

Prince George and Area

Community Wildfire Preparedness Roundtable

9:30am – 1:30 - 1:45pm May 1, 2025

House of Ancestors “Uda Dune Baiyoh” 355 Vancouver St.

Agenda

Purpose: Convene a proactive multi-party table to collaborate and advance wildfire preparedness.

Objective: May’s meeting will be to provide organizational and/or interagency updates on any wildfire preparedness activities/plans and to share resources and successes on wildfire preparedness endeavours and funding opportunities.

Guest Presenter: Camellia Bhatti from Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR) will be presenting on Community Recovery as Key Element of Wildfire Preparedness. “Recovery is a crucial aspect of wildfire preparedness and resilience”. Camellia will be providing insights and tools to better understand specific aspects of community recovery. The intent is to collaboratively learn from recovery so that we can be proactive in planning and be better prepared well in an advance of a wildfire.

Subject Scope: Wildfire risk reduction prescribed and cultural burning, FireSmart, training and capacity development, equipment, resource needs, research extension, emergency planning for wildfires, inter-agency cooperation.

Membership Representation: First Nations Government (LTFN, MLIB), Local Government (City of PG, RDFFG); BC Ministries (BCTS, BCWS, BC Parks, EMCRC, MOF), Local Woodlots, Industry, local volunteer fire departments, UNBC, Fraser Basin Council, BC Cattlemen’s, First Nations Emergency Services Society, BC Search and Rescue, Health Emergency Management (Northern Health), Northern BC Tourism Association, Canadian Institute of Forestry, Forest Enhancement Society, Enbridge.

<i>Approximate Time</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Who</i>
9:30	Doors open, please sign in, grab a coffee and a seat.	All
9:35	House Keeping Items	Patience – Program Manager FBC
9:40	Current and Forecasted Conditions (BCWS)	Mark Dyer – Prevention Specialist (BCWS)
10:00	Member updates – information sharing, wildfire preparedness, fuel treatments, treatment planning, lessons learned, etc.	All
11:00	Regional District of Fraser Fort George - CWRPs	Colby Molcak - Emergency Services Coordinator RDFFG
11:10	Quick Break	
11:20	Presentation – Community Recovery as Key Element of Wildfire Preparedness	Camellia Bhatti - Manager, Community Recovery, North (EMCR)
12:00	Lunch Served – Interagency mingling and conversations/coordination	
12:40	Community Recovery - Tools, Discussion	Camellia and All
1:10	Community FireSmart and Resiliency Collaborative (CFRC)	Owen Price – Mitigation Specialist (FNESS)
1:15	Penticton Wildfire Summit – Sharing of Key Take Aways	All
1:30	Quick Recap & Check In – review any action items – fall meeting date?	Patience
1:40	Adjourn (~1:30 – 1:45)	