



Announcing the Winners of the 2026 Canadian Youth Climate Action Award

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Pivot Green, in partnership with the Small Change Fund, is pleased to announce the winners of the 2026 Canadian Youth Climate Action Award. Now in its fourth year, our award recognizes the important work that young Canadians are undertaking in concert with other generations in the fight against climate change. The first-place winner received a plaque celebrating their achievement along with an honorarium of \$7,500 to support their ongoing work. Two runner-up winners have received \$3,500 each. Honourable mentions have been awarded to nine organizations, each receiving a \$1,000 prize. This year's award winners included two Canada-wide projects, as well as winners from six different provinces.

This year, we received a record number of submissions, and our judging panel was clearly impressed with the quality of the work being done, right across Canada. One of our judges summed up her overall judging experience in the following way: "Getting the chance to look through these incredible, inspiring projects, I was able to see them, instead of isolated hubs of action, but as connected to each other, each working at their own scale yet fundamentally interconnected."

The overall winner is the **Sundance Commons** project in Southwestern Ontario. This groundbreaking initiative empowers marginalized youth by providing free access to land, specialized equipment, and expert mentorship to launch sustainable, regenerative farm enterprises. Our judges noted "this project had an impressive array of concrete initiatives- including 5 production sites, a living orchard, and paid youth employment. This is a highly replicable model."

The first of two runner-up prizes has been awarded to the **Lois Creek Stream and Wetland Enhancement** project based in Kimberley, B.C. Over three years, Youth Climate Corps (YCC) worked with hydrology and ecological professionals to design and implement a restoration plan that enhanced this aquatic ecosystem for wildlife, native plants, water quality, and carbon sequestration. In the assessment of our judges, "This project delivers a permanent measurable environmental outcome. The youth-led crew alongside intergenerational volunteers and Ktunaxa Nation partners is exemplary."



And the second runner-up prize went to Alberta-based **Civil Connect**. This organization gives youth the opportunity to directly design climate-conscious infrastructure. The judges noted their laudable work in Edmonton, working with developers to create a suburban plan that prioritizes walkability, mixed-use development, and transit connectivity while minimizing environmental impacts.

Finally, honourable mentions and a \$1,000 prize have been awarded to:

1. Youth Climate Lab (Canada-wide)
2. Regenesis Scarborough (Scarborough, ON)
3. Climate Hearth/Foyer pour le climat (Montreal, PQ)
4. Montague Public School Eco-Team (Smith Falls, ON)
5. Selkirk Rising (Manitoba)
6. Infiltrate the System Network (Canada-wide)
7. Hope Blooms – Green Labs (Halifax, NS)
8. Monkey Rebel Society (New Westminster, BC)
9. Policy Under Pressure: CityHive's Youth Climate Program (Vancouver, BC)

Details on all the winning groups are available on our website: pivotgreen.ca

Pivot Green would like to congratulate all the winners. We would also like to thank all the groups who took the time to apply. We would also like to extend our sincere appreciation to our [judging panel](#) and our partner, the Small Change Fund. We would also like to extend a special thank you to all [our generous donors](#) who provided the funds for this year's awards.

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