

Seventh Meeting of the CMOS Ottawa Centre Executive

Date: 21st October, 2025 **Time:** 12:00-13:30

Venue: Irene's Pub, 885 Bank St, Ottawa

AGENDA

Present: Frank Johnson (Chair), Yvon Bernier, Michael Brklacich, Dawn Conway, Mike Crowe, Bob Jones, Mike Manore, Tom Zagon

Regrets: Len Barrie, Anna Brownlee (student rep. Carleton U.), Ray Desjardins, Shiliang (Dan) Shan, Erik Sparling, Peter Kimbell

1. Introduction

Members were welcomed to the meeting.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was **accepted** by consensus

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the meeting of 26 August 2025

Minor edits were reviewed and accepted. The minutes were **approved** with the changes.

4. Finance review

Mike Manore reported that signing authorities had been updated and accounts were in balance. Electronic transfers are now possible. He noted that the Zoom subscription is now about \$225 annually. CMOS Ottawa has not yet received its annual payment from CMOS national but this is expected.

5. Past presentations

Recent talks were reviewed.

Wayne Jenkinson, September 25, 2025: the talk on Water Intelligence was well received, though questions for the speaker were less than anticipated. It was noted that the talk was oriented more towards management than technical issues.

Mike Brklacich gave an excellent and topical talk on October 16, on "Hope amidst Gloom". Attendees topped 55. Bob Jones reported that he had subsequently received a number of requests from people who wish to be subscribed to our mailing list for information on future talks. Slides from the talk were added to our Centre web page, and listed as additional slides. Mike will give the talk to CACOR in February 2026.

6. Upcoming presentation

Stefania Maggi will give an in-person talk on November 5, 2025 on Climate Anxiety. It will be a hybrid session. The in-person part will be in the Carleton Library, which can hold 55 people. Final arrangements are being made with Carleton University. Registration links are being finalized, as are plans for recording the talk. The moderator will be Michael Brklacich, who was informed that reasonable costs associated with the seminar could be supported. He can raise these with Mike Manore.

Action: Michael Brklacich.

7. Future possibilities for the program of activities for 2025-2026

- Mike Manore has proposed a talk by Shannon Kaya¹ on the 'Arctic Satellite Observing Mission', or on future Arctic observing missions. This is proposed for February 11, 2026, or possibly January 8. Another possible speaker on the topic is David Bradley (Director, Atmospheric Monitoring Division, ECCC).

Action: Mike Manore.

- Frank Johnson noted that Igor Shkvorets may be available to give a talk on Sail for Science, in January 2026. This will be on 'citizen science' oceanographic work. Argo float data does not cover

¹ Shannon Kaya, Director of Transformation, Innovation and Engineering at MSC, Environment and Climate Change Canada

depths less than 2,000m, so this work is valuable. Johnson will check on Shkvorets' availability for January 15. The venue could be Irene's Pub.

Action: Frank Johnson.

- A March 2026 presentation by students will be discussed at a future meeting when the student representative is present.
- Plans for an April seminar will be discussed at the next meeting. The topic could be the rollout, and response to, a colour-coded weather alert program.

8. Science Fairs in 2026

Discussion deferred.

9. Co-hosting the 2027 CMOS Congress in Niagara

Mike Crowe noted that while this Congress in Niagara was to be held jointly with the Canadian Water Resources Association, CWRA is no longer interested. There is a good organizing group in place. Ottawa's involvement is not required.

The 2026 CMOS Congress will be held virtually.

10. Project Funds

Members were asked for ideas on the use of project funds from ECCC, in accordance with a message from Gordon Griffith, Executive Director of CMOS. Frank Johnson reviewed the stated purposes of the funds. Discussion followed on the amount of a grant, whether money can roll over from year to year or be used for science fair prizes or endowed scholarships. Mike Manore stressed that MSC wishes any funds used to have clear deliverables. The use of funds will be discussed further at a future meeting.

11. Other Business

It was suggested that the next meeting be by Zoom, which would facilitate the attendance of member Dan Shan.

12. Date and Place of Next Meeting: The next meeting of CMOS Ottawa Centre Executive will be on Tuesday January 13, 2026 at 3 p.m. It will be by Zoom.

Note: Meeting date changed to January 15 at 1:30 p.m.

13. Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 13:30.