



Canadian
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2024 **ANNUAL REPORT**

Igniting
Interest
Inspiring
Action



An aerial photograph of a wide river, likely the Grand River in Waterloo, Ontario. A multi-lane bridge spans the river in the middle ground. The banks are lined with trees showing vibrant autumn colors in shades of yellow, orange, and red. Residential buildings and a parking lot are visible on the left bank, while more trees and some buildings are on the right. The sky is a pale, hazy blue.

Land Acknowledgement

Canadian Water Network respectfully recognizes and acknowledges the deep connection that First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples across Canada have with the land that all Canadians call home. We also honour and recognize the significance of the treaties that establish the relationship between Indigenous peoples and settlers on this land.

Our office is located in Waterloo, Ontario, on the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishinaabeg and Haudenosaunee peoples. More specifically, our office is situated on the Haldimand Tract, the land granted to the Six Nations that extends six miles on each side of the Grand River.

We are grateful for the privilege to work and live on this land.

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Message from the CEO

Thank you for your interest in Canadian Water Network's (CWN) activities in 2024 — it was a big year for us! As you will see in the following pages, we revised our strategic plan, expanded our program areas, welcomed new staff and Board members, received a national water award and started a certification process for CWN's Indigenous relations journey.

This year we adopted a new tagline, **Igniting Interest, Inspiring Action**, which captures CWN's dedication to bringing the right people together to identify solutions to water-related challenges and find collaborative pathways to get there. Here are a few highlights from the year:

In our water and communities program area, we were pleased to welcome the City of Waterloo and City of Winnipeg as new members of the Canadian Municipal Water Consortium. During Municipal Consortium leaders' forums, water utility members shared their challenges and best approaches to containing project delays and cost escalation; maintaining aging infrastructure;

managing service interruptions; responding to extreme weather events; and driving innovation.

CWN launched two new multi-year projects under our water and climate program area. We are deepening engagement and collaboration with members on two vitally important challenges: reaching net zero and integrating adaptation into long-term infrastructure planning.

In our water and health program area, we were thrilled to receive the 2024 Water Canada Award for education for our Wastewater-based Surveillance program, co-hosted with the National Collaborating Centre for Infectious Diseases.

I am extremely proud of everything we have achieved this year. I'd like to thank CWN's outstanding Board of Directors for setting our strategic direction and supporting us every step of the way. Our terrific team is dedicated to serving the organization's members and program participants. Strategic program partners and innovation

partner sponsors, as well as international colleagues from the Global Water Research Coalition, have also contributed to our success. CWN isn't a stand-alone NGO; it is a community of networks. By working together, we make a difference.

Everything CWN does is only made possible through generous support from our funders. We are grateful to the Municipal Consortium members, ECO Canada, Government of Canada, the Lake Ontario Collaborative Group, Public Health Agency of Canada and RBC Foundation for their support.

Looking forward... please mark your calendars for Blue Cities 2025 on May 14-15 in Mississauga. See bluecities.ca for details — don't miss this stellar event!

Yours in protecting (and enjoying) water,

Nicola Crawhall
CEO



I was delighted to accept a Water Canada award on behalf of the CWN team.



Our team works in locations across Canada; we enjoy getting together for team building activities.



Message from the Board of Directors

The past year has been a time of change and innovation for CWN. With a new vision, mission and strategic plan, the organization is positioned for leadership in Canada's nonprofit ecosystem. Central to CWN's success is a forward-thinking drive. This was proven again this year, with two significant firsts.

Late in the year, CWN applied to the Canada Revenue Agency to create a Canadian Water Network Foundation. If approved, this separate entity will work with philanthropic donors to create a body of work that will be overseen by the CWN Foundation's Board, with CWN as the sole voting member. As a charitable organization, the CWN Foundation will be a new player in the Canadian water sector, focused on providing more value to stakeholders who aspire for a better water world.

