

COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, May 22, 2025

TIME: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

PLACE: Council Committee Room, Coquitlam City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 be approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2. Youth Gang Exit Program (Presentation by Sgt. Alexa Hodgins, Coquitlam RCMP Youth Section)**
7:05-7:25 p.m. (20 minutes)
- 3. Coquitlam Gang Enforcement Team (CGET) (Presentation by Sgt. Marek Goluch, Coquitlam RCMP CGET)**
7:25-7:55 p.m. (30 minutes)
- 4. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Basics (Presentation by Chris Heimsoth, Community Policing Supervisor)**
7:55-8:20 p.m. (25 minutes)
- 5. Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan Update (Presentation by Assistant Chief Fire Prevention Bryan Eberle)**
8:20-8:40 p.m. (20 minutes)
- 6. Committee Members' Roundtable / Emerging Issues (Standing Agenda Item)**
8:40-8:55 p.m. (15 minutes)

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE – Thursday, September 18, 2025

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ADJOURNMENT

**COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, March 12, 2025**

A Regular Meeting of the Community Safety Advisory Committee convened on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 7:01 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC, with the following persons present:

**Indicates Virtual Attendance*

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councillor Dennis Marsden, Chair
Councillor Trish Mandewo, Vice Chair (arrived at 7:02 p.m.)
Andrea Corrigan, Hope for Freedom Society (arrived at 7:03 p.m.)
Ron Coulson, Citizen Representative
Julianne (Jewels) Cressman, Citizen Representative*
Carol Metz, Citizen Representative
Mezie Odigboh, Citizen Representative
Judy Payne, School District No. 43
Ravinder Safaya, Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce
Ally Wang, Citizen Representative
Mo Ziaei, Block Watch Program* (arrived at 7:03 p.m.)

ABSENT: Leo Chen, Coquitlam Youth Council
Amandeep Sangha, Citizen Representative (Regrets)

STAFF: Jim Ogloff, General Manager Community Safety
Kim Singh, Senior Manager Police Services
Sean O'Melinn, Manager Business and Innovation, Policy and Business Services
Sarah Bird, Manager Bylaw Enforcement Operations
Tim G. Hall, Victim Services Unit Coordinator
Ian Waters, Strategic Analyst, Police Administration Operations
Brian Legge, Bylaw Inspector 2
Meghan Malkowich, Committee Clerk

CALL TO ORDER AND TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and provided an Indigenous territorial acknowledgement.

The Chair conducted roundtable introductions of Committee members and Staff.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee meeting held on Thursday, November 28, 2024

The Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday, November 28, 2024 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Committee Welcome

The Committee Clerk gave a presentation entitled “2025 Advisory Committee Orientation Session” and referred to slides contained in the Agenda package.

3. Review and Adoption of the 2025 Community Safety Advisory Committee Work Plan

The Manager Business and Innovation, Policy and Business Services provided introductory comments relative to the Draft 2025 Community Safety Advisory Committee Work Plan.

The Chair provided a brief overview of the specific role the Community Safety Advisory Committee may play within the City and the feedback that the City is hoping to receive from the Committee’s members.

Discussion ensued relative to the addition of a Work Plan Item regarding initiatives being undertaken by the City with respect to pedestrian safety.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the Draft 2025 Community Safety Advisory Committee Work Plan:

1. Be amended by adding “Pedestrian Safety Initiatives” as an item; and
2. Be approved as amended.

4. Victim Services Overview

The Victim Services Unit Coordinator provided an Indigenous territorial acknowledgement and gave a presentation entitled “Victim Services Overview”, referring to slides contained in the Agenda package.

The Committee participated in an exercise to answer the following questions:

- How can Victim Services better engage with the community to ensure awareness of this important resource for victims?
- What additional services would you like to see offered to victims of crime in Coquitlam?

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The possibility of providing materials such as social media posts, website information and brochures in other languages.
- The opportunity for Victim Services to be able to provide services in multiple languages.
- Opportunities for the Victim Services Unit to do community outreach at public events to increase awareness, such as a booth at the City's Canada Day celebration.
- The resources available to, and ability of, the Unit to conduct community outreach.
- The belief that service providers find the City's Victim Services Unit accessible, and note it is often offered and provided quickly when someone is victimized.
- The current case referral process and the benefits of increased awareness of the service with institutional partners.
- The Intimate Images Protection Service including protection for Artificial Intelligence (AI) produced images.
- Opportunities for the Victim Services Unit to receive input from other City Advisory Committees.

