



## STAFF REPORT

To: Emergency Management Executive Committee

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Subject: FVRD Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan

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### RECOMMENDATION

This report is being brought forward for the Board's information and there is no staff recommendation.

### BACKGROUND

On September 26 of 2024 the Fraser Valley Regional District Board endorsed a grant application of up to \$600,000 under UBCM's 2025 Community Resiliency Investment Program FireSmart Community Funding and Supports Allocation-based grant, which included \$280,000 of those funds going towards the creation of a new Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan (CWRP). The successful grant funds were made available in 2025 and were used to contract Frontera Forest Solutions Ltd. to create this plan. Frontera Forest Solutions Ltd. will attend the May Electoral Areas Services Committee to present this plan to the EA Directors. This one plan is to replace the three 2019 FVRD Community Wildfire Protection Plans.

### DISCUSSION

A CWRP is used to assess wildfire risks within communities and the surrounding areas and to provide strategies and recommendations that may mitigate or reduce these risks and create wildfire resiliency. The completion of the CWRP also enables the FVRD to continue to apply for UBCM funding for the FVRD FireSmart program.

Instead of creating a separate plan for each electoral area, we decided on the creation of one document that incorporates all eight electoral areas and reduces duplication of content wherever feasible.

This plan has relationships with other departments as wildfire resiliency takes a whole-of-organization approach. As some of the recommendations relate to or impact other departments, staff will meet with managers to consider the recommendations and what can be funded through UBCM CRI FireSmart funding. Staff have developed an interdepartmental request process and requests for funding may trigger a budget amendment to provide the funds to the relevant department.

This CWRP is part of a host of products that Frontera Forest Solutions developed for us within this project, including an internal CWRP recommendation tracking dashboard, map layers, one-page summaries for each electoral area, as well as an external FireSmart Dashboard.

## COST

The complete grant funded project was \$280,000. There are no additional budgetary implications to this report. Grant funds requested by other departments may trigger consequential budget amendments to move grant funds from the 205 budget to a relevant budget of the department seeking funds to action FireSmart initiatives that fall under their oversight area.

## CONCLUSION

Frontera Forest Solutions Ltd. created the FVRD Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan, assessing wildfire risk in communities in the eight electoral areas, and providing recommendations to improve wildfire resilience. As recommendations are made within a CWRP that align with many departments, staff will meet with each department manager to consider how these recommendations relate to each **department's workplan**, and whether the departments may be able to consider integrating any of the recommendations into their 2027-2031 work plans with FireSmart grant support.