An exciting initiative that started in December was joining the Canadian Council of Indigenous Business' Partnership Accreditation in Indigenous Relations (PAIR) certification

program. PAIR certification will provide a high level of assurance to Indigenous-led organizations and the communities that CWN works with.

CWN continues to identify and manage risks and seek opportunities. Under the direction of the Board, staff revised CWN's risk framework and integrated risk management considerations into its planning and review systems. This will assist in anticipating trends and responding quickly to changes in external and internal environments.

At the governance level, we were delighted to welcome new Board members Stephanie Allard, Derrick Cheung and Sophie Gagné-Landmann. Cheryl Nelms moved into the role of Vice-Chair, and Ricky Soni assumed the role of Treasurer. These changes have brought new perspectives and expertise, leading to deeper discussion and debate. Andrew Farr departed from the Board; we thank him for his service, insightful counsel and warm sense of humour.

We are also happy to report that CWN received another clean audit for the 2023-24 fiscal year and is in a healthy financial position, with 36% revenue growth over the prior fiscal year. CWN's strategic plan sets a course for further growth in revenues and activity over the next five years.

On a personal note, after 12 years of serving on the Board, this will be my last year (departing June 2025). I have thoroughly enjoyed my association with such an innovative and forward-looking organization. It has been a privilege to work with CWN's Board and team. I look forward to following CWN's growth and achievements in the years to come.

Yours in service,

Carl Yates, MAsC, P.Eng.
Chair



Carl and Meghan Ewing (CWN's Climate Program Coordinator) participated in an intergenerational panel on the future of water management during IWA's World Water Congress.



Carl has been an insightful contributor to national conversations during CWN's Blue Cities conferences.

About Canadian Water Network

Canadian Water Network (CWN) is a national nonprofit whose mission is to inspire and empower Canadians to lead the way in finding water solutions to protect our health, create vibrant and resilient communities, and respect and protect our natural environment.

CWN fulfills its mission by serving as a national hub for cross-sector collaboration to address a range of water-related challenges and opportunities. We bring leaders from different fields and sectors together to share knowledge, collaborate and accelerate action toward sustainable solutions. Visit our website at cwn-rce.ca to learn more.

Within our water and communities program area, CWN brings together municipalities, watershed organizations, Indigenous-led organizations, businesses and other organizations with the necessary expertise to collaborate in managing water equitably at the local level. Through our Canadian Municipal Water Consortium, we work directly with large water utilities to promote continuous improvement and innovation in the delivery of drinking water, wastewater and stormwater services.



**Our work is
focused on water
at the intersection
of communities,
health and climate.**



In our water and health program area, CWN aims to protect human health from water-related risks and to promote health through proactive solutions. We bring environmental and public health professionals together to better understand data from water and wastewater to trigger action to protect our health. We also bring international and domestic experts and water utilities together to share knowledge about contaminants of concern and explore the most effective means to remove them, dispose of them and prevent them from entering our water systems.

Within CWN's water and climate program area, we are helping communities and water-reliant economic sectors find solutions that effectively increase climate resilience and minimize greenhouse gas emissions. This includes bringing water managers, planners and other experts together to promote short-term best practices and long-range planning for community resiliency. We are also bringing a broad range of experts and disciplines together to develop pathways to net zero water.



This year's annual report details how CWN is **igniting interest** and **inspiring action** as we work to achieve our vision of a Canada where vital water resources are respected and protected, ensuring healthy, equitable and resilient water management for all.

Water and Communities

Today's municipal water systems face a cascade of demands, such as servicing rapid housing development for growing populations, managing aging infrastructure risks, adapting to a changing climate, and escalating operations, maintenance and building costs — to list only a few. In short, drinking water, wastewater and stormwater system management has become more complex.

The Canadian Municipal Water Consortium (Municipal Consortium) is the foundation of CWN's water and communities program area. This pan-Canadian network convenes senior utility leaders to access expert knowledge, build relationships and exchange insights. Utility leaders from 26 of the largest municipalities across Canada meet in person, participate in virtual peer-sharing groups and attend Blue Cities, a national forum for strategic decision-making.