The Victim Services Unit Coordinator left the meeting at this point and did not return - 8:12 p.m.

5. Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Program

The Manager Bylaw Enforcement Operations and the Bylaw Inspector 2 gave a presentation entitled “Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Program” and referred to slides contained in the Agenda package.

The Committee participated in an exercise to answer the following question:

- What areas of the City do you think could benefit from proactive commercial vehicle monitoring?

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- The challenges related to safely conducting enforcement operations on Pipeline Road due to Metro Vancouver's Coquitlam Water Main project in the area.
- The benefits of the Lower Mainland Commercial Vehicle Enforcement program.
- The various hazards that overloaded commercial and personal vehicles pose for the driver, other road users and the associated increased wear and tear on City roads.
- Inquiries into how long out of compliance vehicles may be out of service for.
- Inquiries into the current permissive delivery hours for commercial trucks off of municipal designated truck routes and if they may conflict with school traffic.
- The difficulty of minimizing commercial truck traffic during weekday rush hour while mitigating impacts on other areas of business relying on truck usage.

6. Coquitlam Crime Trends

The Strategic Analyst, Police Administration Operations gave a presentation entitled "Coquitlam Crime Trends" and referred to slides contained in the Agenda package.

The Committee participated in an exercise to answer the following questions:

- How do you view crime in Coquitlam?
- Are your personal experiences reflected in the trends seen in this presentation?

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Inquiries into how decisions about resources allocation are made, including when and where to send the members of the City's Mobile Integrated Crisis Response (MICR) Program.
- The capacity of the current MICR's unit to be deployed to simultaneous calls.
- Opportunity to increase service by having the psychiatric nurse work with a greater range of RCMP members.
- The benefits of including a psychiatric nurse on calls.
- The benefits of more municipalities participating in the program and the limited resources available to expand the program in Coquitlam
- Opportunities to train immigrant populations on how to effectively call 911 and request appropriate services.
- Benefits of 911 dispatchers having access to a language bank and opportunities to utilize different technologies to increase access for non-English speakers.
- Concern over "Crime Tourism" involving organized migrant burglary groups.

- Increases in do-it-yourself home security systems due to increased accessibility, such as door cameras.
- Satisfaction regarding personal experiences with the City's police force.

The Chair requested that staff circulate the CompStat crime statistics to the Committee members as they become available via the Committee Clerk.

7. Committee Members' Roundtable / Emerging Community Safety Issues

The Chair invited Committee members to share emerging Community Safety Issues and upcoming events in their communities.

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Inquiries into whether substantial updates to the *Police Act* have occurred.
- Concern about the overlap between free speech and hate speech.

The Chair directed staff to try to incorporate the topic of Hate Speech into the Work Plan.

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE – Thursday, May 22, 2025

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Councillor Dennis Marsden, Chair

Meghan Malkowich, Committee Clerk



ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

LOWER MAINLAND DISTRICT REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE – **CONNECTED TO OUR COMMUNITIES**

Youth Gang Exit Program

Community Safety Advisory Committee

Presented By: Sgt. Alexa Hodgins

May 22, 2025






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LOWER MAINLAND DISTRICT REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE – **CONNECTED TO OUR COMMUNITIES**


Introduction



- 16 years with the RCMP
- Sergeant in charge of Youth Section
- Focusing on:
 - Proactive engagement with youth
 - Targeting youth-related criminal activity
 - Building relationships with community partners
 - Supporting end gang life in schools



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Youth Gang Exit Program - Overview

- Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit (CFSEU) operates a gang intervention and exiting team (GIET)
- Purpose of GIET:
 - To **provide intervention** services to individuals engaged in the gang lifestyle, with the intent of **promoting, empowering, and facilitating exiting** from the gang lifestyle
 - **Provide exiting supports** to those who are ready to leave behind the lifestyle

