Assessing the Risks of Climate Change on Solid Waste Infrastructure Using the PIEVC Process

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PIEVC is a structured method for assessing and reporting vulnerability of infrastructure, buildings to climate risks.

Since 2008, **PIEVC** has assessed climate risks and vulnerabilities across a wide range of infrastructure systems in Canada including: buildings (residential, commercial and institutional); storm water/wastewater systems, roads and associated structures (e.g. bridges and culverts), water supply and management systems, electricity distribution, airport infrastructure and **Solid Waste Facilities**.

PIEVC is freely available, at no charge, for public infrastructure in Canada. <u>pievc.ca</u>



The Public Infrastructure Engineering Vulnerability Committee (**PIEVC**) was created in August 2005 to conduct an engineering assessment of the vulnerability of Canada's public infrastructure to the impacts of climate change. Between August 2005 and June 2012 the committee's activities were cofunded by Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) and Engineers Canada.

In 2020, operations of the PIEVC Protocol and PIEVC Program have been assumed by the PIEVC Program Alliance, consisting of the Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction (**ICLR**), the Climate Risk Institute (**CRI**) and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (**GIZ**) GmbH.



Climate Change Resilience Assessment



Understanding impact of global climate change on Infrastructure allows you to reduce your local risks!

Impacts from extreme events and slow onset changes







Emission Scenarios and Climate Projections



Climate Change Resilience Assessment

- Applications:
 - Asset management
 - Asset portfolio assessment and evaluation
 - Capital and master planning
 - Operations and management evaluation and review
 - Resilience assessment for funding programs (Climate Lens)
 - Concept and preliminary engineering design
 - Green and natural infrastructure assessments
 - Application requiring ISO 31000 and ISO 14090



Climate Change Resilience Assessment

• ISO 31010 informs Principles a comprehensive Continual mprovement risk management luman and Structured Cultural Value Creation Factors process and Protection Available Customized Framework Process Inclusive Scope, Context, Criteria Integration Risk Identificatio Design Improvement **Risk Analysis** Leadership and Comn Commitment **Risk Evaluation Risk Treatment** Evaluation Implementation **Recording & Reporting** PIEVC **/IIP**



b) 24-hour precipitation extremes RCP8.5

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b) Annual maximum temperature RCP8.5











PIEVC Process

- Process to assess consequence and likelihood of future climate changes and events on infrastructure to inform on infrastructure planning, design, operation and management.
- Consequence x Likelihood = Risk





PIEVC Process

• The High Level Screening Guide (HLSG) tool was developed to provide a more streamlined, rapid or a screening level assessment approach to climate change resilience assessments.

















The Climate Lens: General Guidance





GENERAL GUIDANCE v 2.1 Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Infrastructure Canada

Step 1 - Scope / Context / Criteria



- Risk Assessment: The risk assessment specialist(s)* have in-depth knowledge of the fundamentals of risk and the PIEVC Process. They have strong skills in facilitation and communication that strengthen the knowledge and expertise of other team resources and guide the process.
- Climate: The climate specialist(s)* have a strong understanding of climate that is relevant to the local context. They can interpret climate data and communicate uncertainty effectively with other team resources.
- Planning: Individuals or groups with knowledge of community planning, land-use planning, infrastructure planning and other related expertise relevant to the scope of the assessment (like transportation) can provide a broader understanding of multi-stakeholder goals and relevant policy.
- Technical / Engineering: Professional Engineer(s)*, technical or engineering subject matter specialist(s) have relevant experience working with the infrastructure or systems being assessed.
- Natural Environment: Natural environment subject matter specialists have relevant experience working with and managing natural systems. Expertise needed will vary depending on the assessment scope but can include knowledge about sustainability, hydrology, landscape architecture, ecology, aquatic biology, or forest management.
- Operation & Maintenance: Individuals or groups involved in operations and maintenance can provide valuable insight into the system being assessed or similar systems they have worked with previously.
- Management, Finance: Individuals or groups involved with financing or managing the assets can
 assist with encouraging buy-in across the organization and aligning project objectives with the
 organization's goals and strategy.
- Legal, Insurance: Individuals or groups with legal and insurance expertise can provide insight on topics like liability, risk tolerance, the ability to acquire insurance, and relevant policy.
- People: Non-organizational stakeholders who rely on the services of the systems or assets being
 assessed have critical perspectives to contribute related to service disruptions and levels.
- Indigenous: Meaningful engagement with Indigenous communities and knowledge holders can improve understanding of climate conditions in the areas and communities being assessed.