In 2024, CWN hosted two Municipal Consortium meetings. At the spring meeting in Edmonton, leaders from EPCOR Water Services and ARROW Utilities shared lessons learned in responding to an emergency that disrupted services. Leaders from Calgary highlighted the need for diligence in managing slow-moving emergencies like drought. Members exchanged insights on Canada's large capital delivery ecosystem, where upstream and downstream factors can influence the success of alternative capital delivery and procurement approaches.

During the fall Municipal Consortium meeting in Montreal, we learned about the deep engagement undertaken by utility leaders to support Montreal's updated water servicing strategy. We also heard from utility leaders about their experiences in responding to large infrastructure failures; communicating about risk was central to these discussions.

Canadian Municipal Water Consortium



Convening a nationwide peer network of water utility leaders

Strategic sharing groups enable members to dive deeper on pressing issues. In 2024, we facilitated five groups on utility digital transformation, net-zero strategies, innovative stormwater management approaches, equity and affordability, and contaminants of emerging concern. We also convened two rapid roundtables on senior water leaders' experiences with risk management strategies for infrastructure failures and allocating capacities for high population growth. CWN surveys leveraged our pan-Canadian network to help members benchmark and contextualize local challenges.

CWN also convened the City of Toronto and regions of Peel, Durham and Halton to support collaboration to develop an early warning system for drinking water intakes in Lake Ontario. This system will help protect drinking water supplies for over six million people along the western basin of Lake Ontario.

Water & communities webinars in 2024:

- CWN and innovation partner sponsor GHD shared novel long-term planning approaches for adapting to a changing climate. Panelists looked at how adaptive planning can address uncertainty associated with climate change, population growth and other drivers.
- CWN and innovation partner sponsor Stantec spotlighted water affordability and elements of customer assistance programs for water utilities. Discussion daylighted how rate designs can be applied to address affordability.
- CWN hosted a webinar with the Global Water Research Coalition. Dr. Covello from the Center for Risk Communication in New York provided insights on communicating the risks of PFAS to the public and other target audiences.



Utility leaders from across Canada connected at the Fall 2024 Municipal Consortium meeting in Montreal.

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CWN is uniquely positioned to tackle cross-sector challenges because they understand the complexity of our communities and services. Their national network of water utility leaders helps our industry cultivate trust and confidence. The insights we gain together are driving positive impacts in the water sector and beyond.”

Mark Bainbridge,

Director - Water & Wastewater Planning & Capital, Public Works, Hamilton Water, City of Hamilton

Water and Health

In 2023, CWN and the National Collaborating Centre for Infectious Diseases (NCCID) launched a peer learning program for public health practitioners using wastewater-based surveillance (WBS) data to monitor pathogens and agents of interest at the community level. Activities during that first year focused on helping practitioners communicate and interpret WBS data effectively and ethically. Thirty practitioners from cities and Indigenous regions across four provinces participated. In August 2024, Water Canada recognized CWN and NCCID for this work with an Education Project Award at their national awards ceremony.

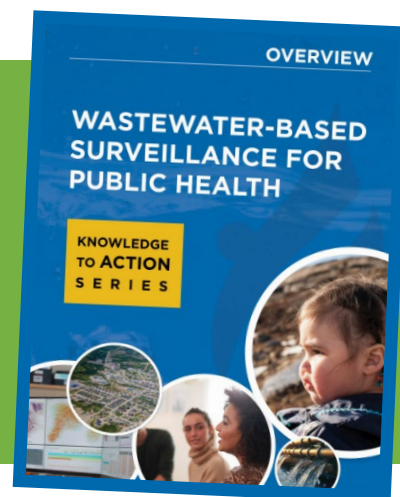
Year 2 of the WBS peer learning program began in the spring of 2024, guided by an Expert Advisory Group and funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada. There are two main program areas and 40+ participants. A learning needs assessment was conducted to determine priority learning areas. A strategic sharing group of local and provincial public health practitioners and a forum with representatives from ten provinces and one territory engaged in policy-level discussions around the future sustainability of WBS.

