

# **Coastal Zone Canada 2018 (CZC'18)**

## **September 2017 Update!**

Here's a friendly reminder to mark your calendars for July 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018, when the biennial Coastal Zone Canada Conference returns to the beautiful coastal city of St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador. The focus of the conference will be on the broad theme of *Coastal Communities: Seeking Practical Solutions to Real Issues*. Under this broad theme, we will address sub-themes of Collaboration, Engagement, and Technologies.

The questions to be asked concerning collaboration include: Who's coming to the table? How can the Federal Government's Ocean Protection Plan facilitate successful collaboration in coastal management? Can climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction initiatives support the development of effective solutions? And what are the roadblocks to success and how can they be overcome?

The next step after collaboration is "Engagement". How can partnerships be sustained after they have been formed? How can their reach be broadened to bring in other others, e.g. Citizen Science, NGO's, etc.? How can interest and engagement be sustained in the long-term and across sectors to ensure solutions are implemented?

Collaboration and engagement are very important, but on their own, are not sufficient. Coastal researchers also require access to up-to-date technologies and strategies. CZC'18 will explore how those strategies and technologies can advance the understanding of coastal zones. The focus will be more on how they can they can help achieve the practical solutions being sought, rather than the technical details of how they function.

These sub-themes will be woven together by common threads. For example, what are the special issues facing coastal aboriginal and indigenous people? How do we address overriding factors such as climate change and economic stability?

Coastal Zone Canada conferences are premier events for Coastal Zone management, and CZC'18 promises to be an exceptional meeting. Come, network, and learn, and do so in one of Canada's iconic coastal communities! We know you have always wanted to come to St. John's (and bring your family for a vacation!) – this is your opportunity.

For those wishing to present at this event, a call for papers will be coming soon!

Our Youth and Young Professionals Forum is also in development, so keep your eyes peeled for future updates and check our website often ([www.coastalzonecanada.com](http://www.coastalzonecanada.com)) for information concerning this special event, scheduled for July 14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Thank you!

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