Considerations when building your team

- Not all assessment will require a full team with the resources suggested. In many assessments, several roles may be filled by one or several qualified individuals.
- 2. Who is interested in participating? Do they have the capacity, time, and expertise?
- Who will be responsible for project management, establishing timelines, setting up meetings and following up? Will this be one person, or multiple?
- 4. Are there any existing organizations or groups that you could leverage to champion this process?
- 5. Do you require any internal/external expertise to analyze or derive climate data or better understand the elements you are assessing?
- 6. Does the project team represent broad and diverse perspectives from the organization or community that you are working with?
- How will you solicit team resources? Do you need to establish any formal agreements (like a terms of reference) to participate?
- 8. Are there other areas of expertise or stakeholders to include?

PIEVC Training

The infrastructure Resilience Professional (IRP) Training Program has been designed to help infrastructure practitioners strengthen the knowledge and competencies they require to advance more climate-resilient approaches for the planning, design, and management of infrastructure. https://climateriskinstitute.ca/irp-page/

	Tasks	Timeframe	Assessment Team (shaded Team Members may not be required in that step of the project)
cope	 Project Overview Project Initiation Understand assessment objectives Confirm scope of assessment Confirm work program and Schedule (Work Plan) Designate roles and initiate information collection (Assessment Team) 	 1 - 2 weeks Kick off meeting: 2 - 3 hours 	 ✓ Risk Assessment Specialist (Lead) ✓ Operation & Maintenance ✓ Climate Specialist ✓ Management, Finance ✓ Planning ✓ Legal, Insurance ✓ Technical / Engineering ✓ People ✓ Natural Environment ✓ Indigenous
Data	Elements Defining Elements Define Timeframe Site Visit Orientation Sessions (Presentation, Primers, Questionnaire)	 2 weeks Site Visit (half day - optional but recommended) Orientation Sessions or Meetings (2 - 4 hours) 	 ✓ Risk Assessment Specialist ✓ Climate Specialist ✓ Planning ✓ Technical / Engineering (Lead) ✓ Natural Environment ✓ Operation & Maintenance ✓ Decople ✓ Indigenous
h.	 Climate Identify and Evaluate Climate Change and Climate Hazards and establish Climate Parameters Establish Likelihood Scores 	 2 weeks - may overlap with above Engagement / Meetings (2 - 3 hours) 	 ✓ Risk Assessment Specialist ✓ Climate Specialist (Lead) ✓ Planning ✓ Technical / Engineering ✓ Natural Environment ✓ Operation & Maintenance ✓ Operation & Maintenance ✓ People ✓ Indigenous
Assess	Risk Assessment Establish Consequence Scores Risk Assessment Workshop Summarize and Classify Risk	 1-2 weeks Half Day Workshop or Meeting (2 - 3 hours) depending on assessment approach 	 ✓ Risk Assessment Specialist ✓ Operation & Maintenance (Lead) ✓ Climate Specialist ✓ Climate Specialist ✓ Planning ✓ Technical / Engineering ✓ Natural Environment ✓ Operation & Maintenance ✓ Decation & Maintenance ✓ Decation & Maintenance ✓ Management, Finance ✓ Legal, Insurance ✓ People ✓ Indigenous
Report	 Recommendations Reporting Develop conclusions and recommendations for Identified risks Review and Reporting 	 1 - 4 weeks Engagement / Meetings (2 - 3 hours) 	 ✓ Risk Assessment Specialist (Lead) ✓ Climate Specialist / Climate Specialist ✓ Planning / People ✓ Technical / Engineering ✓ Natural Environment ✓ Operation & Maintenance ✓ Operation & Maintenance ✓ Indigenous

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Asset 4

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Asset Category	Example
Built Infrastructure	 Buildings, Transportation Infrastructure, Energy and Electrical Infrastructure, Water Resources and Drainage, Water Supply, Treatment, Communication Infrastructure, Infrastructure, etc.
Natural Environment	 Green Infrastructure, Soils, Tree Canopy, Bioswales, etc. Natural Systems Natural Assets
People	 Includes all employees of an organization, also includes contractors, vendors, clients, customers, and other people that the organization chooses to classify in this category. In general, the term includes internal and external stakeholders of the organization that may be directly affected by the organization's risks and adaptation measures.



