

# Resilience Peer Network

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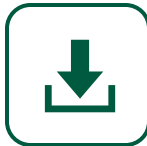
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# How to use this resource

This resource has been co-created by everyone in attendance at the meeting on November 13, 2025. It's complimentary to the meeting summary that can be found at <https://www.communityenergy.ca/rspn/> and includes links to additional resources, and more.

**This resource can be shared with people outside the network.**

You will also find useful resources and links, identified by these icons:



Downloadable resource for presentations & reports



External resource link



Exercise or take-away activity

# Resilience Peer Network Quarterly Meeting – November 13, 2025

## Meeting Objectives:

- To provide updates and share knowledge on the BC Disaster and Climate Risk and Resilience Assessment and next steps.

## Highlights:

- Overview of the **BC Disaster and Climate Risk and Resilience Assessment** and the accompanying tools
- Highlighted the launch of the **Hazard Insights Tool** as a major practical outcome, with downloadable exposure datasets and regional summaries
- Shared that upcoming regulations under EDMA will require consultation and cooperation with Indigenous governing bodies, but will remain non-prescriptive, relying instead on best-practice guidance.
- Reinforced that cultural safety is not an add-on but the necessary foundation for any future technical risk assessment work, with relationship-building and trust preceding data and analysis.



Complete summary can be found at  
<https://www.communityenergy.ca/rspn>



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# Disaster and Climate Risk and Resilience Assessment

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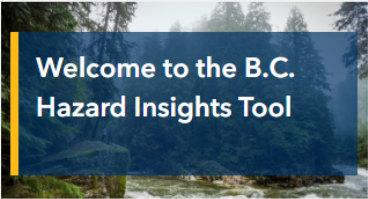
[Access the full EMCR presentation](#)

# BC Hazards Insights Tool – ClimateReady BC


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Extreme Heat

[Compare future hazard extent](#)
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Explore hazard and exposure information developed to inform the Provincial Disaster and Climate Risk and Resilience Assessment. This information is intended to be used as a provincial-level screening tool.

Read the DCRR report

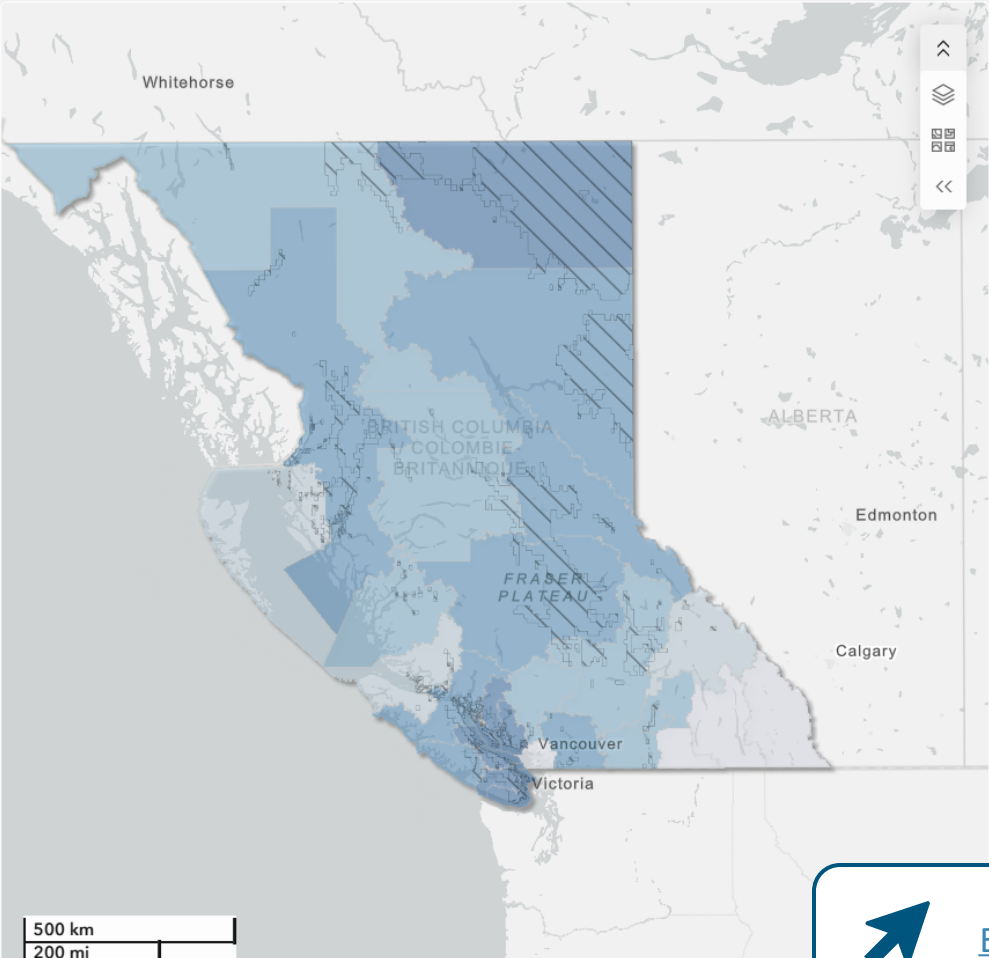
Click on the map to update the information in the right panel for a specific region.

