agenda among local stakeholders through a collective impact approach.



What is collective impact? Commitment of a group of actors from across society to a common agenda for solving a specific challenge, using a structured form of collaboration.

What we are offering

- **Monthly cohort sessions** with guest speakers on a range of topics (plus additional workshops and webinars)
- **6 coaching sessions** with coaches from the Tamarack Learning Centre
- **One-on-one support** from the Community Climate Transitions team
- **Access to leading resources** on developing transition plans through collective impact and community engagement
- **Updates** on the latest news, events and publications on community climate transition



Who is eligible to participate?

The cohort is open to communities across Canada that are interested in developing a transition plan or updating an existing one, and meet the following criteria:

- A commitment to **centering justice and equity** in a community's climate response
- A commitment to **collective impact** and **community engagement**
- **Having a cross-sector team** will be considered **an asset**, e. g. someone from local government and someone from the community co-leading this work



Objectives

This cohort process aims to support and accelerate local efforts to develop climate transition plans in a way that is adaptive, community-led and participatory.

Adaptive: The process is flexible yet structured as it provides an organized platform for participating communities to connect with one another, collaborate and develop solutions tailored to their emergent local needs.

Community-led: Communities are leading or co-leading the process in partnership with other local stakeholders (governments, private sector, community orgs, etc).

Participatory: Communities are invited to actively learn, engage and build together in a way that cultivates a sense of belonging and shared purpose.

National-level objectives

- **Build a platform** for communities to learn and collaborate in developing Climate transition plans
- **Inspire communities** to engage in developing solutions to support climate transitions
- **Amplify new narratives** of emergent climate transition pathways

Local-level objectives

- **Develop and strengthen relationships** that are focused on climate action, equity and community engagement
- **Meaningfully engage diverse community members** in a co-creation process
- **Create a common agenda** for a just local climate transition
- **Support communities** in implementing a common agenda and a common vision

Content

We acknowledge that not everyone in the cohort will be following the same timeline as they develop a community plan. Some participants may begin at an earlier or later stage, be on an accelerated or slower timeline, and may move through the stages in a non-linear fashion. The program is designed to support diverse communities at all stages in their journeys.

Phase	Months	Key content covered
Phase 1: Learning and exploring Mindset: Inspiration 	February – April 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of communities in climate action & climate justice • Developing a climate plan through an equity lens • Fundamentals of collective impact
Phase 2: Generating possibilities Mindset: Ideation 	May – July 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborative leadership & building a multi-sectoral leadership roundtable • Doing effective community engagement • GHG emissions inventory, assessing climate vulnerability, setting targets • Identifying promising solutions/actions
Phase 3: Developing Mindset: Engagement 	August – October 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working towards a common vision and agenda (i.e. a community plan) • Considerations for implementing local plans • Evaluating impact
Phase 4: Wrapping up and looking ahead Mindset: Celebration 	November 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taking stock of progress • Planning next steps



Cohort application timeline

Launch Call for Applicants

November 2021

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Deadline to apply

December 13, 2021
(11:59 p.m. ET)

Evaluate proposals & communicate with applicants

December 2021 -
January 2022

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Cohort launch

February 2022

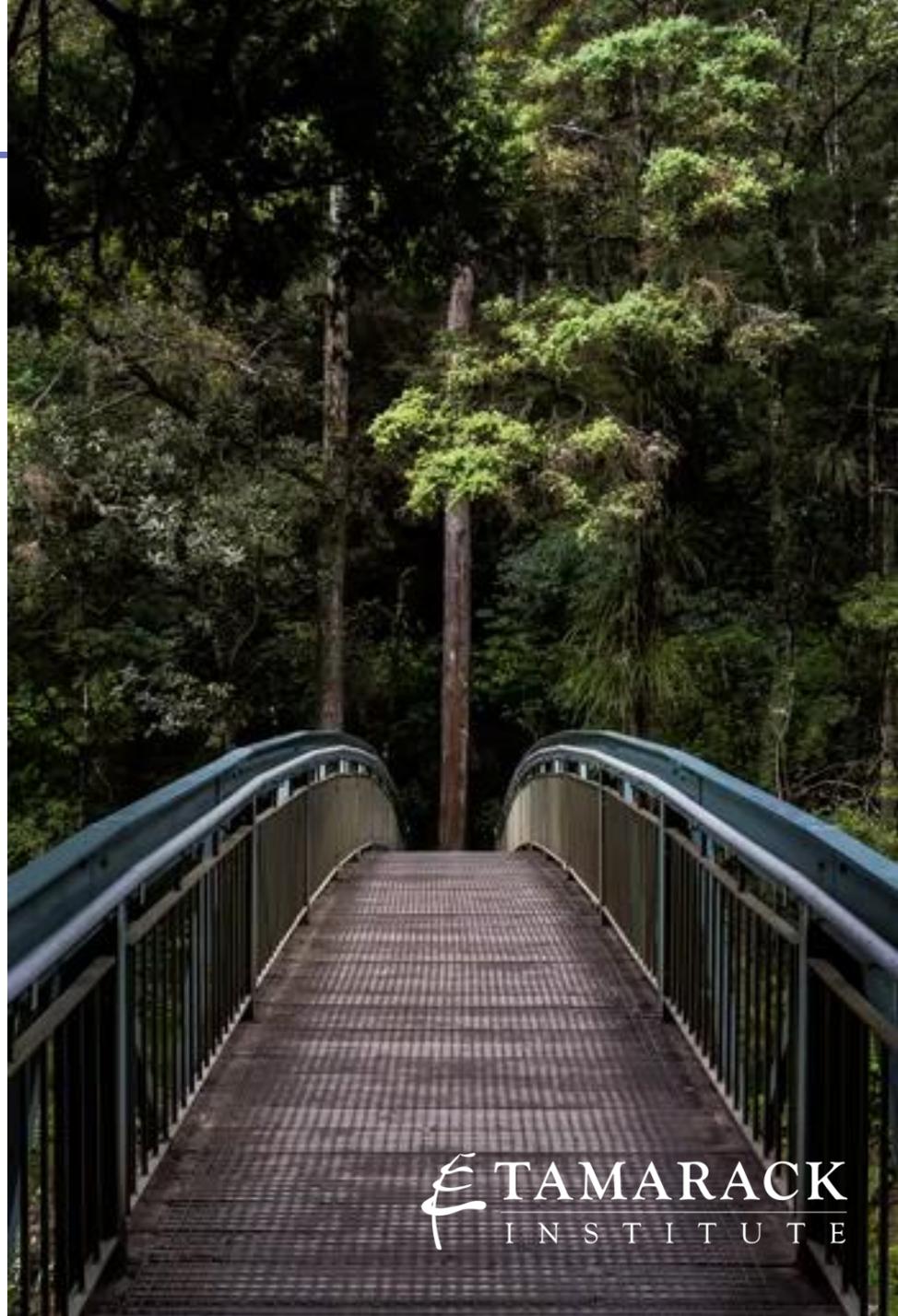


Next steps

Call for Applicants

We are inviting communities to submit a short application explaining their interest in participating in the 2022 cohort.

The application process will be open from November 1 – December 13. During this time, Tamarack will also conduct active outreach with prospective communities.



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**A conversation
with the Community
Climate Transitions
team**



Questions?

Upcoming webinar

Halton Climate Collective:

A whole-community climate response through collective action

Join us on **December 15 at 12:00 pm ET** to learn how the Halton community has taken their climate response to the next level through shared, collaborative governance.





Thank You!

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