CLIMATE CHANGE CLAUSES IN CONTRACTS

ADAPTATION
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Climate Change Adaptation & Communities

Communities are on the frontlines of the
Climate Change Challenge.

Although your municipality may be always applying the
climate change lens to all that you do, you also need to craft
your tender and proposal documents to ensure that your
consultants and contractors also consider climate change as
well.

Can we help you with your climate change challenge?

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- Clauses which ensure that the permafrost disruption is kept to a minimum.

- Ensuring that cuts into the permafrost are closed as quickly as possible to reduce thaw.

- If the timing can reduce the impacts of the work without compromising the quality of the work, make sure those terms are clearly spelt out in the work.

- All surface and ground water should be effectively managed on site to reduce the impact on the permafrost.

- The site drainage plan should be implemented as soon as possible in the project.

Some clauses that you might want to consider for your Requests for Proposals and/or consulting contracts are:

- All design work must be completed with consideration of climate change expected within the design lifespan of the infrastructure. These considerations must be clearly documented.

- All site planning should also consider climate change impacts. See Site Planning Smart Management Practice.

- All site planning should also consider climate change Impacts.

- Have the building and site plan designers sign affidavits that they have duly considered climate change impacts in their design for the designated lifespan. This should be stamped by either the architect or engineer as appropriate.

Be sure and take advantage of the contract review service available through the Northern Communities Insurance Program