



**FIRESMART COMMUNITY PLAN
SMOKE BEAR NEIGHBOURHOOD – FIRELAND, B.C.
FIRESMART CANADA COMMUNITY RECOGNITION PROGRAM**



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Smoke Bear FireSmart Board:

Date: June 30, 2017

-Neighbourhood Resident name, Chair

-Neighbourhood Resident name, Board Member

-Neighbourhood Resident name, Board Member

City of Fireland - Local FireSmart Representative

Current LFR name for City of Fireland

City of Fireland – Fire Chief

Currently Serving name, City of Fireland Fire Chief

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Background: The Smoke Bear neighbourhood FireSmart Community Plan (Plan) is a simple action plan prepared by the Smoke Bear FireSmart Board (Board) in consultation with the City of Fireland Local FireSmart Representative and City of Fireland Fire Chief.

The Plan is:

- Created from information contained in the Community Assessment Report (Assessment) and has logically been developed from key recommendations made by the Local FireSmart Representative.
- Comprised of at least three agreed-upon, doable action items that will improve the neighbourhood's wildfire readiness and reduce wildfire ignition potential on homes and in yards.
- Developed in compliance with the standard FireSmart principle of commencing FireSmart mitigations on and immediately adjacent the homes and then moving outwards.
- Adaptable and may be modified in future years as mitigations are accomplished and new risk mitigation priorities arise.
- An expression of the neighbourhoods wish to pursue and maintain FireSmart Community recognition status.



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Action Items:

The Smoke Bear FireSmart Board has agreed-upon the following action items that will improve the neighbourhood's wildfire readiness and reduce wildfire ignition potential on homes and in yards.

1. **FireSmart Information Campaign** – The Board will talk to all neighbours about the FireSmart program, it's importance in reducing risk to homes from fire damage caused by forest fires. Hand out FireSmart literature: The FS Home Owner's Manual, and the FS Community Recognition Program brochures. Encourage all to take advantage of the City's Spring Cleanup program, by moving organic fuel from their property to the curb side for pickup starting May 8. Also obtain email information for communication.

2. **FireSmart Awareness Workshop** – Organize a half-day workshop to educate neighbourhood residents about wildfire pathways, structure ignition potential and flammability of certain landscaping materials and vegetation and the FireSmart recommended guidelines for mitigation of the various hazards.
 - a. The Board will work to inform and obtain expressions of interest in participation from neighbourhood residents, determine a mutually convenient delivery date and time and coordinate delivery logistics with the Local FireSmart Representative.
 - b. Residents will attend an information presentation in a common area – a slide/video presentation on FireSmart concepts, risks pertaining to the neighbourhood and wildfire hazard assessment procedures will be covered.
 - c. Residents will then be provided with FireSmart hazard assessment forms and move to pre-identified properties (up to two) to participate in a hands-on hazard assessment procedure.
 - d. Following a question and answer period – residents will return to their own properties to complete the hazard assessment forms and identify critical hazard factors requiring mitigation on their own properties.



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3. **Neighbourhood Fuel Treatment – Public Land:** Organize an event whereby neighbourhood residents can work in collaboration with adjacent public landowners to restore the prescribed standard of fuel treatment originally established by the City of Fireland’s Operational Fuel Treatment Program in the continuous forest fuels on the public lands immediately adjacent the south perimeter of the Smoke Bear neighbourhood.
- a. A strip of young evergreen trees and accumulated ladder fuels (lower branches of tree stems) will require treatment to FireSmart guidelines. To a lesser extent, dead/down fuel accumulations on the forest floor will also require treatment.
 - b. The Board will work with the City of Fireland to review possibilities for commencing fuel treatment on the subject public land. Depending on decisions made pursuant to City of Fireland discussions the Board may organize a fuel treatment FireSmart Event or work day where Smoke Bear residents can work together to remove the quantities of public land forest debris to locations for disposal - by burning (under Fire Department supervision); chipping and hauling; or salvage of firewood stems sections.
 - c. The Board will work to inform and obtain expressions of interest in participation from neighbourhood residents, determine a mutually convenient FireSmart Event date and time and coordinate fuel treatment logistics with the Local FireSmart Representative.
 - d. Fuel treatments will progress logically prioritizing fuel treatments adjacent homes and moving progressively away from homes. Initially, completion of fuel treatment to a 30m perimeter would be targeted with future consideration of moving out to a 100m perimeter.

This FireSmart Community Plan was prepared by the Smoke Bear FireSmart Board.

Signed by FireSmart Board Chair as representative of the Board:

Signature

Neighbourhood Resident name here, FireSmart Board Chair – Smoke Bear Neighbourhood June 30, 2017

CC: *Current LFR name here*, City of Fireland Local FireSmart Representative

Currently Serving name here, City of Fireland Fire Chief