Two virtual strategic sharing group meetings were convened this fall. In October, Dr. Larry Goodridge from the University of Guelph presented on One Health Approaches to WBS. In November, Dr. Chand Mangat (NML-PHAC) and Dr. Kim Gilbride (Toronto Metropolitan University) led a discussion on streamlining WBS methods and target selection. Knowledge products capturing WBS use cases and success stories are now under development to augment the business case for WBS in Canada.

Knowledge-to-Action Series

In June 2024, CWN and NCCID published a series of resources on interpreting and communicating WBS information, with funding from the Public Health Agency of Canada and Indigenous Services Canada.

Download the series at: cwn-rce.ca/projects



Participants shared their knowledge and experiences at the summit through a wide range of presentations and interactive discussions. We heard that despite numerous potential applications of WBS, sustainability is a key question moving forward. With reduced budgets post-pandemic, there was discussion on how to maintain minimum institutional memory and expertise in labs, public health and wastewater facilities. Participants highlighted that lessons learned during the pandemic must be applied to prepare for the next public health emergency. They agreed on a need to further develop a business case for WBS (including cost-benefit) and document success stories.

National summit on the future of wastewater-based surveillance

On September 10 – 12, CWN and the NCCID hosted a national summit on the future of WBS. Day 1 was co-hosted with the Canadian Public Health Laboratory Network.



The summit brought 60 stakeholders from across Canada together from all levels of government, Indigenous organizations, academia and laboratories.

Discussion topics included:

- Maintaining and strengthening partnerships with labs, public health, wastewater operations and research communities that sustain wastewater surveillance in Canadian communities.
- The value of WBS and components needed to build a compelling business case, including the economic benefit of wastewater monitoring.
- Challenges with greater harmonization among partners performing WBS and considerations for standardizing methodologies.
- The appropriate scope (i.e., which pathogens and agents to monitor) and scale (i.e., number of sites, where and frequency) of WBS programs in different contexts.
- Streamlining methodologies, avoiding duplication of wastewater testing, reducing sampling frequency and using sentinel sites.
- Lab infrastructure needed to support WBS in communities across Canada.



Collaboration with colleagues from public health, epidemiology, environmental science and community health has enhanced our ability to develop WBS and to interpret data effectively in diverse contexts, including Indigenous and remote communities. The network fosters critical knowledge sharing and provides practical tools that directly inform public health decisions.”

Yassen Tcholakov,
Clinical Lead in Infectious
Diseases, Nunavik
Department of Public
Health

Water and Climate

Water and wastewater treatment contribute to greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by emitting carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide, and can account for up to 40% of a municipality's total energy consumption. To address this challenge, CWN launched its water and climate program in 2024. We have secured support for strategic projects that mainstream climate action in Canada's municipal water sector and water-reliant sectors to increase climate resilience and reduce GHG emissions.

With funding from the Government of Canada's Low Carbon Economy Implementation Readiness Fund, CWN launched a major 3-year project, *Charting the Course to Net Zero Water in Canada: Creating a Canadian Net Zero Water Roadmap for Municipal Water Utilities*. CWN will foster deep engagement and encourage action on practical approaches for reducing GHG emissions in municipal water services.

A national advisory committee of thought leaders, utility leaders from our Municipal Consortium and experts from the private sector was established to formalize a Net Zero Water Roadmap for Canadian municipal water services. A technical advisory committee of clean technology providers will advise on new and emerging technologies to reduce GHGs in municipal water services. CWN will facilitate and support a pan-Canadian network through workshops, communities of practice and the development of knowledge products such as case studies, briefs and research snapshots.

