

Similkameen Community Wildfire Preparedness Roundtable

10:00AM to 3:00PM, Tuesday January 23, 2024

Rockridge Canyon Camp and Retreat, 2000 Willies Ranch Rd, Princeton, BC ([google map link](#))

Copper Room in Pinnacle Lodge; park at the Dorm Lodges

Agenda as of Jan 15, 2024

Purpose: Bring together all governments and organizations working towards wildfire preparedness in the Similkameen Valley for regular communication and coordination.

Topics in scope: wildfire risk reduction, prescribed and cultural burning, FireSmart, training and capacity development, equipment, emergency planning for wildfires, inter-agency cooperation

Geographic area in scope: Similkameen Valley

Who should attend: any order of government or organization with a role to play in preparing for or mitigating the risk of wildfire, including emergency preparedness staff or elected officials:

- Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen
- Town of Princeton
- Village of Keremeos
- Upper Similkameen Indian Band
- Lower Similkameen Indian Band
- Ministry of Forests
- BC Wildfire Service
- Volunteer fire departments and fire brigades
- Neighbourhood FireSmart Committees
- Forest tenure holders (community forest, woodlot licensees, major licensees, BCTS)
- Other organizations

Meeting objectives

- Understand what's underway for wildfire preparedness by different governments and organizations
- Explore the concept of a creating a long-term, inclusive Similkameen Community Wildfire Preparedness roundtable
- Develop relationships, improve communication, share information
- Identify synergies on various initiatives

Time	Topic	Who/format
9:30	Doors open, sign in, coffee on, peruse maps on wall	
10:00	Welcome	Town of Princeton
10:15	Review agenda, objectives, introductions around room	Mike Simpson
10:45	What's underway for wildfire preparedness? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What's underway since the early 2022 workshop?• What programs or opportunities do you offer? Questions and clarification to follow	Everyone – open floor
12:00	Lunch (provided)	
1:00	What's underway for wildfire preparedness? (continued)	Everyone – open floor
1:30	Reflections on what's underway, opportunities to work together, share resources, any duplication or gaps, opportunities	Everyone
2:00	Community Wildfire Preparedness Roundtable <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What it is, how it would operate• Establishing a long-term table for wildfire preparedness• Draft terms of reference	Mike Simpson
2:30	Next steps	Facilitated discussion
3:00	Adjourn	