



FRIAA FireSmart Program

June 2022 Request for Expressions of Interest – Projects Approved December 2022

The June 2022 FRIAA FireSmart Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEOI) received 30 Applications, asking for a total of \$ \$2,738,066. In December 2022, the Review Committee approved 21 Proposals for \$2,079,763.93.

Approved projects include:

- 2 for FireSmart Planning;
- 1 for Legislation and Planning;
- 2 for Public Education;
- 2 for Inter-Agency Cooperation; and
- 14 for Vegetation/Fuel Management.

1. MD Ranchland Wildfire Mitigation Assessment (MD of Ranchland No.66)

- FireSmart Discipline: FireSmart Planning
- Term of Project: December 2022 – November 2023
- The objective of this project is to develop a Wildfire Hazard and Risk Assessment plan and complete 55 home assessments throughout the Municipal District.

2. Smoky Lake County Wildfire Mitigation Strategy for Lake Resort Communities (Smoky Lake County)

- FireSmart Discipline: FireSmart Planning
- Term of Project: December 2022 – December 2023
- The objective of this project is to develop a Wildfire Mitigation Strategy for Lake Resort communities (Hillside Acres, Paradise Cove Resort, Whitefish Lake Resort, Sunrise Beach Resort, Birchland Resort, Parkview Resort, Mons View Resort/Estates, Sandy Lane Park, and Hanmore Lake Resort)

3. Altering of a Restrictive Covenant to Permit Fire Resistant Roofing Material (Wedgewood Hamlet Homeowners Association)

- FireSmart Discipline: Legislation and Planning
- Term of Project: December 2022 – April 2023
- The objective of this project is to review and amend 9 restrictive covenants in Wedgewood Hamlet to allow class A fire -resistant roofing materials for reducing the threat of wildfires to the community.

4. Blood Tribe Community Education Program (Blood Tribe Department of Health)

- FireSmart Discipline: Public Education
- Term of Project: December 2022 – July 2023
- The objective of this project is to conduct 60 FireSmart Home Assessments and enhance community awareness of FireSmart through Education and Awareness Campaign.



5. Summer Village of Waiparous 2022 - 23 FireSmart Advanced Home Assessments and FireSmart Educational Events (Summer Village of Waiparous)

- FireSmart Discipline: Public Education
- Term of Project: December 2022 – December 2023
- The objective of this project is to host one Open House event and one FireSmart workshop to provide residents with opportunities of learning FireSmart. The project targets at conducting 15 advanced FireSmart Home Assessments within the community.

6. MD of Bonnyville Wildland/Urban Interface Inter-Agency Tabletop Training (MD of Bonnyville No.87)

- FireSmart Discipline: Inter-Agency Cooperation
- Term of Project: December 2022- April 2023
- The objective of this project to complete an inter-agency tabletop exercise to practice response to wildfire in the wildland/urban interface in a cooperative effort with other responding agencies. Representatives from the MD's Emergency Coordination Centre, Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority, RCMP, Alberta Emergency Management Agency, and Alberta Forestry, Parks and Tourism will attend the exercise.

7. Wabasca Inter-Agency Training 2022-23 (MD of Opportunity No. 17)

- FireSmart Discipline: Inter-Agency Cooperation
- Term of Project: December 2022- June 2023
- The project will offer an inter-agency tabletop exercise to determine the strengths and weaknesses in the MD's current emergency plans and to familiarize Emergency Command Center staffs with their roles and functions during an emergency event. Participants will include the MD emergency personnel, Alberta Wildfire, Bigstone Cree Nation, Alberta Emergency Management Agency, and RCMP.

8. Sandy Lake Vegetation Management 2022-23 (MD of Opportunity No. 17)

- FireSmart Discipline: Vegetation/Fuel Management
- Term of Project: December 2022 – December 2023
- The objective of this project is to complete 5.1 hectares vegetation maintenance of a FireSmart treated area at Sandy Lake by thinning and pruning, as well as removing any build-up hazardous fuels. Debris will be disposed through pile and burn.

9. Wabasca Vegetation Management 2022-23 (MD of Opportunity No. 17)

- FireSmart Discipline: Vegetation/Fuel Management
- Term of Project: December 2022 – December 2023
- The objective of this project is to complete 10 hectares of vegetation management surrounding an ATCO power substation in the south-central area of the community. Treatment will include removing dead/down trees and thinning/pruning of conifers, with debris disposal via tracked mulcher.



10. Gift Lake Metis Settlement Vegetation Management 2022-23 (Gift Lake Metis Settlement)

- FireSmart Discipline: Vegetation/Fuel Management
- Term of Project: December 2022 – December 2023
- The objective of this project is to complete 12.5 hectares of vegetation management by hand thinning, pruning, removing dead and down trees, and disposing debris through either pile and burn, chipping or mulching. The treated unit is located at the back of residential areas east of the main community core.

