

# City of Nanaimo Community Wildfire Protection Plan

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## Executive Summary



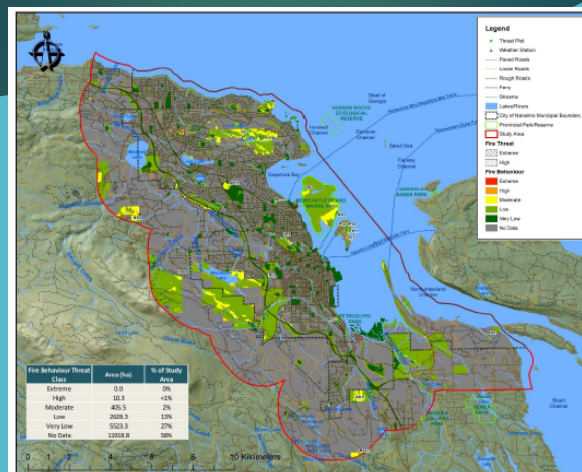
- ▶ Nanaimo's 2016 CWPP assessed current wildfire risk and threat
- ▶ Examined current prevention and programs
- ▶ Identified opportunities for improvement and future initiatives

## Goals and Objectives

- ▶ Improve safety and reduce the risk of wildfire in the City of Nanaimo
- ▶ Assess the updated threat of wildfire in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) since the last CWPP;
- ▶ Identify changes in the community profile, WUI, fuel and fire management since the 2013 CWPP;
- ▶ Identify and prioritize areas for a variety of strategic fuel management treatment activities



## Results of Fire Behaviour Threat Assessment



# Key Recommendations

## Fuel Treatment

- ▶ Grass, slash and forest fuels management where possible

## Education/ Prevention

- ▶ Promote 7 FireSmart principles
  - ▶ Education
  - ▶ Vegetation management
  - ▶ Emergency planning
  - ▶ Cross training
  - ▶ Interagency co-operation
  - ▶ Legislation and planning
  - ▶ Development considerations

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## Communication/ Prevention

- ▶ Neighbourhood associations
- ▶ Social Media
- ▶ Participate in regional fire management group
- ▶ Signage at Fire Stations
- ▶ Additional funding through Community Resilience Fund



## Progress on Key Recommendations

- ▶ City of Nanaimo recognized as FireSmart Community by FireSmart Canada
- ▶ FireSmart presentations to Neighbourhood Associations in hazardous areas
- ▶ FireSmart Weekend events held at VIU and Long Lake Heights Strata
- ▶ Member of the South Island Fire Management Organization
- ▶ Applied for and received FireSmart funding grants from UBCM in 2017 and 2018. Next funding intake November 2019 for Community Resilience Investment
- ▶ Frequent use of social media for FireSmart messaging
- ▶ CWPP to be available online shortly
- ▶ Park messaging by suppression crews during extreme conditions
- ▶ Links to FireSmart and British Columbia Wildfire Service posted on NFR website