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HPP Spotlight & 2024 CRI Highlights

July 12th, 2023



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Agenda

1. Provincial Update
2. LFR of Month
3. Home Partners Program Spotlight
4. 2024 Community Funding and Supports Highlights with UBCM



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Provincial Update

FireSmart BC Team



Rachel Woodhurst

A/Program Lead & Chair, BC FireSmart Committee



Amanda Reynolds

Provincial FireSmart Coordinator, First Nations Emergency Services Society (FNESS)



Joel Hamilton

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FireSmart BC Team



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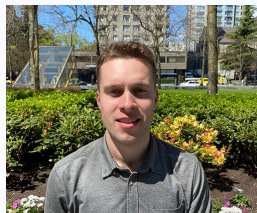


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FireSmart BC Team



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FireSmart BC Team



Deanne Suddaby
FireSmart Program Advisor



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FireSmart Administrator

National and Provincial Updates



Nationally

- Updated HIZ Assessment
- Indigenous Fire Stewardship Knowledge Product
- Hiring a FSC Program Coordinator
- Text Scam

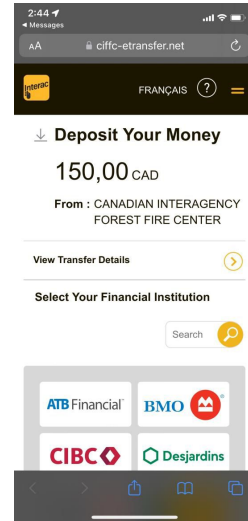
Provincially

- FireSmart Program Lead and Chair of the BCFSC
- FNESS (FireSmart) - Hiring of three positions
- FCNRP
- WCPD

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Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre has sent you 150,00\$ in compensation following the forest fire in your area. Visit: ciffc-etransfer.net

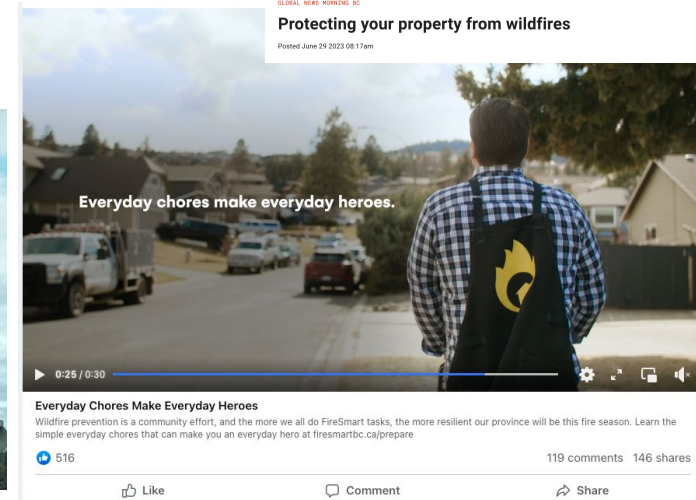
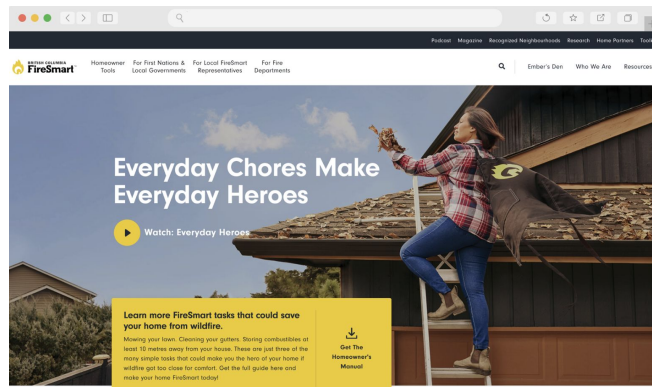
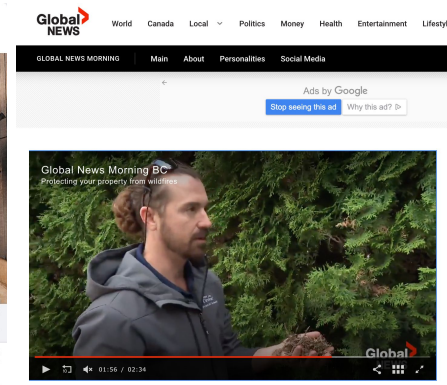
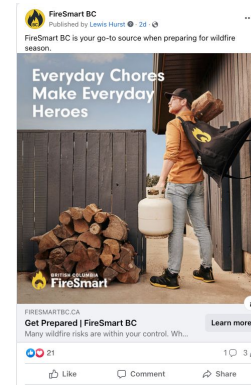
Fees may apply



