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Partners for Fire Prevention

The City of Campbell River and We Wai Kai First Nation have partnered together to improve FireSmart™ initiatives to help protect our homes and community from wildfire.

A grant was awarded in the amount of \$85,577 through the Union of BC Municipalities FireSmart™ Community Funding & Supports program for 2022.

“By partnering with the We Wai Kai First Nation, we were able to maximize funding opportunities and create efficiencies,” says Thomas Doherty, Fire Chief. *“Together, we are using the grant funding for our community to provide enhanced Fire & Life Safety education related to wildfires, using FireSmart™ principles.”*

Some of the planned initiatives for this year include:

- FireSmart™ Home Ignition Zone Hazard Assessments
- Critical infrastructure assessments
- FireSmart™ signage improvements for local areas and trail networks
- A rebate program for homeowners who complete eligible FireSmart™ activities
- Improved firefighter training for wildfires

Any members of the public interested in having a FireSmart™ Home Ignition Zone Hazard Assessment completed can contact Fire & Life Safety Educator Shawn Hall at the Campbell River Fire Department at 250-286-6266.

Visit campbellriver.ca/FireSmart for more information.

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