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# Forestry Initiatives Program

Newsletter

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The City of Quesnel's Forestry Initiatives Program and community partners have been working hard to reduce the risk of wildfires to our community!

Check out the roundup of good news stories and achievements below!



## THE FORESTRY INITIATIVES PROGRAM HAS:



- o Reached over **6,000 residents** for FireSmart outreach and education
- o Assessed over **80 homes** and buildings for fire hazard, and delivered **26 rebates totaling \$13,000**

## Created a Community Wildfire Protection Plan which has:

- o Assessed over **1,000 hectares** for fuel prescriptions
- o Enabled over **10,000 hours** of community employment
- o Treated over **112 hectares** of public land
  - o Such as: Ten Mile Lake Provincial Park, Hangman Springs Recreation Site, Sugarloaf Dog Park, and Dragon Lake Hill
- o Brought in over **\$2 million** in provincial funding

- o Offset **\$100,000 in chipping fees** for yard waste disposal at the municipal landfill
- o Built a new trail system called the **Fuel Management Trails** for the public to enjoy and learn about wildfire reduction techniques
- o Created the **Quesnel Fire Mitigation Project** to provide free assessments and mitigation activities to replace the United Way Program.  
To learn more scan the QR code:



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# Wildfire risk reduction roundup

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## COMMUNITY PARTNER ACHIEVEMENTS:

The Canadian Mental Health Association provides **free counselling** to anyone affected by the 2017 and 2018 wildfires.

For more information, please contact Stephanie at 236-424-1946 or [StephanieAaslie@cmhapg.ca](mailto:StephanieAaslie@cmhapg.ca)

The United Way Program crews **assessed and treated over 150 homes** to those with physical or mental limitations, free of charge.



The Quesnel Fire Department assists with FireSmart home assessments and outreach.

The BC Wildfire Service contributes personnel and planning towards fuel treatments, public education and outreach, which includes K-12 schools.



*PHOTO: BCWS crews help clear blowdown at Wonderland Recreation Site to prepare for the trail builders.*

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