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Climate adaptation “missed opportunity” in the Fall Economic Statement

November 21, 2023 (OTTAWA) – In response to the federal government’s release of its [2023 Fall Economic Statement](#) (FES), Jason Clark, Chair, Climate Proof Canada, issued the following statement:

“Climate Proof Canada acknowledges the focus of the FES was on housing and the affordability crisis, but we are disappointed not to see any reference to climate adaptation measures, climate resilient housing or infrastructure. This makes funding the National Adaptation Strategy in Budget 2024 all the more important and we look forward to continuing this vital advocacy.

One of the requirements of the National Adaptation Strategy is that resilience must be incorporated into all infrastructure investments by 2024. It’s critically important that we build homes in the right way, in the right places, so that households are protected now and into the future.

Unfortunately, no mention of climate adaptation measures in today’s FES amounts to a missed opportunity. Canada must recognize the impact climate change is having on households across the country. We must factor resilience measures into housing investments so that we build homes in the right way and in the right places.

Climate Proof Canada urges the government to recognize the impact climate change is having on individuals, families, and communities across the country. We believe we must factor resilience measures into investments including core infrastructure, housing and communities, ensuring funding targets those experiencing vulnerability and at most risk of the impacts of climate change.

We do welcome new legislation announced in the FES to establish the stand-alone Canada Water Agency, which will contribute to sustainable and coordinated freshwater management across Canada. The Canada Infrastructure Bank is exploring further ways to support the needs of communities seeking to develop the infrastructure required to build more homes and should be encouraged to pursue climate resilient investments.

Climate Proof Canada developed a [series of recommendations](#) to guide federal investment that will enable Canada to make rapid, tangible progress on the targets set out in the NAS and become more climate resilient. A range of immediate actions that do not require additional budgetary investment has also been identified.”

About Climate Proof Canada

Climate Proof Canada is a national coalition of Canadian business representatives, disaster relief organizations, municipalities, Indigenous organizations, environmental NGOs and think tanks that believe Canada must prepare for the present and growing effects of climate change by building a more disaster-resilient country. For more information, visit [Climate Proof Canada](#).

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