Spring Campaign - Everyday Heroes



- 20M Impressions to Date (TV, Radio, Billboard, Digital)
- 50,000+ Visits to our website
- 4,600 downloads/visits of the FireSmart Begins at Home Guide
- Variety of media targeting high risk class communities in both higher density and rural/remote areas



Spring Campaign - Everyday Heroes



Enter the Everyday Chores Make Everyday Heroes Photo Contest

Submit a photo with
your FireSmart cape-on
for a chance to win
a FireSmart prize pack!

Use #firesmarthero and
tag FireSmartBC to enter.



LFR of the Month



**Diana Hoggard
Ashcroft**

LFR of the Month



Robin Strong
Squamish-Lillooet Regional District

LFR of the Month



Brooklyn Craig
District of Peachland

LFR of the Month



Garrett Fishlock
Regional District of Central Kootenay

Lynn Orstad Award Recipients



Erin Robinson

Forestry Initiatives Manager, City of Quesnel



Brittany Seibert

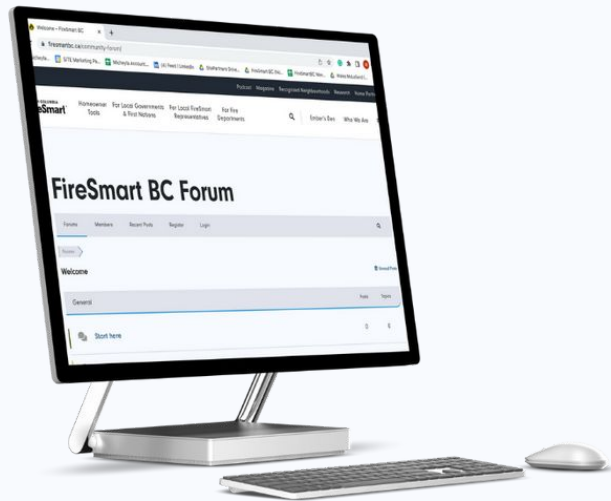
Emergency Program Coordinator, City of Penticton



