



Muskoka Summit on the Environment 2025

LIVING SMARTER IN A CHANGING CLIMATE



December 12th, 2025 will mark ten years since the Paris Accord was signed. It was a landmark agreement, proof that the world could come together and make tough decisions to combat climate change. A lot has changed since.

Renewable energy has grown at a remarkable pace. Wind power has tripled, solar has grown eightfold, and cleaner technologies are finding their way into our homes and communities. Yet fossil fuel use has not declined. It has crept upward, and the greenhouse gases we continue to add to the atmosphere are now pushing global temperatures dangerously close to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels.

This past summer reminded us of what that number means in everyday life. Canada experienced record-breaking wildfires, with thick smoke turning skies orange and drifting hundreds of kilometres, leaving major cities with some of the worst air quality in the world. Here in Muskoka, we've faced more intense storms and unpredictable seasons: heavy rains one week, extreme heat and drought the next, and winter storms so severe they buried roads, cut off neighbourhoods, and left emergency services unable to respond. Beyond the immediate risks, these storms shut down tourism and disrupt the flow of people and goods that sustain our local economy. These are no longer distant warnings; they are part of our lived reality.

The conversation is no longer about stopping climate change. It is about how we adapt to it. How do we keep our communities strong, our economy resilient, and our families safe in a climate that is already shifting? And how do we continue to mitigate further change while building that resilience?

That is why you are here today. Your presence signals a willingness to face these realities and to explore how we can live smarter in this changing climate. Throughout the day, we will hear ideas that may challenge us and even shift the way we see the world. Together, we'll tackle wildfires and risk, strengthen Muskoka's economy for a changing world, spark change in the hearts and minds of our community, rethink the food on our plates, and reimagine the homes we build.

The Summit has built-in time for questions and discussion, so come ready to engage. The work does not end at 6 p.m. This Summit is not a finish line but a beginning—an opportunity to spark conversations, test fresh ideas, and carry them into our daily lives and decisions. The future is not yet written. Together, we can ensure that Muskoka and the world we are part of continue to thrive for generations to come.

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SUMMIT WEBSITE



SUMMIT AGENDA



SUMMIT SPEAKERS

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

8:30 am Registration Networking opportunity and refreshments

9:00 am Opening Remarks with Mayor Rick Maloney & Ceremony with Elder Christopher Stock, Wahta Mohawks

9:20 am SESSION I

Moderator: Peter Sale
 Discussion at 10:05 am

**Wildfire and Climate Change: Reducing Risk
 in the Muskoka Region**

Dr. Anabela Bonada
 Managing Director, Intact Centre
 on Climate Adaptation

10:20 am

Morning Break

10:45 am SESSION 2

Moderator: Peter Johnston
 Discussion at 11:30 am

**Tourism in a Warming World: Building
 Climate Resilience for
 Muskoka's Economy**

Angela Nagy,
 CEO of GreenStep Solutions

11:45 am

Student Conversation Corner
 Meet the next generation and exchange ideas

12:15 pm

Lunch catered by Brews & Bites, Lake of Bays Brewing Co.

1:15 pm SESSION 3

Moderator: Peter Sale
 Discussion at 2:00 pm

**Hearts More Than Minds: Making
 the Case for Change**

Jeff Lehman
 Municipal Leader

2:15 pm SESSION 4

Moderator: Peter Johnston
 Discussion at 3:00 pm

**Eating Our Way to
 a Greener World**

Anita Krajnc
 Global Campaigner, Plant Based Treaty

3:15 pm

Afternoon Break

3:40 pm SESSION 5

Moderator: Kevin Trimble
 Discussion at 4:25 pm

**Holistic Green Building:
 Understanding YOUR Criteria**

Chris Magwood
 Manager of Carbon-Free Buildings,
 Rocky Mountain Institute

4:40 pm

Closing Ceremony with Brian Sarazin, Algonquins of Pikwakanagan

4:55pm

Final Comments

Madison Menard

5:00pm

Refreshments

Enjoy refreshments and conversation with fellow attendees.
 Light snacks and beverages available; cash bar open.

6:00 pm

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