



Saskatchewan Flood & Natural Hazard Risk Assessment: Introduction to Stakeholder Workshops

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**Saskatchewan Flood and Natural Hazard Risk Assessment –
Stakeholder Workshop**

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Saskatchewan Flood & Natural Hazard Risk Assessment

- A social and natural science project funded by:
 - Saskatchewan Ministry of Government Relations
 - Government of Canada: National Disaster Mitigation Program
- To better understand Saskatchewan's:
 - **Exposure to Natural Hazards** (e.g. Fires, Floods, Drought, Other)
 - Range of severity and variability (Intensity, Frequency, Duration)
 - Geographic distribution
 - **Natural Hazard Impacts to** People, Places, Economic activities, Industry, Environment
 - **Current mitigation** measures and practices
 - Risk and changing risk factors (historic and future)
 - **Concepts for improved mitigation to:**
 - reduce risk & vulnerability for current and future exposure
 - improve disaster preparedness & response
 - strengthen capacity & increase resilience
 - **Outcome: Classify/Rate Saskatchewan's natural hazard risks**

Floods

Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (Sask)

- \$335 million expended from 2009-2014
- 136 local states of emergencies declared
- Source: Prov. Auditor, Saskatchewan, 2015 Report Vol.1, Table 5
- https://auditor.sk.ca/pub/publications/public_reports/2015/Volume_1/12_Govt%20Relations-Emergency%20Preparedness.pdf

“1.8-million Canadian households are in flood-prone areas, and most of them do not know it.”

L. Perreaux, May12,2017

Globe & Mail



Wildfires – Forests / grass fires

La Ronge Forest Fires

June 2015

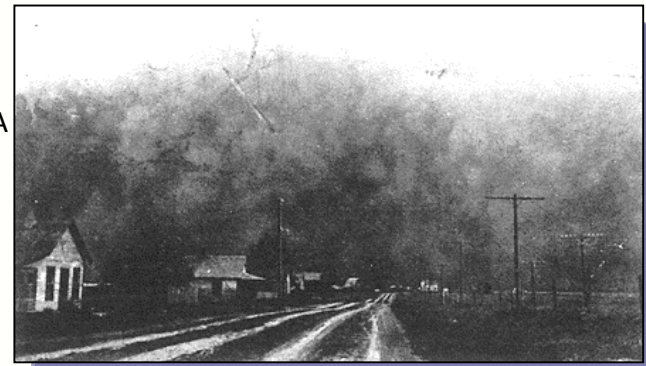
- >10,000 people evacuated
- ~1.7 million hectares of forest burned



Gov of Sask, 2015

Drought

Dust Storm
Lomond; PFRA

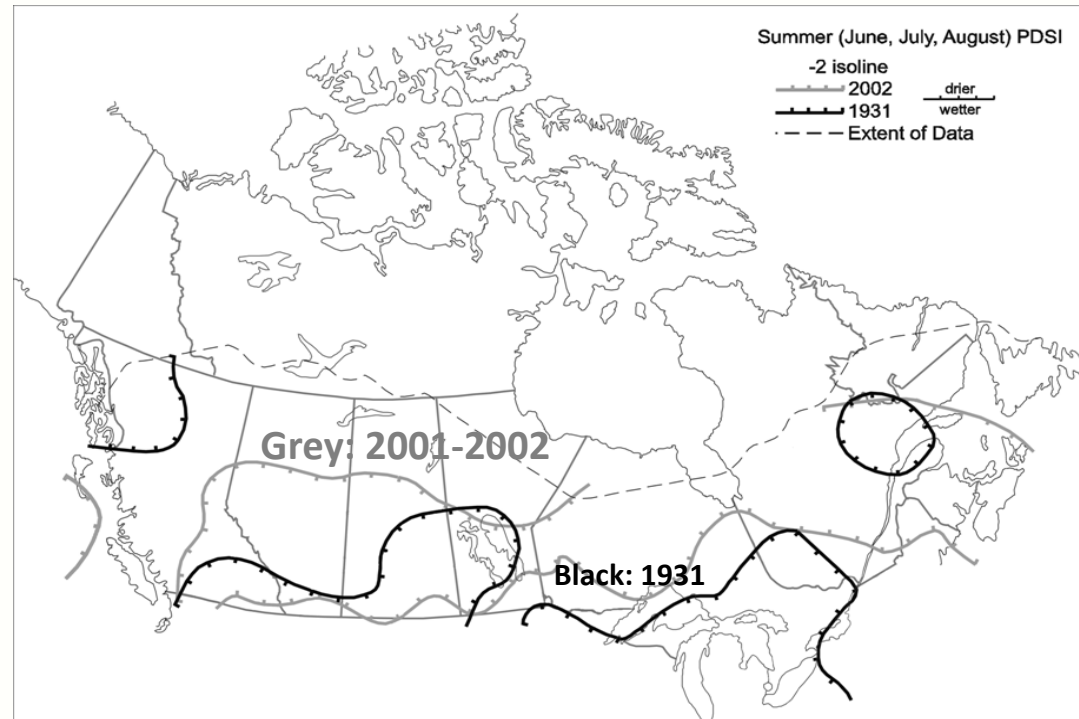


- 1920s-30s drought impacted people and environment
- 2001-02 Drought was more extensive across Canada

- \$5.8 B drop in Can. GDP
- \$3.6 B drop Can. ag prod.
- 1.6 B drop Sask ag prod.
- 41,000 Can. jobs lost
- SRC/PFRA: Lessons Learned from Cdn Drought 2001-02

- Drought, inc. multi-year
 - Natural characteristic
 - 800 years historic record

- Sauchyn, D. 2016, VACEA, IACC



Other Hazards

- Hail
- Slumping/landslide
- Tornado/ wind
- Ice/snow
- Insects
- Disease
- Earthquake
- Other



Kawacatoose First Nation Tornado, Mar 7, 2011
Gov. of Saskatchewan

Stakeholder Workshops

- Your Knowledge is key
- Natural hazard risks to you/ your area of interest
- Current Mitigation Practices
- Stakeholder insights for
 - Concepts for future risk from natural disasters
 - Improving capacity and resilience to natural disasters

Stakeholder Insights (Natural Hazards)

- an example of breakout activities

- Impacts
- Risks
- Identify geographic areas
- For HISTORIC IMPACTS
- For CURRENT MITIGATION
- For FUTURE SCENARIOS
- For FUTURE MITIGATION
- **STAKEHOLDER KNOWLEDGE**

Impact identified by Stakeholders	Severity of Impact		
	Low	Medium	High
Human Health			
Economic			
Infrastructure			
Homes			
Recreation			
Community			
Industry			
Institutional			

Today's Session is to gather Stakeholder Expertise

- Historic Hazards
 - Fires
 - Floods/Excessive Wet Conditions
 - Drought/Excessive Water Scarcity
- Stakeholder discussions
 - Breakout Groups
 - Plenary
- Future Scenarios
 - Changing Risk
 - Breakout Groups
 - Plenary
- Stakeholder Data Summary
- Adjournment



Why are we doing this?

- Hazard Risk Assessments help us understand and manage risk
- Stakeholder knowledge is critical
- Your contributions will help shape future mitigation/adaptation planning



Corkal, 2017

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