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CWN hosted an in-person networking event at the 2024 International Water Association in August, to unite over 70 water experts and professionals from across Canada, the U.S., the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Australia and Denmark committed to achieving net zero water.



CWN's Net Zero Water networking event at the IWA World Water Congress in Toronto

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Now, more than ever, it is critical to tackle the challenges associated with climate change. I can't think of a more important initiative than this one we're working on with Canadian Water Network.”

David Szeptycki,

Director of Sustainability, Communications and Innovation at York Region; Co-chair, National Advisory Committee, Net Zero Water Roadmap

With financial support from the Government of Canada's Climate Change Adaptation Program, CWN also launched a project to advance the integration of adaptive planning into long-term water infrastructure and water management projects in Canada. While our climate continues to change, managing and planning for municipal water, wastewater and stormwater services must adapt to the uncertainty of climate change. New approaches such as adaptive planning recognize that the future is uncertain. Rather than committing to a single fixed plan, adaptive planning allows flexibility by considering multiple possible actions and responses. A steering committee has been formed, along with initial research daylighting planning approaches used by various provinces. Work will continue in this space until the end of 2026.

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The value of adaptive planning for Canadian water utilities is in understanding future risk and building that uncertainty into a decision-making framework that allows for greater confidence in our ongoing infrastructure investments. That is why CWN's adaptive pathways project is so valuable to CRD.”

Alicia Fraser,

General Manager, Integrated Water Services, Capital Regional District (Victoria)

To leverage global collaboration, CWN partnered with the U.S. Water Alliance, The Water Research Foundation, Danish Water Technology Alliance, Water Environment Federation and International Water Association to offer a 4-part webcast series on wastewater treatment process emissions. This expert-led series provided insights on emission sources, measurement techniques and reduction strategies.

Supported by the RBC Tech for Nature program, CWN launched an 18-month project with the Prairie Adaptation Research Collaborative and ClimateWest to assess climate impacts on crop yields and water availability in the prairies. This work is expected to advance water adaptation in adjacent water-reliant sectors and will conclude in 2025. Two workshops were hosted this spring for the expert advisory committee and community of interest (end users) from government and nonprofits in the agricultural and water sectors. A robust discussion identified desired outcomes to address water availability, crop suitability and climate impacts on the Canadian Prairies and refine the project scope. Knowledge mobilization and synthesis workshops are planned next year.

Engagement

Fostering networks and relationships is fundamental to CWN's mission, extending across and beyond our program areas. We cultivated multiple opportunities to connect with the broader water community both nationally and internationally.

Indigenous Relations

CWN has registered for the Partner Accreditation in Indigenous Relations (PAIR) program offered by the Canadian Centre for Indigenous Business, which certifies organizational performance on Indigenous relations. This is a multi-year effort that will include an evaluation of our performance as partners with Indigenous communities and organizations, a good place to work for Indigenous staff and commitment to supporting prosperity in Indigenous communities, among other measures.

Global Water Research Coalition

Our membership with the Global Water Research Coalition (GWRC) continues to deliver enormous value. By participating, we stay up to date on global water sector trends

and news about leading water research, and gain access to a network of international experts. These benefits are passed along to our Canadian audience. Initiatives in 2024 included:

- Two working groups focused on a prioritization tool for risk-based contaminants of concern and guidelines for monitoring and quantifying nitrous oxides from wastewater treatment.
- Publication of International Cookbook for Wastewater Practitioners - Vol. 1 SARS-CoV-2, in partnership with the European Union and a global team of authors. This compendium offers best practices in wastewater-based surveillance from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- A GWRC webinar series on PFAS, which included a webinar on risk communications that was hosted by CWN.

For an overview of GWRC activities, see cwn-rce.ca/about-us/global-water-research-coalition.



GWRC members, including Chair Peter Grevatt (Water Research Foundation), Vice-Chair Mariëlle van der Zouwen (KWR) and Nicola Crawhall (CWN), overlook aeration tanks at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant in Chicago.