Infrastructure	Components
Waste and Recycling Operations	 Staff - Outdoor only Pickup Trucks Sideload Trucks Read Load Trucks Overhead Trucks Overhead Truck W&R Garage Yard Waste Site + Wood Chippers + Recycling Station Carts, Otto Carts Bins (Garbage, Steel, Demo)
Waste and Recycling Centre	 Staff Undeveloped / Agricultural / Buffer Land Dual Scales and Scale House Class 2 Landfill and Contaminated Soil Cell Waste Transfer Station and Baler Contracted Equipment - Landfill Heavy Equipment (Primary and Secondary) Material Recovery Facility + SCADA Class 2 Composting Facility Public Drop Off and C&D Drop Off Surface Water Management System Groundwater & Subsurface Gas Monitoring Systems Landscaped Area Roads, Fences and Site Infrastructure Mesh Network Infrastructure





Developing Climate Parameters, Hazards and Indicators

As previously noted, the terms climate parameter, climate hazard, and climate hazard indicator are central to the **PIEVC HLSG** process. Parameters describe the overall climate "categorization", whereas the hazards and indicators describe more specific impactful events and the intensity thresholds at which impacts can be expected to occur on the elements under assessment.

Each climate parameter is assigned one or multiple associated hazards and hazard indicators that are specific to the infrastructure and elements under assessment.

Indicators can be identified using a variety of sources, including design standards, operational standards, rules of thumb, maintenance guidelines, codes of practice, literature, past impacts to the infrastructure under assessment, experience, and professional judgement. For each climate hazard, the team should define one or more corresponding indicator values associated with the performance thresholds of the infrastructure and provide these to the climate specialists for tailored climate analysis. When the **PIEVC HLSG** is applied to an asset in the design phase, historical climate of the site or region and prior impacts of climate on similar existing assets should be considered.

New data from the IPCC Sixth Assessment

report (AR6) is now available, including a new set of GHG emissions scenarios. These scenarios correspond well with the current emissions scenarios from IPCC AR5, but should be reviewed by the team to determine the relevance of any new parameters and projections during the project timeline. New scenarios from AR6 are named Shared Socioeconomic Pathways (SSP) and combine the GHG forcing on the atmosphere with alternative pathways of socioeconomic development to include the effects of possible global strategies for mitigation, adaptation, and the impacts of climate change.

At the screening level, it may be possible to use pre-set climate indicators available from a series of climate portals. A list of potential climate indicator variables is available in the appendices.



Climate Portal Name	Source	Link
Climate Data Canada	Environment and Climate Change Canada/ OURANOS/ CRIM/ PCIC/ Prairie Climate Centre	https://climatedata.ca
Downscaled Climate Scenarios	Environment and Climate Change Canada	https://climate-change.canada.ca/climate- data/#/
Climate Atlas of Canada	Prairie Climate Centre	https://climateatlas.ca
PCIC Plan 2 Adapt	Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium	https://www.pacificclimate.org/analysis- tools/plan2adapt
PCIC Climate Explorer	Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium	https://www.pacificclimate.org/analysis- tools/pcic-climate-explorer
Ouranos Climate Portraits	Ouranos Consortium	https://www.ouranos.ca/climate-portraits





Establish Scenario	 Risk Assessment Specialist Climate Specialist Planning
Establish Horizons	 Technical / Engineering Natural Environment
Establish Thresholds	Operations & Maintenance Management, Finance Legal, Insurance
Likelihood Score	 People Indigenous

Likelihood Score (L)	Middle Baseline Approach - Establish Base	Method	Suggested Rational
1	Å	Likely to occur less frequently than current climate	50 – 100% reduction in frequency or intensity with reference to Baseline Mean
2			10 – 50% reduction in frequency or intensity with reference to Baseline Mean
3	Establish Current Climate Baseline Per Parameter	Likely to occur as frequently as current climate	Baseline Mean Conditions or a change in frequency or intensity of ±10% with reference to the Baseline Mean
4			10 – 50% increase in frequency or intensity with reference to Baseline Mean
5	Ļ	Likely to occur more frequently than current climate	50 – 100%+ increase in frequency or intensity with reference to Baseline Mean