11. Loon River First Nation Vegetation Management 2022-23 (Loon River First Nation #235)

- FireSmart Discipline: Vegetation/Fuel Management
- Term of Project: December 2022 – December 2023
- The objective of this project is to complete 11.6 hectares of vegetation management including removal of dead and down/ dead standing trees and thinning/pruning of heavier coniferous forest types to meet FireSmart standards. Debris will be disposed through pile and burn, chipping, or mulching. The identified treatment areas are located at the south end of the community core.

12. Zama City 10 Year Plan - Block 29 (Mackenzie County)

- FireSmart Discipline: Vegetation/Fuel Management
- Term of Project: December 2022 – May 2023
- The objective of this project is to complete 6.31 ha vegetation management at the community of Zama City through a combination of hand thinning/pruning and mechanical mulching to reduce fuel loads and fire intensity as prescribed by Alberta Forestry, Parks and Tourism's 10 Year plan.

13. Zama City Re-Mulch FireGuard (Mackenzie County)

- FireSmart Discipline: Vegetation/Fuel Management
- Term of Project: December 2022 – May 2023
- The objective of this project is to perform maintenance on the existing FireGuard of Zama City. Over the course of this project, approximately 23.29 hectares will be treated by mechanical mulching to reduce the fuel loads.

14. Chateh Wildfire Mitigation Vegetation Management 2022 - 2023 Program (Dene Tha' First Nation)

- FireSmart Discipline: Vegetation/Fuel Management
- Term of Project: December 2022 – March 2023
- The objective of this project is to decrease the threat of wildfire within Dene Tha' First Nation's community of Chateh. 12 hectares of the highest remaining priority zones within the community will be treated through thinning, pruning, removal of dead/down trees, and pile/burn in a safe location.



15. Meander River Wildfire Mitigation Vegetation Management 2022-2023 Program (Dene Tha' First Nation)

- FireSmart Discipline: Vegetation/Fuel Management
- Term of Project: December 2022 – March 2023
- The objective of this project is to complete 10.1 hectares vegetation management in the community of Meander River to limit the intensity and damage of potential wildfires. The treatment is located at the west of Highway 35, which includes thinning, pruning, removal of dead/down trees, and debris disposal through pile and burn.

16. O'Chiese First Nation Vegetation Management 2023 (O'Chiese First Nation)

- FireSmart Discipline: Vegetation/Fuel Management
- Term of Project: December 2022 – May 2023
- The objective of this project is to conduct 26.6 hectares of selective mulching focusing on the unit with blowdown scattered throughout the area to reduce the wildfire risk to the community.

17. Vegetation Management - Urban Service Area (Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo)

- FireSmart Discipline: Vegetation/Fuel Management
- Term of Project: December 2022 – December 2023
- The objective of this project is to complete 10.91 hectares vegetation management within the Urban Service Area of Fort McMurray. Treatment includes crown-spacing, pruning, removal of dead/down trees, and debris disposal through pile and burn, or mulch and spread.

18. Rabbit Lake Vegetation Management (Stoney Nakoda Nation)

- FireSmart Discipline: Vegetation/Fuel Management
- Term of Project: December 2022 – September 2023
- The objective of this project is to complete 15.8 hectares fuel modification within the Rabbit Lake Reserve. Fuels reduction will take place through hand thinning/pruning, removal of dead/down materials, and mechanical mulching as appropriate.

19. Sucker Creek First Nation Vegetation Management 2022-23 (Sucker Creek First Nation)

- FireSmart Discipline: Vegetation/Fuel Management
- Term of Project: December 2022 – December 2023
- The objective of this project is to complete 9.3 hectares fuel reduction on the north side of the community administration centre, behind a fully developed residential block. Four units consisting majority of black spruce will be treated through hand thinning, pruning, and removing dead/down trees. Debris will be disposed through either pile and burn or the use of a portable chipper.

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20. Sunchild First Nation Vegetation Management 2023 (Sunchild First Nation)

- FireSmart Discipline: Vegetation/Fuel Management
- Term of Project: December 2022 – May 2023
- The objective of this project is to complete 23 hectares selective mulching of all dead/dying materials, live tree leaners, black spruce, small white spruce, etc. within the northern portion of the reserve surrounding multiple houses and critical infrastructure.

21. Whitefish Lake First Nation Vegetation Management 2022-23 (Whitefish Lake First Nation #459)

- FireSmart Discipline: Vegetation/Fuel Management
- Term of Project: December 2022 – April 2023
- The project aims at completing 11 hectares vegetation management, which includes removal of dead/down materials and thinning/pruning of heavier coniferous stands to reduce the risks associated with wildfire within the community. Debris will be disposed through either pile and burn or through mechanical methods of using a portable chipper or tracked mulcher.