Deanne Suddaby

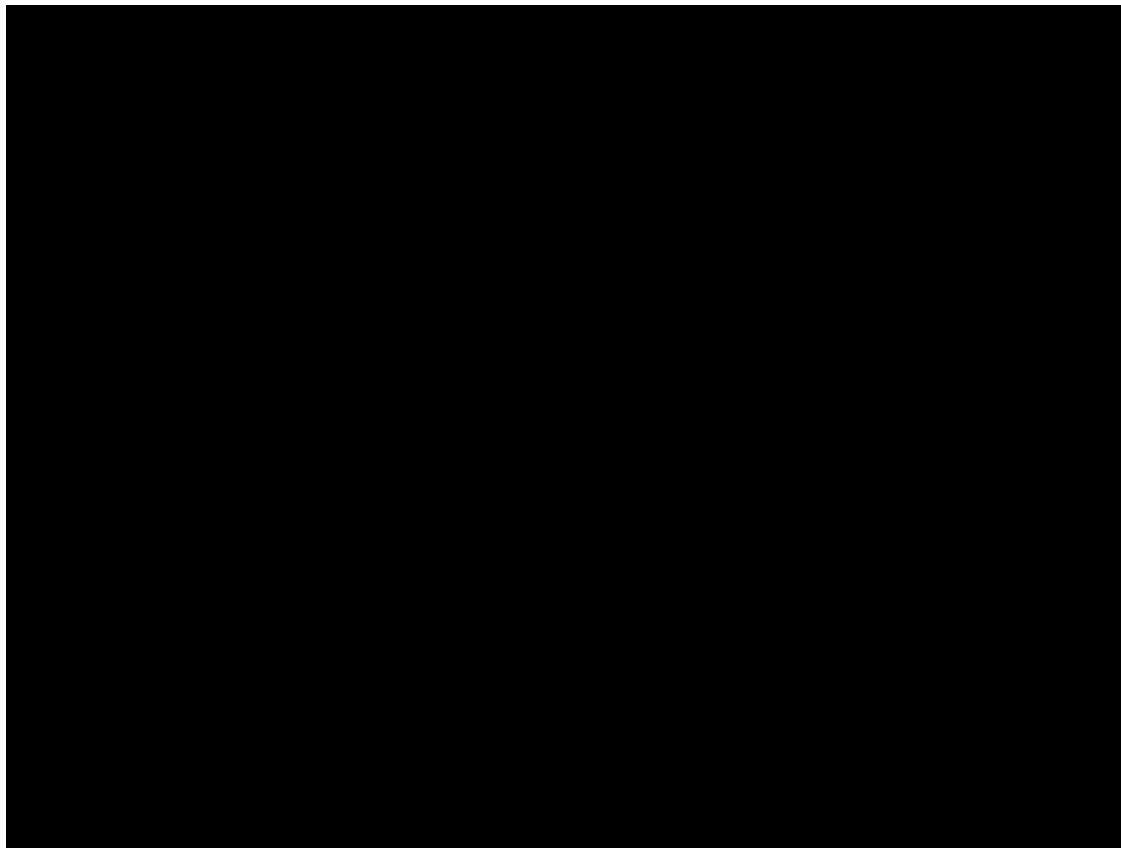
FireSmart Program Advisor

Community Forum



<https://firesmartbc.ca/community-forum/>

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Home Partners Program

Ryan Moreside

What is The Home Partners Program



- Collaboration between FireSmart Canada (CIFFC), FireSmart BC, provincial governments, local governments, Indigenous communities, the private sector and homeowners in Canada.
- Engage homeowners in voluntary wildfire mitigation
- Property-specific recommendations that address a homeowners unique risk.
- Wildfire Mitigation Specialists (WMS)
- When a property owner meets all mitigation criteria – they will receive a “mitigation certificate” confirming that they have met the FireSmart best practices on their property.

Home Partners Program Process



Accessory Structures & Personal Property

1) Detached Accessory Structures: Are other structures in Zone 1 properly mitigated?

Yes

Required Actions:
Structures within 10 meters of the main structure should be mitigated to the same standard as the home. (Zone 1 is 5m non-combustible zone, have all venting pipes and holes mitigated for embers, maintain or replace the combustible roof materials and create a 15cm ground-to-siding clearance. Enclose the space under your shed to prevent ember accumulation and ignition.)



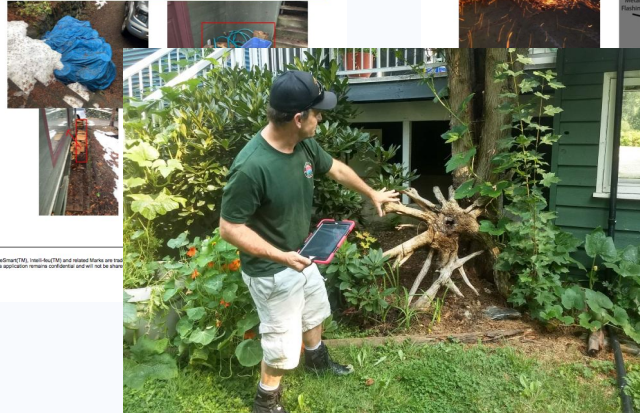
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2) Firewood: Are firewood piles stored at least 10 m from all structures and are there are less 3 m of clearance between the piles and the closest (corner) structure?

No

Required Actions:
Wood should be stored at least 10m from the house and away from ladder fuels in a properly enclosed container or shed made from non-combustible materials. Do not store firewood under decks, eaves. If it has been properly enclosed with non-combustible materials and there are no spaces where embers can fall through a soffit deck surface. Try to plan ahead what you will need for the winter heating by the house and if there are any remaining wood away during wildfire season (Apr-October). If you are unable to move, store firewood in a mitigated garage, shed or other ember resistant structure and keep the way clear from debris. You have a great space under the back deck to build a fire-resistant storage structure. You can also store wood away from the house under a eaves (soffit). Ensure it is properly weighted by heavy vertical support (8") and allow embers to accumulate around and within the firewood.



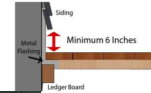
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Decks, Porches and Structure Attachments

3) Deck Connection: Is there protection at combustible siding to deck junction?

No

Required Actions:
Deck to wall junctions should have 15cm of non-combustible material to protect the junction from accumulating embers. Metal flashing, cement board or a composite board are good options. Metal flashing should be situated behind the siding so water cannot access the space and damage the wood connection to the house.