Climate Parameter (P)	Climate Hazard (H)	Indicator (I)	Present (1981-2010) Estimated Value	Baseline Likelihood Score (L)	2050s (2041-2070) Estimated Value	2050s Likelihood Score (L)	2080s (2071-2100) Estimated Value	2080s Likelihood Score (L)	Probability Score Methodology	Occurrence Definition	Climate Scenario	Parameter Source	Direction / Magnitude Confidence
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ç	Annual Precipitation	Average Annual Precip	410	3	450	3	550	4	Middle Baseline	Total Precip (mm)	RCP 8.5	Climate Data ca Observed Data and Projections	Increasing/Moderate
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å	Drought	Length of Dry Spells	52	3	8.8	4	10.2	5	Middle Basefine	Consecutive days per year	RCP 8.5	Climate Data ca Observed Data and Projections, Additional Calculations	Increasing/Moderate
Wind	Wind Gusts	Frequency of Wind Gusts > 90 km/hr	2.3	3	Likely increasing, up to 50%	3	Likely increasing, up > 50%	4	Middle Baseline	Frequency per year	RCP 8.5	Climate Data ca Observed Data from Station, Literature and Research to support projected changes	Likely Increasing/Low
3	Tomadoes	Occurrence of EF1 or stronger tomado	0.02	3	0.02	3	0.02	3	Middle Baseline	Frequency per year	RCP 8.5	ECCC Tornado Database, Literature and Research to support possible changes.	Steady or Possibly Increasing/Very Low

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Develop Risk Score

- Calculate the Risk (R) for each interaction Risk (R) = Exposure (E) x Consequence (C) x Likelihood (L), where (E) is either Yes=1 or No=0

Summarize the Risks

Summarize and classify risk using the scales provided. Assessors may adjust the classification categories as appropriate to align with the infrastructure owner's risk appetite.

Risk Score (R)	Risk Clas	sification
1-9	Low Risk	Risks requiring minimal action
10 - 16	Medium Risk	Risk that may require further action
17 - 25	High Risk	Risks that require action

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High Risk Impacts on WRU - Operations Components

High Scored Climate Hazards	Waste/Recycling Operations		
Extreme Snowfall	Road blockage due to heavy snowfall. Waste pick up service cannot be fulfilled.		
Wind Gust	 Bins are blown away and damaged. Replacement required. Damage to surrounding and public safety concerns. 		
Severe Hail	Damage trucks and bins and required replacement.		
Severe Rainfall	Heavy rain causing overland flooding. Waste pick up service cannot be fulfilled.		



High Risk Impacts on WRU – Facilities Components

High Scored Climate Hazards	Waste/Recycling Facilities		
Wildfire	 Landfill waste cell, landscaped areas and drop off areas all have plenty of fuel that can exacerbate the dangers of wildfire. Staff well being and safety concerns. 		
Extreme Rainfall	 Excess storm water runoff may impact the performance of the landfill leachate and stormwater collection system. Staff well being and safety concerns. 		
Extreme Snowfall	 Blockage of access to the landfill facilities within the site. High snow pack in the landfill which will increase moisture with the waste during spring snow melt thus increase the leachate generation. 		
Wind Gust	 Blown waste debris at the site, and beyond the landfill site made it difficult to retrieve. Staff well being and safety concerns. 		
Extreme High Summer Temperatures	 Landfill waste cell fires (dry conditions). Overheating of equipment. Staff well being and safety concerns. Odours. 		



Develop Recommendations

- Develop recommendations for identified risks
 - Provide justification for each recommendation.
 - Incorporate, as much as possible, organization risk tolerance and acceptable residual risk.
- Categorize the recommendations according to for example:
 - Policy/procedural changes.
 - Remedial actions.
 - Further study or analysis.
 - Further comprehensive risk assessment.
 - Further engineering analysis or design changes.
 - Provide preliminary design criteria that may address the risk to guide engineering team.
 - Risk avoidance strategies.
 - Consider stopping activities in high-risk areas.





Climate Hazard / Parameter

High Average Summer Temperatur (Increase Growing Season)

Potential Adaptation Measures

Waste and Recycle Utility

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Develop a city-wide private tree inventory.

Develop and implement education and awareness programs for residents and businesses to support energy efficiency and small-scale renewable power projects.

Enhance electricity storage capacity in public facilities. Enhance slope stability monitoring on road

embankments. Implement electricity demand management

strategies to reduce peak demand. Increase energy efficiency and renewable energy use (e.g. solar) across all public facilities and operations.

Utilize xeriscaping techniques and native seed mixes on managed natural areas and lawns. Plant trees throughout the city, using locally sources seeds, to provide shade, promote carbon sequestration and lessen the heat impact on concrete joints in sidewalks and trails. Develop a demonstration garden to begin experimenting with new food and plant types and varieties that may be grown in the future. Increase topsoil requirements for new development. Promote permaculture techniques in the City to

increase resilience and use resources more efficiently.

Support private sector research to transition to more efficient and renewable energy and take advantage of new technologies.

ture/Drought

Other Examples



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Questions?

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