# Manitoba Climate Convergence 2026

## Program
### November 24, 2026

**8:30 am** **Participant arrival & Registration**

**9:00 am** **Welcome & Opening**

**9:30 am** **Keynote address : Hadrian Mertins-Kirkwood - Senior Researcher**
"Climate Policy in Canada & How We Fund the Solutions We Need"

**10:30 am** **Morning Break**

**10:45 am** **Breakouts: Securing climate wins in the next provincial election**
*(5 concurrent sessions, with an expert presenter/facilitator)*

- **Transportation** with Madrin Macgillivray (CAT) and Mel Marginet (GAC)
- **Clean Electricity** with James Wilt (CAT)
- **Geothermal** with Curt Hull (Climate Change Connection)
- **Opposing pipeline proposals, including Churchill LNG** with Kakeka Thundersky (CAT)
- **Nature-based solutions & protecting 30x30** with Ron Thiessen (CPAWS)

**12:30 pm** **Lunch**

**1:30 pm** **Regroup and Networking activity**

**1:45 pm** **Panel discussion: "Successes in our Campaigns & Collaborations"**
**Moderator:** Cameron Armstrong
**Paneilsts:** Christie Little (Opposing AI Data Centres), Quentin Robinson (Sustainable Brandon), Amanda Emms (Broadway Tenants Union), 50-50 Transit Campaign.

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**2:45 pm** **Afternoon Break**

**3:00 pm** **Group activity: Taking the temperature**
Manitobans public opinion on climate, latest research/recommendations for public communications on climate in Manitoba

**3:15 pm** **Breakout Groups. Making climate an election issue**
*(4-5 breakout groups, with option to rotate between groups after each 30 mins)*

- **Audiences & key messages to connect climate to election issues**
- **Targets, pressure points & swing ridings**
- **Tactics for building power & mobilizing**
- **Building coalitions, engaging stakeholders and unlikely allies**
- **Lessons we can take from past campaigns**

**4:30 pm** **Harvesting Our Ideas & Next Steps for Collaboration**

**5:00 pm** **Networking Reception** with invited government representatives
Co-sponsored by CPAWS Manitoba

**6:00 pm** **END**