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4) Deck Condition: Are deck boards in good condition (free from rot and large cracks)?

No

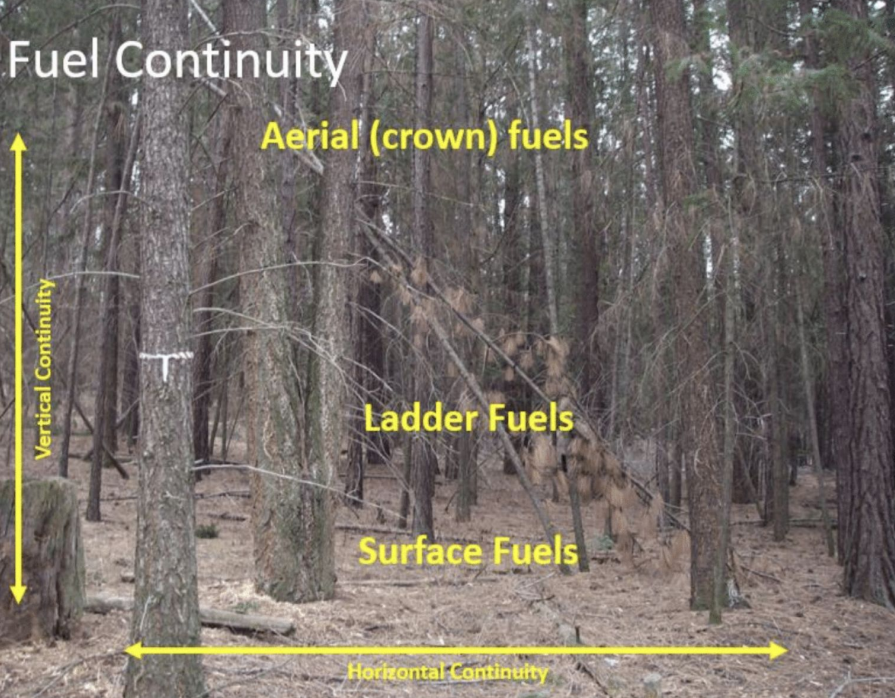
Required Actions:
Your deck is due for replacement and choosing a non-combustible material for both the upper and lower decks is important. Wood decks are susceptible for a variety of reasons and become more vulnerable as they age. Placing a non-combustible layer over a wood deck is not ideal because the wood underneath must be considered. Embers can get caught and ignite the space between the layers of boards.

Spot igniters by embers on wooden decks were found to be more common and smouldered longer on older decks. Decking showing signs of decay or rot, along with deck board spacing less than 8mm in the post three hour Fire Report from Fort McMurray, Alberta, showcased in many instances were the reasons these homes burnt down. If the deck was clogged with debris, it provided fuel to support combustion and any embers that did get through likely caused further in the stated decks below.



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Home Partners Program Process



Benefits Of The Home Partners Program



- First and foremost: Reduces loss
- Free, voluntary, and quick
- Rebates and Insurance incentives
- Leads to overall community involvement and FireSmart at different scales.



How To Get Involved



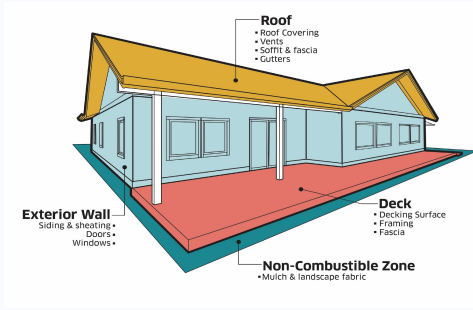
- Apply for the HPP funding in the CRI grant for your First Nation, local authority, municipality, or regional district.
- Train Wildfire Mitigation Specialists (WMS course)
- Reach out to Joel Hamilton (Provincial Coordinator) or myself.

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Where The Program Is Going?



- Inclusion of the Insurance Industry
- Influence on National and Provincial Building Codes
- Natural Resources Canada WUI Guidelines
- Builders, planners, landscapers, realtors & agents



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2024 FireSmart Community Funding and Supports UBCM

FireSmart Power Hour - Get Involved!



- FireSmart is shared responsibility, so is spreading the word.
- Participation from our partners is key to making BC FireSmart and we appreciate all that you do!
- Try out some of our new resources on the LFR Den, connect with other coordinators and program managers, and share your FireSmart success stories with us.



Q&A

Drop your questions in the chat box!