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Buildings Case Study

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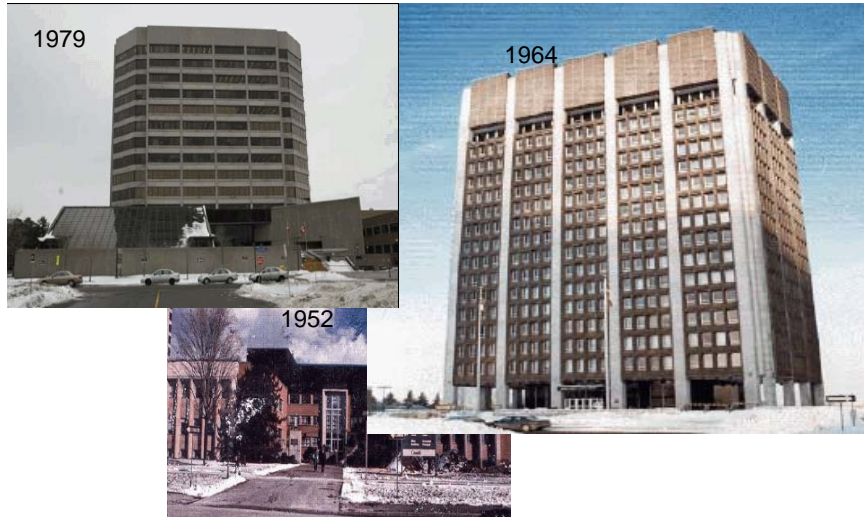
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Three buildings



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Information provided

- As-built drawings – mechanical, electrical, architectural Specifications
- Building Condition Reports
- Energy Usage
- Site Utilities
- River water levels
- Historical weather
- Climate predictions for 2030, 2050, 2080
- Meetings with building staff and tours
- Complaints data base

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Tunney's Pasture, Ottawa



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Summary of Climate Change Assumptions

Main regional effects in Ottawa likely to be:

- Increase in temperatures throughout the year.
- More rain and snow in spring, winter and fall.
- Less rain in June, July and August.
- Increase in rain on snow events.
- Increase in freeze-thaw events.
- Significantly shorter frost season.
- Significantly less Heating Degree Days.
- Significantly more Cooling Degree Days.

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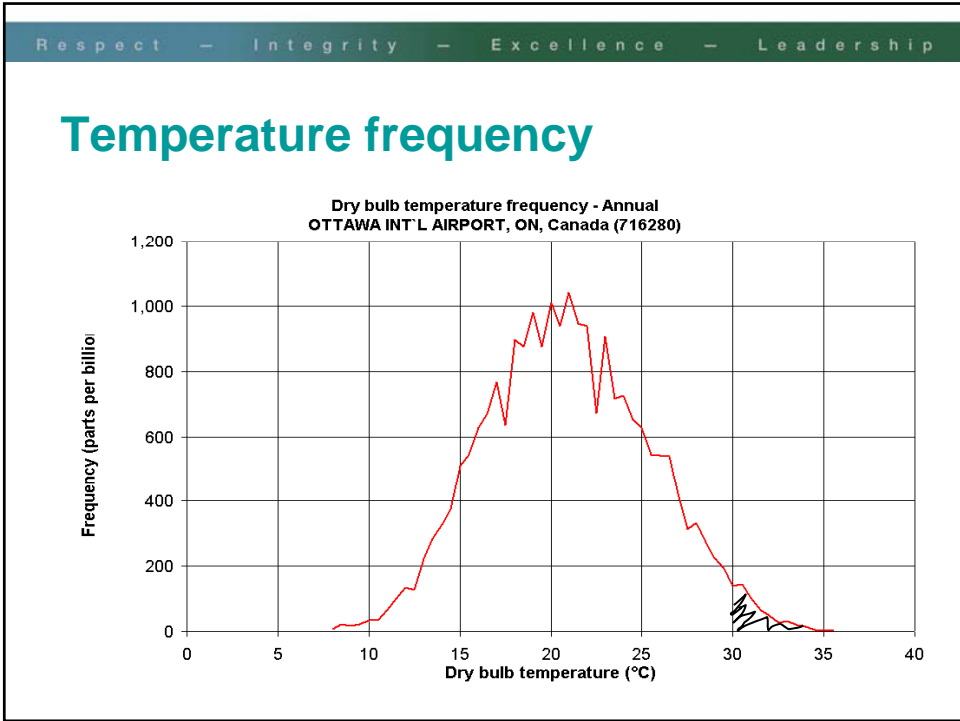
Project Objective

