

April 2021

Forestry Initiatives Program

Newsletter

CITY OF
Quesnel

Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)

The City's Forestry Initiatives Programs drives forward the CWPP, working with local area licensees and provincial agencies to complete as much fuel mitigation work as possible each year.

TO DATE, THE CITY'S EXTENSIVE CWPP WORK HAS:

ENABLED OVER 10,000 HOURS OF COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT

creating new opportunities
for local workers in the
forest management sectors.

TREATED 112 HECTARES

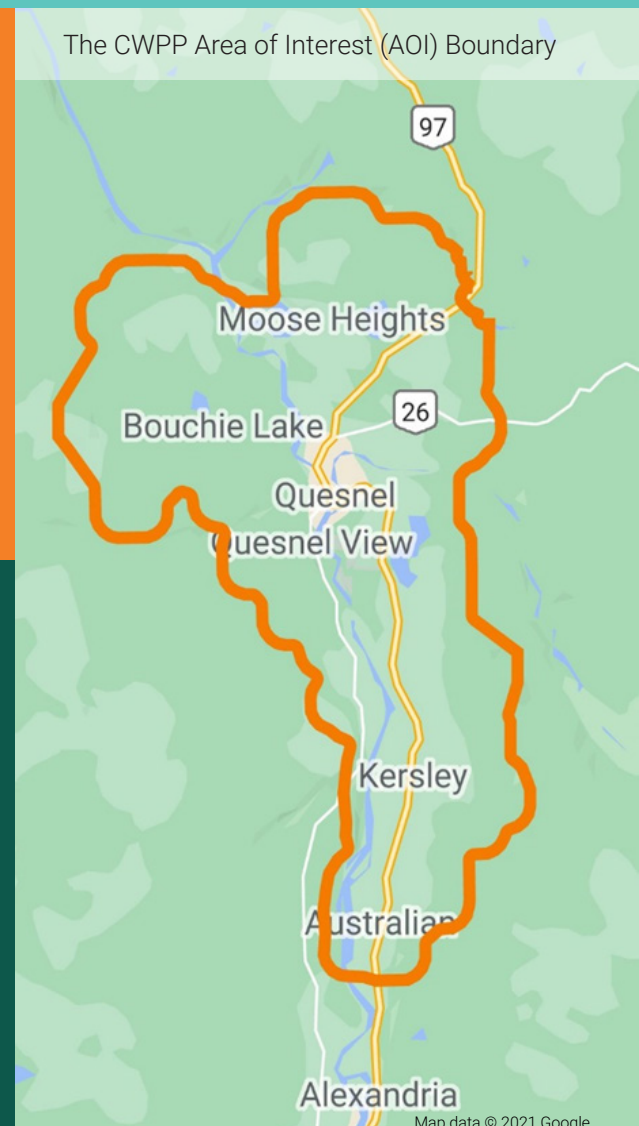
through removal of underbrush
and controlled burning.
76 hectares more
planned for 2021

ASSESSED 74% OF THE CITY'S AREA

1,016 of the 1,381 hectares
under the City's responsibility
has been assessed for
fire prevention treatment.

BROUGHT IN OVER \$3M IN PROVINCIAL FUNDING

from the Forest Enhancement
Society of BC and the
Community Resilience
Investment Program



For more information about the Forestry Initiatives Program, please visit www.quesnel.ca/forestry-initiatives

Forest Sector Research Coming to Quesnel



May is FireSmart Month in Quesnel & Area

**WATCH FOR
UPCOMING
CONTESTS AND
ENTER TO WIN
PRIZES!**

See our FireSmart display at the Quesnel Farmers Market May 5 and May 15

- Pick up a FireSmart kids colouring contest bag
- Sign up for free Home Assessments
- Free FireSmart information brochures

How can interactions within the Quesnel forestry network bring new and innovative opportunities to our community?

Last October, the City of Quesnel's Forestry Initiatives Program, together with CNC and UNBC, hosted a group of UBC students, researchers, and faculty to learn about forestry in Quesnel. Their lead professor Dr. Jeff Sayer hoped that they could return to the area to pursue their Vibrant Forest Landscapes research on small and medium enterprises. The visit was a success, and the City has secured funding for an intern to begin research starting in April.

The intern, Adinda Herdianti, is a PhD student with UBC's Faculty of Forestry and brings a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Indonesia. Adinda will live in Quesnel for two months this summer (pending COVID regulations) to conduct interviews with a wide range of players in our forest sector. They might include Quesnel municipal government, local communities, research institutions, and the private sector that influence the local wood product supply chain. The research aims to uncover how interactions within the Quesnel forestry network can bring new and innovative opportunities to our community.

Findings from her work will become an important foundation for future research in Quesnel. Results will be used to identify points of leverage to achieve resilient and inclusive forest industries. This will enable us to build a much-needed road map for laying out the collective action needed to adapt to the current and future challenges facing the sector.

This collaboration builds on the City's strategy to be a hub for forestry innovation. In Mayor Simpson's address to the UBC group in October, he shared that Quesnel "can be a place where the forest sector can be re-invented from the ground up, from the landscape right through the markets and all the manufacturing in between". Attracting additional studies that map out the steps needed for innovation will help ensure that Forestry remains our future.

This a community-oriented initiative led by the City of Quesnel along with: UBC, MiTACS, CNC, UNBC as well as engagement with the Provincial and local First Nation Governments. The funding is through the MiTACS (Mathematics of Information Technology and Complex Systems) Canada Accelerate program.