Use the arrows at the bottom of the right panel to see more information.

Expand the map tool bar in the top right corner of the map and select the Layers button to toggle on and off layers.

Understanding the Data <


Generate Summary <



Legend

Hazard Extent

Selected



500 km  
200 mi

**Extreme Heat Exposure**  
Province of British Columbia

**Population**

33%

Population

2016: 1.5M of 4.6M (In Transit)  
2021: 1.7M of 5M (Total)

**Specific Age Groups**

<p>Younger than 6 Years Old</p> <p style="font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">34%</p> <p>81K of 240K</p>	<p>Over 65 Years Old</p> <p style="font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">39%</p> <p>340K of 880K</p>
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**Ethnicity & Heritage**

<p>Indigenous Heritage</p> <p style="font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">52%</p> <p>150K of 290K</p>	<p>Visible Minority</p> <p style="font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">11%</p> <p>140K of 1.2M</p>
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**Education & Language Proficiency**

<p>No Secondary School Education</p> <p style="font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">39%</p>	<p>No Knowledge of English or French</p> <p style="font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">7%</p> <p>10K of 140K</p>
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[Explore the BC Hazard Insights Tool](#)

# DCRRA Frequently Asked Questions

Question	Answer
<b>Does the publicly available data in the DCRRA’s Hazard Insights Tool enable local authorities and others to assess the “relative risk of occurrence and potential impact on people and property” required under the Emergency and Disaster Management Act?</b>	The Hazard Insights Tool provides exposure data only, not a full risk assessment: it does not include vulnerability or other factors that determine risk. The publicly available data in the Hazard Insight Tool supports the exposure component of developing a risk assessment. It is important to note that the data is available at the provincial-scale, and can be downloaded and built on at the local level.
<b>Are local governments expected to hire consultants to complete risk assessments?</b>	No. There is no expectation that local governments hire consultants. Local governments may do assessments in-house.
<b>What regulatory requirements or expectations are coming and when can we expect them?</b>	<p>The forthcoming local authority regulation under EDMA is anticipated in Spring 2026, with key requirements taking effect in January 2027) bringing local authority risk assessment, emergency management planning, and business continuity planning requirements into effect. Regulations are also expected to provide further details on multijurisdictional emergency management organizations.</p> <p>Guidance will be non-prescriptive, based on best practice, and supported by a suite of companion documents that will be released as they become ready in 2026/27.</p>

