



**REPORT TO ELECTORAL AREA SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018**

SUBJECT **Saturna Island FireSmart Grant Application**

ISSUE

Submit a grant application for up to \$10,000 to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) for Saturna Island FireSmart.

BACKGROUND

The UBCM has a grant opportunity for communities to support FireSmart activities. The FireSmart program focuses on how individuals and communities can work together to reduce the risk of loss from interface fires.

The Community of Saturna Island has formed a FireSmart Committee to promote public safety through wildfire prevention. This multi-agency coalition has requested that the Capital Regional District (CRD) as the local government make a grant application to UBCM on their behalf to undertake a FireSmart promotional campaign in 2018.

The UBCM Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative is currently accepting applications for up to \$10,000.

ALTERNATIVES

That the Electoral Area Services Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

Alternative 1:

That a submission of a grant application for up to \$10,000 to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative for the Saturna Island FireSmart Project be approved and that the Board support this project throughout its duration and willingness to provide overall grant management.

Alternative 2:

That the report be referred back to staff based on Committee directions.

IMPLICATIONS

Social Implications

A promotion of a public safety campaign within the community will provide an improvement to community well-being by the cooperative effort to complete this project.

Environmental Implications

This work will provide a reduction in the wildfire risk and a subsequent abatement of potential wildfire destruction.

Economic Implications

An injection of \$10,000 into the local economy to create a FireSmart community would demonstrate greater preparedness for those living on Saturna as well as those who are thinking of moving to Saturna.

Financial Implications

This UBCM Grant is a 100% funded project, no matching funds required.

CONCLUSION

The FireSmart program is an excellent way to improve public safety through a collaborative approach to mitigating wildfire risk in communities.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Electoral Area Services Committee recommendations to the Capital Regional District Board:

That a submission of a grant application for up to \$10,000 to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative for the Saturna Island FireSmart Project be approved and that the Board support this project throughout its duration and willingness to provide overall grant management.

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Attachments: Appendix A: Grant Application