

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Fire Department

Date: June 12, 2023

Subject: UBCM Grant Application: CRI FireSmart Community Funding & Supports

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council approves the application to the UBCM Community Resiliency Investment Program for up to \$200,000 in funding for FireSmart activities and Fuel Mitigation within the District of Mackenzie;

AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the grant application and, if the application is successful, any related documentation.

BACKGROUND:

The District of Mackenzie will be applying for FireSmart funding to provide off site debris disposal for private land owners who have undertaken their own vegetation management. The District will be applying for funding for provision of curbside debris pick-up during community clean up days to provide a fuel removal service for residents to utilize. The District is currently in possession of a chipper and dump truck and related equipment that is required for providing off site debris disposal, therefore the funding will be to cover the labour and equipment use costs associated with offering this service.

In 2022 the District of Mackenzie hosted curbside vegetation removal days. These days were heavily utilized by residents. The service was oversubscribed, and District workers had to resume curbside pick-up on following business days to ensure all vegetation was removed from curbsides in Mackenzie.

The District of Mackenzie received a FireSmart Achievement award and FireSmart Community recognition. Mackenzie was also featured in FireSmart BC promotional videos and the BC FireSmart Homeowners Manual due to the District's FireSmart efforts.

The District will also be applying for fuel mitigation funding to reduce wildfire risk in the District of Mackenzie, following recommendations outlined in the Community Wildfire Protection Plan.



The Community Resiliency Investment Program allows applicants to apply for up to \$148,665 for FireSmart activities and \$51,335 for fuel mitigation. The District will be applying for up to \$200,000 to support this project.

COUNCIL PRIORITY:

Strong Governance and Finances

- As the municipality's elected governing body, we serve all residents and businesses in the community. We engage residents and stakeholders on important issues and make our decisions through open and transparent processes. We are careful in our use of resources, mindful of the need to maintain programs and services, while also meeting the community's infrastructure needs.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jamie Guise
Fire Chief

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Approved for Submission to Council