- To test the **PIEVC protocol on buildings**
*PIEVC Engineering Protocol for Climate Change
Infrastructure Vulnerability Assessment*
- Recommend modifications if necessary
- Provide case study examples for future building applications

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Engineering Vulnerability

The shortfall in the ability of public infrastructure to absorb the negative effects, and benefit from the positive effects, of changes in the climate conditions used to design and operate infrastructure.



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Ottawa extremes

**Return period extreme dry bulb temperatures
for OTTAWA INT'L AIRPORT, ON, Canada**

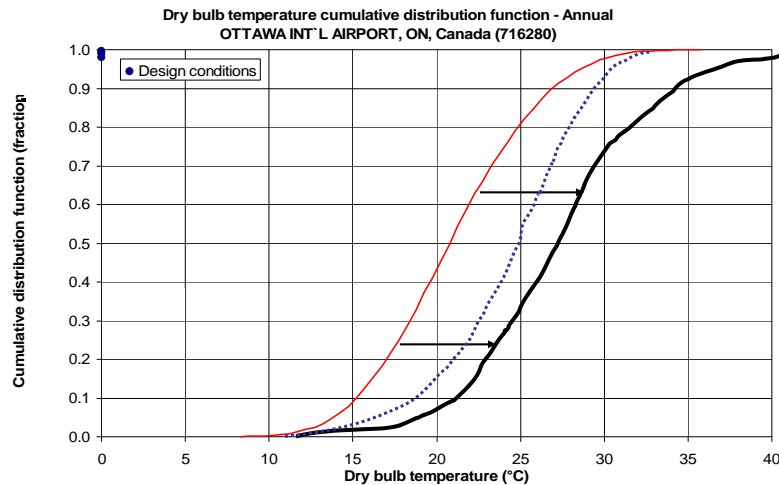
Extreme annual dry bulb temperature data

Mean	Max	°C	33.0
	Min	°C	-28.1
Standard Deviation	Max	°C	1.6
	Min	°C	2.7
Return period considered		Years	50

50-year return period extreme dry-bulb temperatures

	Max	°C	37.1
	Min	°C	-35.1

Does cooling design temp change?



Key climatic factors considered

- Temperatures – average monthly and annual maximums and minimums are expected to increase;
- Rain average total – forecast to increase;
- Rain frequency measured in six-hour and one-day rain event – slight increase expected;
- Snow average totals – decreasing;
- Snow-on rain events – increasing;
- Frost season – decreasing;
- Heating degree days – decreasing;
- Wind;
- Humidity – historical data

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Climate factors vs Exterior systems