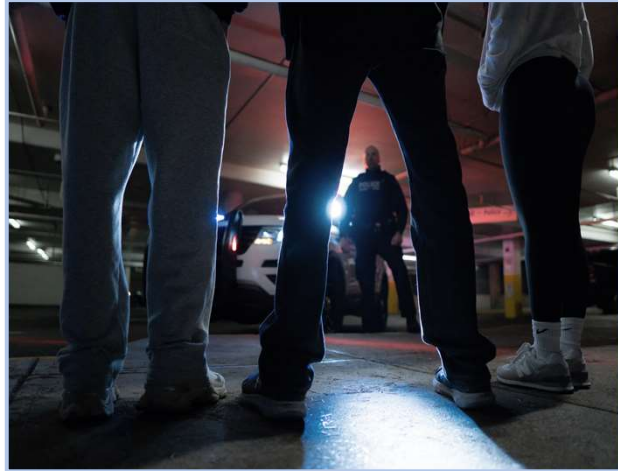
How the Program Works:

- Coquitlam RCMP makes referrals to the Gang Intervention and Exiting Team
- Information sharing between police agencies and exit strategies are developed in consultation with the referred individual
- Weekly follow-ups from Gang Intervention and Exiting Team



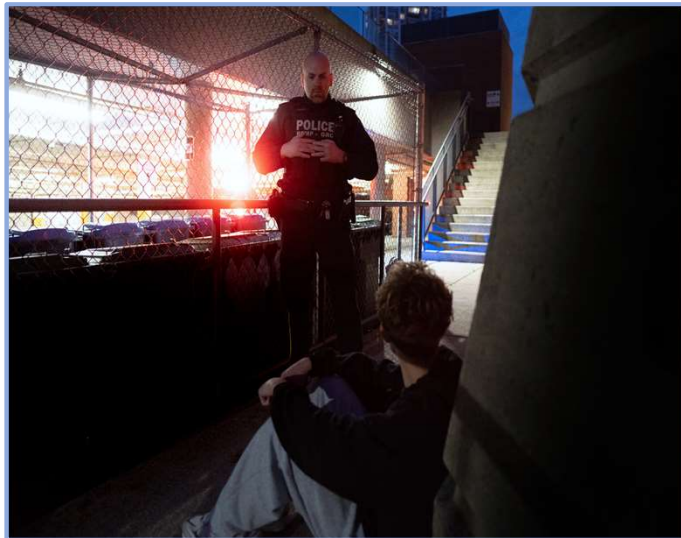
Service and Supports Provided:

- Counselling / life coaching
- Education and employment
- Fitness/healthy hobbies
- Mentorship
- Safety planning



GIET Eligibility

- Service delivery within the Lower Mainland
- Individuals aged 12+
- Participation is voluntary
- Participation in program is confidential but no privileges are extended



Coquitlam RCMP - Education Initiatives

- Participation in classroom presentations
- Attending school education fairs
 - Outreach with at-risk youth
 - End Gang Life resources and materials for kids and their parents
- Referrals to Building Safer Communities program



