

LEADING CLIMATE ACTION WITH ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES 2025



Municipal
Climate Change
Action Centre

The Municipal Climate Change Action Centre provides funding, technical expertise, and education to municipalities and community-related organizations. Together, we are lowering energy costs, building sustainability, and improving climate resilience.

A partnership of:



\$4.19 MILLION OF INVESTMENTS CATALYZED IN 2025 *PLUS*

Energy jobs

46 job years created

Energy Cost Savings

Estimated \$496,000 annually

Energy Managers

10 municipal energy managers funded



1,748 TONNES OF CO₂e REDUCTIONS IN 2025 *PLUS*

Energy Efficiency Retrofits

Lighting, HVAC, and arena upgrades were the most common projects in 2025

\$1.3 million invested • 43 projects

Solar Power

Installed solar capacity
820 kW

Collaborative Learning Stream

Climate resilience training to help communities adapt

33 communities participating



SELECT HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2025

NOTABLE PROJECTS

Vista Ridge All Seasons Park Lighting Upgrade

Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo

\$261,748 rebate to support reducing utilities costs by \$104,770 annually

JDA Place Roof Replacement

Town of Whitecourt

\$192,000 rebate to support reducing emissions by 11% annually

Ken Nichol Regional Rec Centre

City of Beaumont

\$34,000 rebate to support replacing 8 nearly 50-year-old furnaces

CAPACITY BUILDING

Alberta Climate Leaders Staff Peer Network

82 members from communities across Alberta met four times in 2025.

Roving Energy Manager Program

A new cohort of three communities began participating in the Roving Energy Manager Program: Town of Magrath, Village of Myrnam, and Town of Thorsby.

Net-Zero Communities Accelerator Program

Eight participants received support to develop and continuously implement community energy and emissions plans.

ADVANCING CAPABILITIES

MCCAC Road Trip

Staff from MCCAC visited eight municipalities to connect with municipal staff and see in-person the changes we helped catalyze. We were inspired by the leadership and passion shown by staff, who took great pride and care in their achievements. We enjoyed meeting you all and can't wait to see what you'll accomplish next year. Thank you to our hosts in:

City of Airdrie | Town of Athabasca | Village of Boyle | Foothills County | City of Medicine Hat | Town of Okotoks | Town of Slave Lake | Town of Whitecourt

Featured Projects Just some of the 51 climate action projects completed in 2025

ENERGY MANAGEMENT

Torrie Santucci, MEM of the Year

For his outstanding work in energy management in the Town of Devon, Torrie Santucci was named MEM of the year for 2025. His work produced significant reductions in annual GHG emissions and secured funding for several implementation projects, contributing to long-term savings.

Rovering Energy Manager 2

Three municipalities took advantage of our Roving Energy Manager program in 2025. The Town of Magrath, Town of Thorsby, and Village of Myrnam accessed energy management expertise that would otherwise not be possible. Our participants showed that even the smallest of communities can make affordable and sustainable energy choices.



MUNICIPAL ELECTRICITY GENERATION PROGRAM

Okotoks Two Solar PV Projects

The Town of Okotoks accessed funds from the MEG program to complete two projects, for a combined rebate of nearly \$132,000. The 93.5 kW system on Fire Hall 1 will generate 96,000 kWh annually, while the 149.6 kW system on the town's Operations Centre will generate 175,000 kWh annually for a combined yearly savings of \$18,000.

Lacombe County Two Solar PV Projects

Lacombe County expanded its solar power capacity in 2025, continuing a journey they began with MCCAC in 2016. These two new projects, on the Rainy Creek Shop and Tees Shop, increased their electricity generation power by more than 47,000 kWh annually. The Tees Shop accessed \$18,400 with Rainy Creek accessing \$16,500, saving the County almost \$12,000 in yearly utilities expenses.

COMMUNITY ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Coalhurst Heating and Lights

The Town of Coalhurst accessed funds through the Community Energy Conservation program twice in 2025, to update heating and lighting at their Public Works Shop and Community Centre. The projects were so successful, they qualified for the program's bonus rebate for their high greenhouse gas emissions reductions—over 23 tCO₂e per year! This combined \$32,000 rebate is saving the Town over \$5,000 and over 331 GJ of natural gas annually.

Medicine Hat 12 projects in 1

City staff replaced outdated lighting infrastructure—including metal halide, high pressure sodium, and fluorescent fixtures—with energy-efficient LED technology in 12 municipal buildings. They audited their energy use and strategically targeted upgrades in high-consumption buildings with equipment nearing the end of their operational lifespans. These 12 upgrades combined will save the City almost \$100,000 each year.



"This training module has been extremely valuable. The course has a great balance between presentations and practical application of the knowledge through the learning tasks. The facilitators are very supportive and willing to help outside of the formal sessions which is very much appreciated."

—Training Participant

CLIMATE RESILIENCE CAPACITY BUILDING

Collaborative Learning Stream

Launched in 2025, this program supports communities and organizations in strengthening local climate resilience through training and collaborative working groups. Participants are accessing foundational climate adaptation resources to build shared knowledge and develop the skills needed to design or implement equity-informed climate adaptation strategies. The program offers two learning tracks tailored to participants' experience and their community's level of climate readiness, with one track focused on planning and the other on implementation. This program is carried out with funding from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Green Municipal Fund and the Government of Canada. Additional funding is provided by the Government of Alberta.