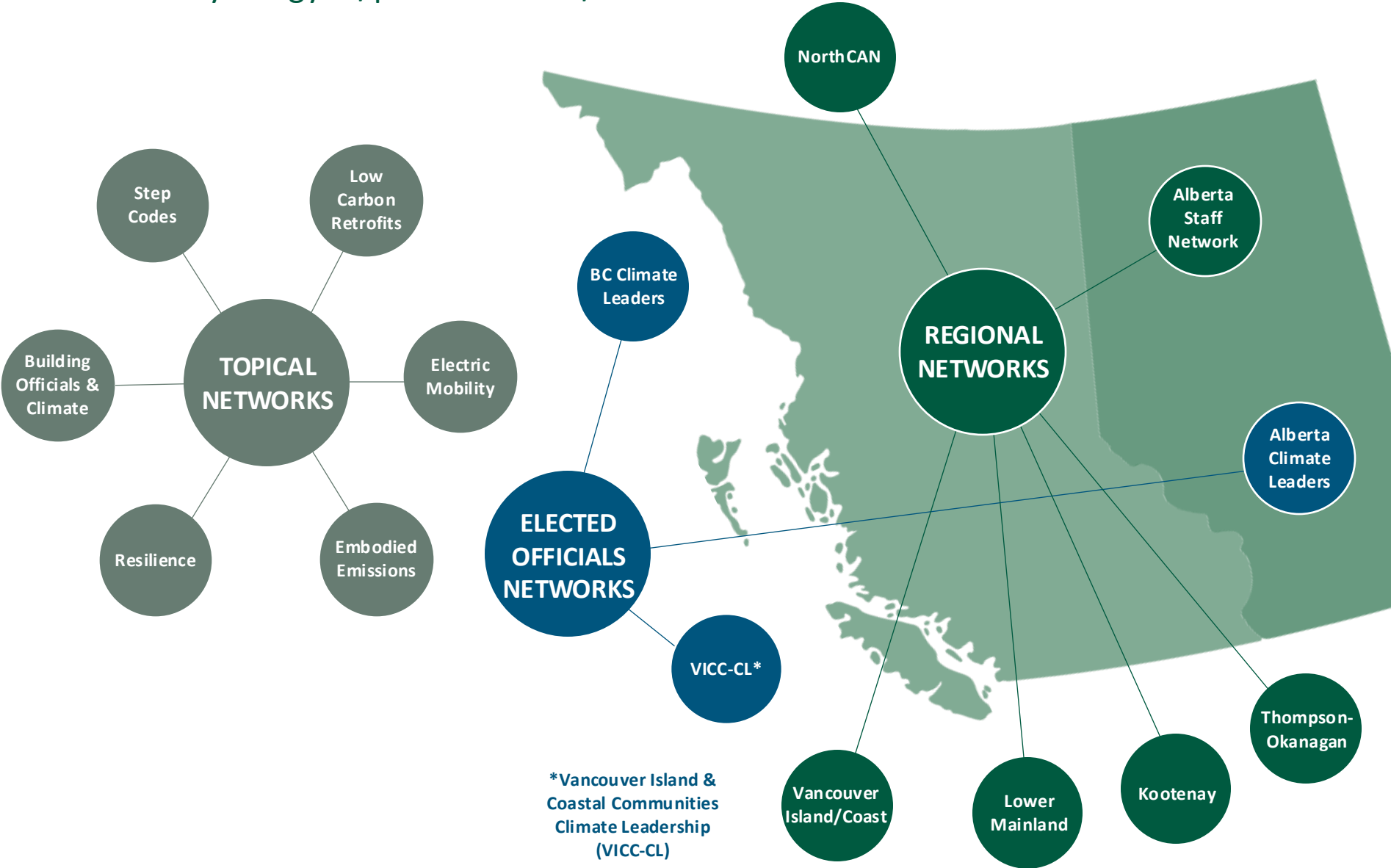
Question	Answer
<b>How can communities fund risk and adaptation work?</b>	<p>Funding for risk assessments is currently available through the Local Government Climate Action Program, and the Foundations of Disaster Risk Reduction stream under the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF). The Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding (DRIF) program may fund risk assessments in the future; however, expressions of interest for foundational and non-structural projects are not currently being accepted at this time. Please refer to the program guides for up-to-date information. The Community Climate Funding Guide remains the best way to track updates. ClimateReadyBC provides up-to-date information on funding available for specific hazards as well as information on projects funded through EMCR.</p>
<b>How should provincial data (wildfire maps, SLR, flooding, broad assessments) be used in local land-use planning, HRVAs, and implementation?</b>	<p>The DCRRA and Hazard Insights tool provide provincial-scale information, including downloadable exposure analysis, intended as foundational inputs. They are not parcel-level tools. Local Authorities should layer in local vulnerability, knowledge, and mitigation actions for planning and HRVA decisions. Use provincial data as a starting point, not a standalone input for decision-making.</p> <p>Funding for mapping activities is available through either CEPF or DRIF. Please refer to the program guides for up-to-date information.</p>
<b>Will there be guidance or mapping for hazards difficult to model locally (tsunami, landslides, saltwater intrusion, SLR)?</b>	<p>Yes, professional practice guidelines or best practices for hazard mapping is available (e.g., seismic microzonation, landslide, extreme heat). Please contact <a href="mailto:ClimateReadyBC@gov.bc.ca">ClimateReadyBC@gov.bc.ca</a> if you have questions about specific hazards.</p>