IWA World Water Congress and Exhibition

In August, our team had an exciting week in Toronto — presenting, exhibiting and networking with colleagues at the International Water Association's World Water Congress. Highlights included:

- Hosting a forum on new advancements in chemical assessment and cumulative health impacts. CEO Nicola Crawhall led the discussion with Dr. Milou Dingemans, chief science officer at KWR Water Research Institute and Dr. Niladri Basu, professor at McGill University.
- Participating in IWA's Utility Leaders Forum. Kim Jusek, former manager of the Municipal Consortium, exchanged insights with prominent water utility leaders from around the world.



Go team! Staff regroup after a busy day at IWA's World Water Congress.

- Engaging in climate mitigation sessions. Jessica Akande, senior program advisor, presented at a business forum sponsored by Xylem and a session on bridging the gap between climate adaptation and mitigation.
- Joining a panel on intergenerational views on the future of water management. Carl Yates, Chair, and Meghan Ewing, climate program coordinator, shared their perspectives.
- Calling attention to the vital role of river health. Sandra Cooke, director of communities and climate, contributed to an international panel discussion hosted by the UK Pavilion.

Sandra Cooke, Director of Communities and Climate (left) and Nicola Crawhall, CEO (right) greet the Honourable Terry Duguid, Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister and Special Advisor for Water, at CWN's IWA exhibition booth.

Governance, Operations and Finance

Robust governance, efficient operations and responsible financial management are fundamental principles that empower CWN to excel in its endeavours. In 2024, we executed the following actions:

- Welcomed three new Board members.
- Initiated a risk framework review.
- Unveiled a new strategic plan for 2024-2029.
- Formalized a staff training and development program.
- Demonstrated strong financial health.

These efforts will ensure that CWN remains resilient, sustainable and well-positioned to achieve our mission within a culture grounded in equity, diversity and inclusion.

Governance

In 2024, CWN bid farewell to Andrew Farr, who served on CWN's Board of Directors since 2019, including as Vice-Chair and on the audit and governance committee. We welcomed new Board members, Stephanie Allard, Derrick Cheung and Sophie Gagné-Landmann. Their respective expertise on holistic approaches to urban planning and water resource management (Allard), infrastructure (Cheung) and environmental law and ethics (Gagné-Landmann) will bring valuable new perspectives.

In March, the Board approved CWN's new five-year strategic plan (2024 to 2029). This plan will help us facilitate cross-sector collaboration to address water challenges and opportunities that affect our communities, health and climate. It includes ambitious objectives to

CWN Board of Directors

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our Board for their invaluable contributions. Their expertise, strategic guidance and commitment to advancing water knowledge play a pivotal role in shaping CWN's impact.



Carl Yates
Chair
Principal, Yates Water
Management Inc.



Stéphanie Allard
Owner,
Agence Nexa Inc.



Susan Ancel
Director, One Water Planning,
EPCOR Water Services Inc.

expand the scope of our work; deepen collaboration; diversify CWN's revenue sources; and strengthen relations with Indigenous-led organizations and communities. We also undertook a comprehensive review of CWN's risk framework to align with our new strategic plan. To view the full plan, visit cwn-rce.ca/strategic-plan.

Operations

CWN formalized its training and development program in 2024 to continually enhance employees' competencies, knowledge and performance. The program aims to build strong foundations, improve employee engagement and job satisfaction, and empower employees to contribute meaningfully. The program includes mandatory training, group sessions and individual opportunities that cover specialized skills, professional conduct, interpersonal abilities and more.

Finance

In the 2023-24 fiscal year, CWN continued to demonstrate strong financial health. We reported a net surplus of approximately \$40,000 and a 36% revenue increase driven by our expansion of work into the water and climate and water and health program areas. This revenue growth reflects effective resource management and strategic efforts to expand funding sources.

