

NEWS RELEASE

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Successful FireSmart weekend completed in Long Lake Heights

Residents work together to increase community resiliency against wildfires

Summary

Residents of Long Lake Heights Strata recently completed a successful FireSmart weekend where homeowners applied FireSmart principles to their homes and properties. In total, five 40-yard bins of potential fuel such as fallen branches and other dry vegetation were removed over the weekend.

Funding for this event was provided by the City of Nanaimo through the Community Resiliency Investment Fund. A number of resources including videos, landscaping guides and a FireSmart home manual can be found on FireSmart BC's website, www.firesmartbc.ca.

Strategic Link: Strengthening our community resiliency through partnerships between community groups and local government supports the goals of good governance and livability. By applying basic FireSmart principles to your homes and property, you can help reduce the impact caused by a wildfire event and build community resiliency.

Key Points

- This is the 2nd annual FireSmart Weekend for the Long Lake Heights neighbourhood.
- Nanaimo Fire Rescue supports FireSmart community champions to assist them in establishing FireSmart programs in their neighbourhoods.
- The City of Nanaimo has been recognized as a FireSmart community.

Quotes

"This is a great example of a neighbourhood working together to reduce the risks of wildfires through using FireSmart principles. Applying these principles to your homes and property are proven to lessen the impact of a wildfire type event and the damage they can cause."

Brad Wood
Assistant Chief of Operations/ Local FireSmart Representative
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Quick Facts

- Structure to structure ignition caused by a wildfire quickly taxes fire dept. resources

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Continued... Successful FireSmart weekend completed in Long Lake Heights

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