Questions and Answers

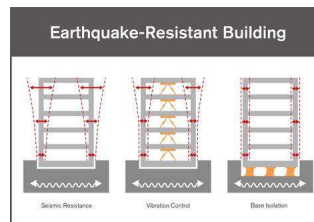
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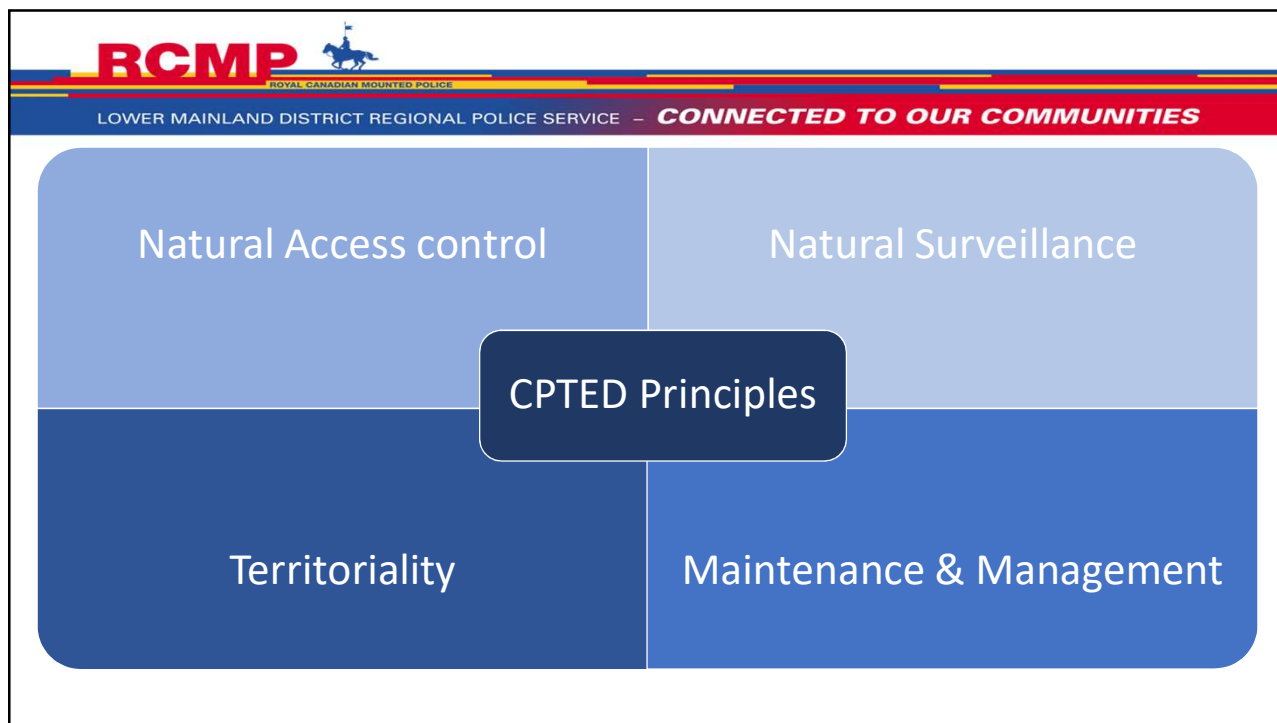
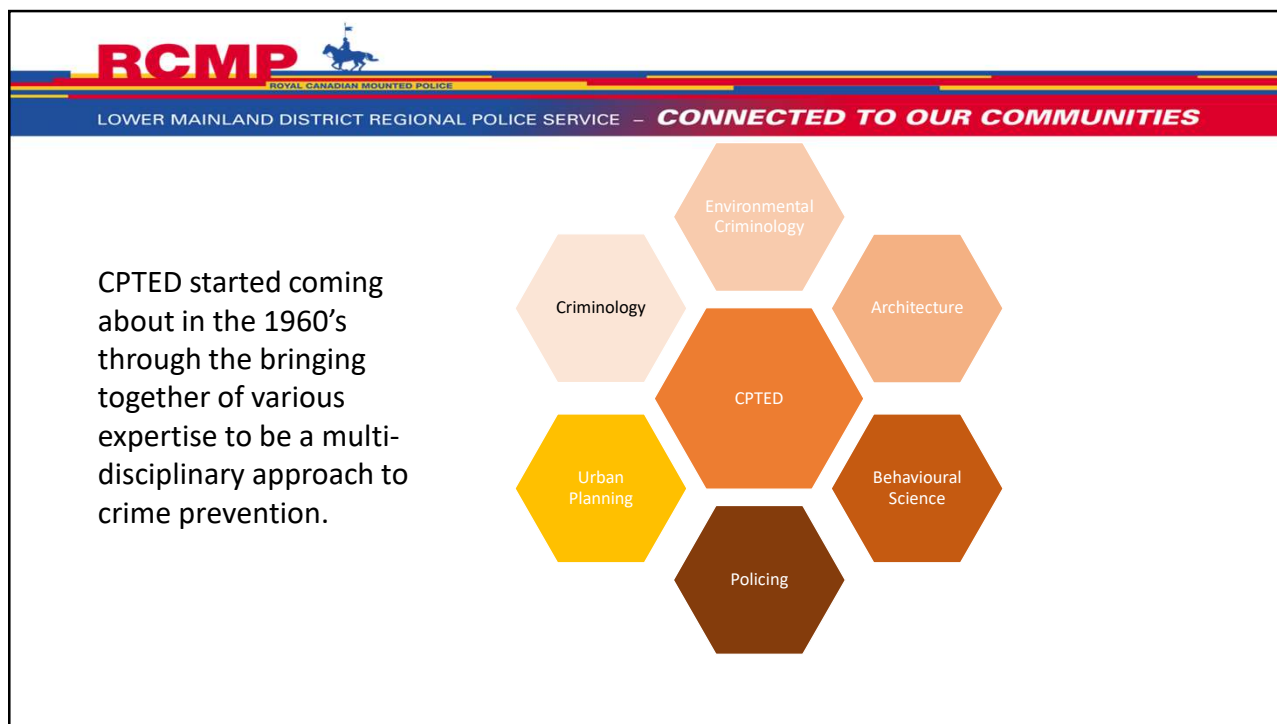
Crime Prevention through Environmental Design