We remain committed to financial transparency and accountability. This year's audit (available by request) confirmed that CWN complies with all relevant rules and produced accurate financial statements, resulting in an unqualified opinion from our independent auditor, with no significant errors or omissions. To view CWN's 2023-2024 financial statements, go to cwn-rce.ca/about-us/financial-statements.



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Monitoring Progress

Strategic Plan (2024 - 2029) — Year 1

Objectives and Key Accomplishments

SUPPORT NATIONAL NETWORKS

26

Municipal Consortium Members

2 municipalities added in 2024
Strategic Advisory Group formed

47

Wastewater-Based Surveillance Network Participants

10 provincial representatives
added in 2024

NEW

National Advisory Committee

reducing GHGs in
municipal water services

NEW

Steering Committee

adaptive planning for
municipal water services

NEW

Community of Interest

advancing climate
adaptation for agriculture

PROMOTE CONSENSUS AND COLLABORATION

60

NATIONAL SUMMIT ATTENDEES

The Future of
WBS in Canada

65

CONSORTIUM MEETING PARTICIPANTS

municipal utility
leaders
Edmonton (spring)
and Montreal (fall)

6

STRATEGIC SHARING GROUPS

17 meetings
convened to
facilitate knowledge
exchange

5

CLIMATE WORKSHOPS

Net Zero Water
Adaptive Planning
Prairie Agriculture,
Climate and Water

SHARE KNOWLEDGE AND BUILD CAPACITY

Award **WATER CANADA 2024**

Education Award,
WBS program

3900+ **WEBINAR REGISTRATIONS**

online attendance from
14+ countries

14 **CONFERENCE** **PRESENTATIONS**

regional, national and
international events

9 **KNOWLEDGE** **PRODUCTS (EN | FR)**

knowledge-to-action
series (WBS program)
municipal case study hub

8 **WEBINARS**

Partners:
NCCID, The Water
Research Foundation,
GWRC, Stantec, GHD

GROW PROGRAMS, PROJECTS AND STAFF

36% **REVENUE** **INCREASE**

fiscal year
2023-2024

2 **NEW CLIMATE** **PROJECTS**

net zero water
adaptive planning

3 **NEW TEAM** **MEMBERS**

CWN is now a
team of 15

PROMOTE INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION

Registered, Partner Accreditation in Indigenous
Relations program, Canadian Centre for
Indigenous Business

CREATE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Incorporated The CWN
Foundation in 2024

Looking Ahead

We are excited to build on CWN's momentum and progress in the upcoming year.

PROGRAM AREAS



Members of the **Municipal Consortium** will meet in May and Fall 2025. CWN will also offer virtual meetings focused on member-identified key challenges.

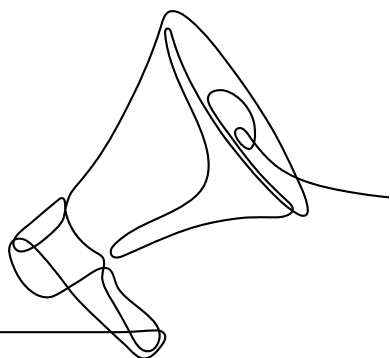


CWN's two climate projects, **Adaptive Pathways Planning** and **Net Zero Water Roadmap**, will bring pan-Canadian networks together to advance progress and collaboration.



Results of the **Prairie Agriculture, Water and Climate Project** will be presented to the expert advisory committee and community of interest.

Year two of the **Wastewater-based Surveillance Program** wraps up in March 2025. Stay tuned for knowledge products that flag success stories and use cases.



Canadian Water Network Foundation

A decision from the Canada Revenue Agency is expected in 2025 regarding the foundation's charitable status application. CWN will serve as the foundation's administrative support and project delivery arm.

Canadian Water Network **BLUE CITIES** 2025



NAVIGATING THE WAVES:
**Strategic management of
risk in uncertain times**

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