

District of Barriere

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: May 26, 2025	File:
To: Council	From: A. Hovenkamp, Fire Chief
Re: UBCM Community Resiliency Fund - Amendment	

Background: The Community Resiliency Investment is a suite of funding streams and is intended to reduce the risk of wildfires and mitigate their impacts on BC communities. Funding is provided by BC Wildfire Services and is administered by UBCM.

Discussion: The Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan (CWRP) has been submitted to UBCM for approval and until the CWRP is approved, the District of Barriere is not eligible to reapply for additional grant funding. The funding for the FireSmart Coordinator salary ends in the month of June 2025, however the program *events* have funding until 2026.

Through the FireSmart Program we have been able to collaborate with community partners to save funds with some projects and events and have estimated that some of our other proposed projects within the program will not require the full funding amount that we originally requested. In order to move the funds from these other projects and events that have come in under budget to the FireSmart salary which will extend the Coordinator position for as long as possible, the grant funder requires a resolution of Council for the amendment.

It should be noted that these changes will not result in a loss of FireSmart events or projects that were funded through the original grant.

Recommendation: That staff submit an amendment to the *UBCM Community Resiliency Fund* to move approximately \$17,000 in awarded FireSmart funds from ‘projects’ to ‘FireSmart Salary’ to extend the current position.

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