Creating a Safer Community

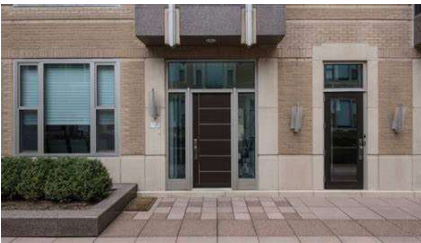
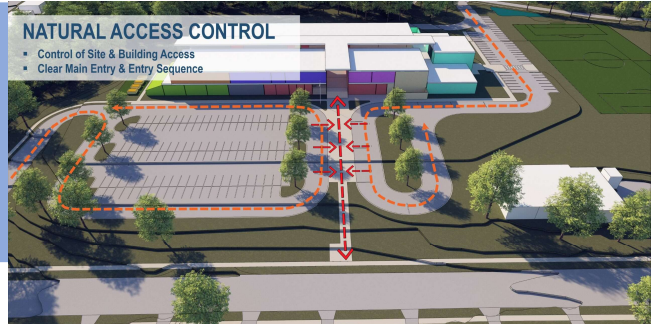
Chris Heimsoth – Community Policing Supervisor

There are designed defenses and ways to mitigate against:



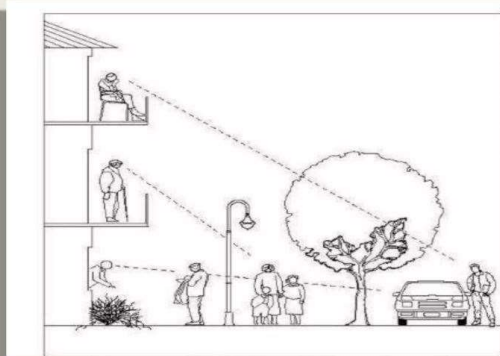


Natural Access Control



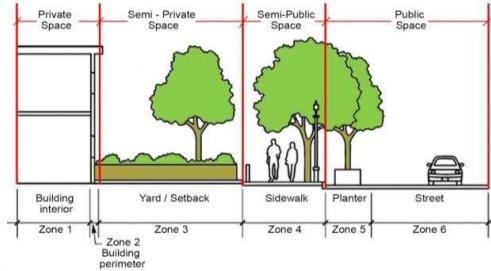
Clear entrances, natural barriers, changes in flooring and lighting changes can all affect the way people move in and out of a property.

The placement of physical features, activities, and people in a way that maximizes visibility is one concept directed toward keeping intruders easily observable



Natural Surveillance

Promoting ways where positive users of a space have good sightlines, lighting and engagement for an area. Avoiding the projection of anonymity within a space.



Ways of encouraging the community taking on ownership of an area. This can include landscaping, highlighting the differentiation between private, semi private and public spaces, and even bringing citizen choice into public space decoration and design.

Territoriality



Broken Window Theory



Well cared for and maintained facilities influences the actions of those on the property. This includes care of facility, speed of repair, reporting of crime and other signals indicating attention to the property.



