

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Nanaimo neighbourhoods participate in weekend FireSmart events**

*Working together to increase community resiliency against wildfires*

#### **Summary**

Three successful FireSmart events were completed this weekend in Nanaimo. Residents of Protection Island, Long Lake Strata and Lost Lake neighbourhoods applied FireSmart principles to their homes and properties in order to help reduce the potential damage that a wildfire-type event can cause.

Residents removed approximately 400 cubic yards of potential wildfire fuel from around their homes and properties. These were community-organized events initiated by neighbourhood associations along with the support of Nanaimo Fire Rescue. City resources can quickly become taxed in the event of a major wildland-type fire; by applying FireSmart principles to properties, the risk of wildfire spread is reduced.

For more information on FireSmart visit [www.nanaimo.ca](http://www.nanaimo.ca) and visit the Fire Department page.

*Strategic Link:* The City of Nanaimo is committed to a livable, safe community.

#### **Key Points**

- Residents can prepare their homes and properties by applying FireSmart principles to their homes and properties.
- 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**

"Nanaimo Fire Rescue applauds the FireSmart community champions in Lost Lake, Protection Island and Long Lake Heights and their efforts to reduce risk of wildfires spreading through these neighbourhoods. Practising FireSmart principles has been proven to lessen the impact and damage caused by wildfires and now is a great time to prepare your home and property."

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