Question	Answer
<b>When are regional assessments coming?</b>	EMCR had planned to follow the Provincial DCRRRA with a series of regional risk and resilience assessments. Based on feedback, the Ministry will instead direct resources towards developing guidance, tools, capacity building, and risk information and resources that help local authorities to complete risk assessments, planning and other activities required under EDMA.
<b>How should Indigenous Knowledge be incorporated?</b>	It is recommended that local authorities consult and cooperate with Indigenous Governing Bodies and Knowledge Holders to determine what protocols or processes should be in place to respectfully incorporate available Indigenous Knowledges. More information can be found in the <a href="#">Indigenous Engagement Requirements Interim Guidance</a> as well as the recently released Fact Sheets on <a href="#">Cultural Safety</a> and <a href="#">Indigenous Knowledge</a> . Further guidance, best practices and case studies are anticipated in 2026/27.
<b>What support is available for First Nations to engage with local governments? What about capacity limitations?</b>	Funding programs such as CEPF or DRIF include provisions for a local authority to include in the funding application costs associated with working with Knowledge Holders and/or consulting and cooperating with Indigenous Governing Bodies. Please refer to the program guides for up-to-date information.
<b>What should local governments do now to begin actioning information, and how can they avoid redoing work once regulations are released?</b>	<p>Future guidance will not be rigid or prescriptive. It is recommended that communities get started with risk assessment work and align with the risk assessment language in the Emergency and Disaster Management Act. Further information is available here: <a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-management/emergency-management/legislation-and-regulations">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-management/emergency-management/legislation-and-regulations</a>. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Indigenous Engagement Requirements Interim Guidance</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Fact Sheet: Cultural Safety and EDMA</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Fact Sheet: Indigenous Knowledge and EDMA</a></li> </ul>

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<p><b>How were values selected and centred? Did values change regionally?</b></p>	<p>In the DCRRA, values were developed through a multi-worldview, collaborative process and adjusted as the assessment evolved. The provincial scale of the assessment means some results may not reflect local nuances, especially for small communities. Users are encouraged to interpret findings through local knowledge, values, and relationships, not as definitive local-scale risk.</p>
<p><b>What ongoing support will be available (e.g., extreme heat in existing buildings, support for Indigenous and non-profit sectors, next-step guidance)?</b></p>	<p>EMCR and GeoBC continue to enhance ClimateReadyBC, the Province’s one-stop, online disaster and climate risk reduction platform. Engagement on the platform is anticipated in 2026. Please share your ideas and make suggestions about resources that can be added to this catalogue or improvements and guidance you’d like to see through the <a href="#">feedback form</a>.</p> <p>In addition, the Ministry is developing guidance on risk assessments, and companion documents such as a cultural safety learning companion for risk assessments. CEA will continue to offer peer network sessions, deep-dive sessions, and cohort programming.</p>
<p><b>Is there an opportunity for collaboration or provincial support to help scale related work on climate risk registers, hazard mapping, or tools?</b></p>	<p>Yes. Contact <a href="mailto:ClimateReadyBC@gov.bc.ca">ClimateReadyBC@gov.bc.ca</a> to explore support options. A meeting can be arranged. EMCR will also be offering webinars on the DCRRA in 2026, including an upcoming <a href="#">local government focused webinar</a>.</p>

# NETWORKS ECOSYSTEM

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