Maintenance & Management

Limits of CPTED

Does not guarantee behavioural change

60 day + to see change

Each change is part of the larger picture of Crime reduction efforts in an area, and has to be looked at as part of the larger picture.

Cost of changes to property if already built



**Part of the larger picture of Police and
community action**

When is the best time to engage CPTED with a building or property?



The early Design and Planning stage

That does not mean that once a building has
been built there is nothing that can be done,
but there are practical limits.

Coquitlam RCMP Community Police CPTED Offerings

We offer businesses and housing complexes a CPTED review with a member of our team and an RCMP attending to meet with a property Representative.

- Not binding
- Each change can add-up
- Also raises information helpful to RCMP pro-active Policing activity.

Currently:

- The Alex
- 3030 Lincoln
- Seniors Living Complex in Austin
- Small Businesses by Burquitlam
- Gordon Avenue Businesses



Questions





The seven disciplines

1. Education
2. Vegetation management
3. Emergency planning
4. Cross-training
5. Interagency cooperation
6. Development considerations
7. Legislation and planning

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Education



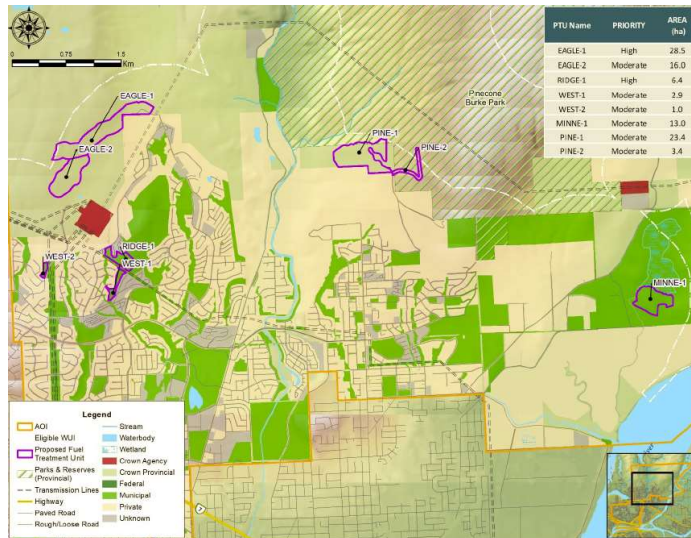
- Attending 4 Community events - ranging from Farmers Markets to large community events – Canada Day and Caribbean Days
- Holding a FireSmart event at BMS June 21st (11:00 am – 3:00 pm)

Vegetation Management - Fuel Prescriptions

BA Blackwell Contracted to Produce Fuel Management Prescriptions

- Pine-2 was removed from our scope of work as it is fully in BC Parks management and they have developed policies to manage their wildfire risk.
- Eagle-2 has been removed from our scope of work because FortisBC began a construction project on adjacent and overlapping land, which resulted in the removal of the hazardous vegetation.
- Prescriptions are at the approval stage for the other units identified.
- For approvals to complete, the land managers for each unit and external partners will be consulted.
- Funding for fuel management projects for completed prescription units has been requested in the 2025 UBCM Community Resilience Investment Grant Application.
- CFR will be engaging with a forester to complete fuel management activities in 3 of the prescribed forested areas, totaling 9.91 hectares that will be managed over 2 years.

Vegetation Management - Fuel Prescriptions



Emergency Planning

Activities include:

- Participating alongside the Hazard, Risk, Vulnerability Analysis team to ensure FireSmart considerations are incorporated into the HRVA assessment plan that is being finalized.
- Critical Infrastructure Assessments conducted for facilities located near Wildland Urban Interface areas.
- Continue hosting bi-annual Community FireSmart Resiliency Committee meetings.



Community & Interagency Cooperation

- Watershed Wildfire Strategic Partners Working Group.
- Group has continued to meet monthly to discuss a variety of wildfire scenarios and how we would address them.
- May 9th wildfire exercise conducted with Metro Vancouver at Coquitlam Watershed.
- Metro Vancouver to participate during FireSmart event at BMS.
- Local garden shop invited to FireSmart event at BMS to display FireSmart plants.



Questions?



Are there other approaches the fire department can take to increase wildfire education and awareness for Coquitlam residents?