Main Stats Building	Climate Factors																		
	Temperature			Rain			Snow and Wind			Frost Season Length			Heating Degree Days			Humidity			
Future Change/Infrastructure Component/System	W	N	S	W	N	S	W	N	S	W	N	S	W	N	S	W	N	S	
	EXTERIOR SYSTEMS																		
Site Drainage - related to slopes away from the building and includes soil permeability and hard surfaces like stairs / ramps	yes			0 yes			0 yes			0			0 yes			0 no			0
Site Drains - storm/rain water	no			0 yes			0 yes			0			0 yes			0 no			0
Walls																			
Freestanding																			
concrete	no			0 yes			0 yes			0			0			0 no			0 yes
masonry	no			0 yes			0 yes			0			0			0 no			0 yes
Retaining																			
concrete	no			0 yes			0 yes			0			0			0 no			0 yes
masonry (not applicable)	n/a			0 n/a			0 n/a			0			0			0 no			0 yes
Walkways																			
Asphalt	yes			0 no			0 yes			0			0			0 no			0 no
Concrete	no			0 yes			0 yes			0			0			0 no			0 no
Unit pavers	no			0 yes			0 yes			0			0			0 no			0 no
Stairs																			
Concrete	no			0 yes			0 yes			0			0			0 no			0 no
Metal	yes			0 yes			0 yes			0			0			0 no			0 no
Ramps (concrete)	no			0 yes			0 yes			0			0			0 no			0 no
Loading dock (concrete and enclosed area)	no			0 yes			0 no			0			0 no			0 no			0 no
Window / Stair wells																			
Concrete	no			0 yes			0 yes			0			0			0 no			0 no
Masonry (not applicable)	n/a			0 n/a			0 n/a			0			0			0 no			0 no
Gutters - metal	yes			0 yes			0 yes			0			0			0 no			0 no
Parking, vehicle areas																			
Asphalt	yes			0 no			0 yes			0			0			0 no			0 no
Concrete	no			0 yes			0 yes			0			0			0 no			0 no
Unit pavers	no			0 yes			0 yes			0			0			0 no			0 no
Manholes/access doors	no			0 yes			0 yes			0			0			0 no			0 no

Climate Factors vs Building systems

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Future Change/Infrastructure Component/System	W	N	S	W	N	S	W	N	S	W	N	S	W	N	S	W	N	S	
	BUILDING SYSTEMS																		
Foundations, Floors and Roofs																			
Footings - concrete	no			0 yes			0 no			0			0 no			0 no			0
Walls - concrete	no			0 yes			0 no			0			0 no			0 no			0
Slab on grade - concrete	no			0 yes			0 no			0			0 no			0 no			0
Precast Light Weight Concrete Panel Roof	no			0 no			0 yes			0			0			0 no			0
Envelop Systems																			
Precast Concrete	no			0 yes			0 yes			0			0			0 yes			0 yes
Glazed Curtain wall	yes			0 no			0 yes			0			0			0 no			0 no
Masonry wall	no			0 yes			0 yes			0			0			0 yes			0 yes
Stone Panels (including header and sills)	no			0 yes			0 yes			0			0			0 yes			0 yes
Metal Cladding	yes			0 yes			0 no			0			0 yes			0 no			0 yes
Windows / Doors																			
Aluminum Windows	yes			0 no			0 no			0			0 no			0 no			0 yes
Doors (Steel / Aluminum)	yes			0 no			0 no			0			0 no			0 no			0 yes
Flat Roof Systems (including roof drains)	yes			0 yes			0 yes			0			0			0 no			0 no
MECHANICAL SYSTEMS																			
Heating System and Adequacy	no			0 no			0 no			0			0 no			0 yes			0 no
Cooling System and Adequacy	yes			0 no			0 no			0			0 no			0 yes			0 yes
ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS																			
Emergency power systems / generators (including fuel supply)	no			0 no			0 no			0			0 no			0 no			0 no
Power Supply and Reliability	yes			0 no			0 no			0			0 no			0 yes			0 yes

Obstacles

- Design assumptions? e.g., number occupants
- Existing loads?
- Changing climate predictions into future loads

Summary of Findings

The findings of the Vulnerability Assessment are similar in the three test buildings in that the exterior systems (e.g. walkways, ramps, parking areas and stairs), building envelope, cooling systems and reliability of power are the key vulnerabilities.

There are differences regarding roofs, building envelope, tunnels and retaining walls specific to each building.

Conclusions

Building data may be a problem for some

Buildings with current problems will have more
adaptation problems

Time and cost may be obstacles for assessment

Probably best integrated into existing Building
Condition Studies (every five years)

Further Information

PIEVC Web Site

www.pievc.ca

PIEVC Standard Presentation

http://pievc.ca/e/doc_detail.cfm?doid=%22%22%20%20%0A

First National Engineering Assessment Report

http://pievc.ca/e/Adapting_to_climate_Change_Report_Final.pdf

Buildings Study

http://pievc.ca/e/Appendix_B.7_Government_of_Canada_Buildings_in_Ottawa_Ontario.pdf