



Adapting Canada's Built Legacy 2026 Webinar Series

Part 1 (2026): April 15, 2026

Natural Disaster Preparedness for Historic Buildings

Session Abstracts

Session 1: "What's the Worst that Can Happen?"- The Importance of Planning for Disaster and Risk Management

Marcus Létourneau

Planning is an integral part of Disaster and Risk Management. But do our planning documents adequately consider cultural heritage? Do our cultural heritage documents and plans adequately consider disaster and risk management? Reflecting on the Ontario experience, this presentation will provide a "state of the union" while discussing several ongoing Canadian and Ontario efforts. Join Dr. Marcus R. Létourneau in this discussion, a Senior Partner with NPG Planning Solutions and President of M. R. Létourneau and Associates Inc. (a consultancy focused on heritage education and research) with over 20 years of experience in heritage legislation, strategic planning, and heritage planning and processes.



Session 2: Climate Disaster Preparedness Audits for Heritage and Faith Buildings

Stephen Collette

Using the ASTM E3429 *Standard Guide for Property Resilience Assessments*, and working with New York Disaster Interfaith Services and Faith & the Common Good, this presentation will focus on the Sustainable and Climate Disaster Resiliency Walkthrough Audit for faith communities and heritage properties that speaker Stephen Collette developed. The Walkthrough Audit empowers heritage property owners and managers to better understand how they can lower their carbon footprint and protect their building(s) against climate disasters. This guiding document educates historic building owners on how to both lower operation and maintenance costs and to recover quickly after unexpected natural disaster events. Join Stephen in this discussion, a Building Science Specialist, Certified Building Biology Environmental Consultant, and creator of the "Green Audit", with over 20 years of experience as a sustainability and heritage conservation educator in North America.