Visit mccac.ca to read success stories about the projects the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre has supported. Access our latest programs and resources to start your program.

MUNICIPAL CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION CENTRE

2009-2026

Current as of: March 2026

1,108

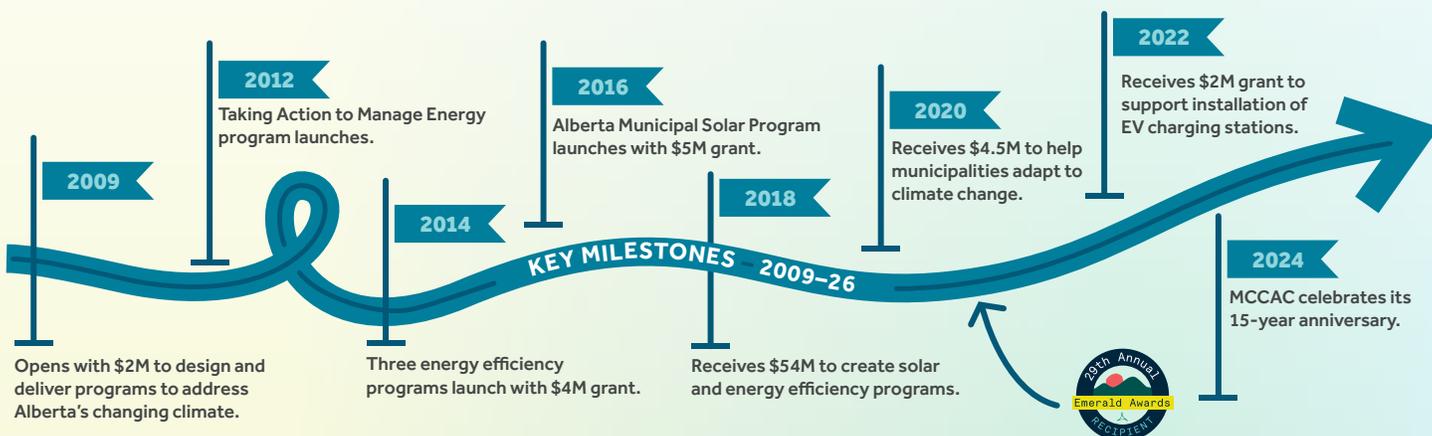
Projects Completed

\$214 million

Energy Savings
lifetime savings averaged over 20 years

184

Municipalities Reached



INVESTMENTS

\$65.8 million
in funds awarded

\$151 million
of investments catalyzed

JOBS CREATED

844
Energy action job years

619
Solar energy job years

UTILITY COST SAVINGS

\$10.6
Million annual cost savings

\$213.7
Million lifetime cost savings over 20 years

SOLAR AND RETROFITS

42 MW
of solar electricity generation capacity

47,722 tonnes
of greenhouse gas emissions avoided every year

98,940
solar modules installed

IMPACT ACROSS ALBERTA

[Our interactive map, hosted on our website, shows our impact in your community.](#)



Opportunities & Resources ▪ Sneak Peek for 2026



AB MUNICIPAL CLIMATE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

- The Alberta Municipal Climate Leadership Council for elected officials met for the final time in autumn 2025.
- The program re-opened for a new cohort in 2026 under a new name and revised structure. Elected officials are invited to join the Elected Officials Peer Network.
- Alberta Climate Leaders is a partnership of the Community Energy Association and the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre.



ALBERTA CLIMATE LEADERS STAFF PEER NETWORK

- Staff from municipalities and Indigenous communities across Alberta can join to learn, connect, and problem solve together.
- This network meets quarterly, but you can join at any time.

"As co-chair of the Staff Peer Network, I'm excited to meet other climate action practitioners in Alberta."

Sonak Patel, City of Calgary



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PROGRAMS CLOSING IN MARCH 2026

- Closing on March 31, 2026, the Community Energy Conservation program provides financial rebates—up to \$500,000—to municipalities to help identify energy-saving opportunities and implement retrofit projects in municipally-owned facilities! Learn more: mccac.ca/programs/community-energy-conservation-program/
- Closing on March 31, 2026, the Municipal Electricity Generation Program provides financial rebates to Alberta municipalities to install electricity generation systems on municipally owned facilities or land. Access up to \$500,000 in rebates for microgeneration projects! Learn more: mccac.ca/programs/municipal-electricity-generation-program/



PROJECT FUNDERS AND PARTNERS

Thank you to the project partners we had the chance to collaborate with in 2025:

- Government of Alberta
- Natural Resources Canada
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities
- Alberta Ecotrust
- All One Sky Foundation
- Associated Engineering
- Canadian Institute for Energy Training
- Canadian Urban Institute
- ClimateWest
- Community Energy Association
- Otipemisiwak Métis Government (Métis Nation within Alberta)
- Prairie Adaptation Research Collaborative
- QUEST Canada and other partners in the Net Zero Accelerator Program
- Re.Climate
- Salishan Solutions



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The Municipal Climate Change Action Centre was founded in 2009 as a collaborative initiative of Alberta Municipalities, Rural Municipalities of Alberta, and the Government of Alberta.