



# City of Williams Lake

## COMMUNITY WILDFIRE RESILIENCY PLAN

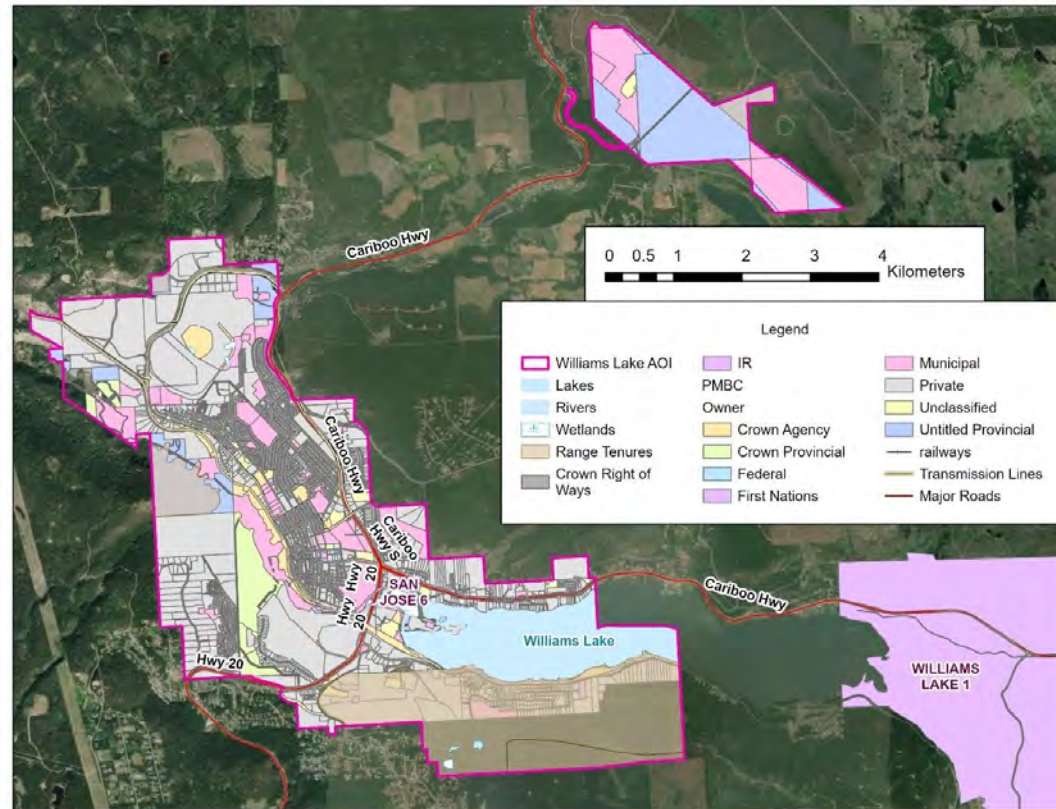
# Outline

- Project background
- Project objectives
- 7 FireSmart Disciplines
- Project development
- Next steps



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# Project Background



- Williams Lake and Area Community Wildfire Protection Plan was developed in 2019 –set to “expire” 2024.
- Project AOI is City of Williams Lake municipal boundary, which includes both Crown and Municipal land, as well as private land held by First Nations.
- Funded by UBCM via CRI program.
- Project completion: 2025

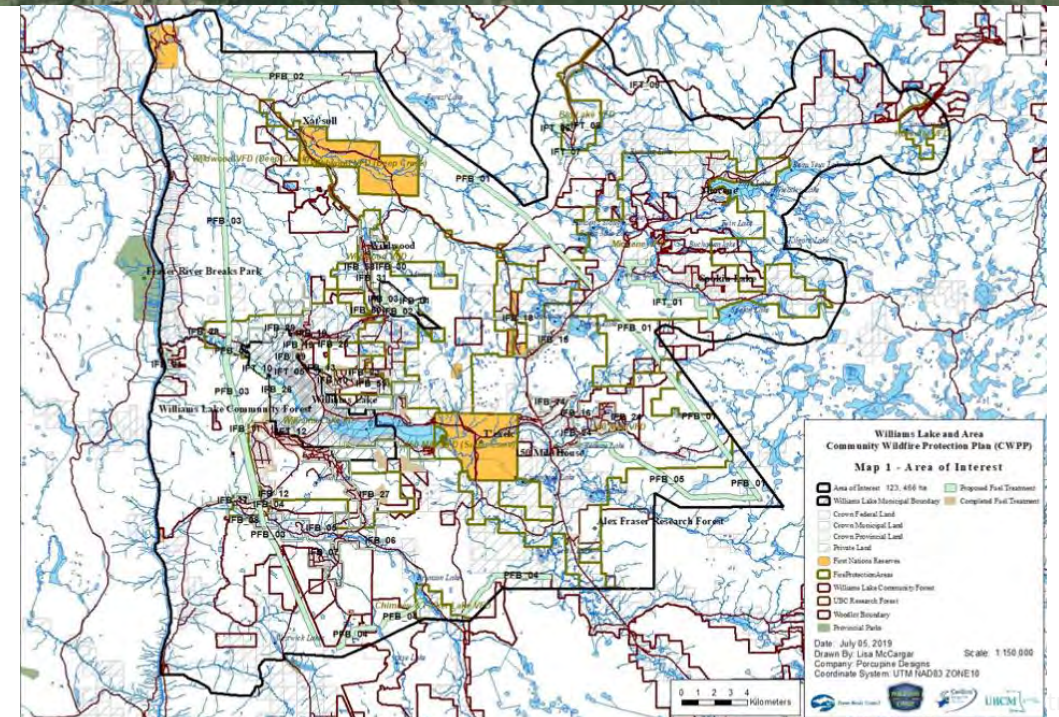
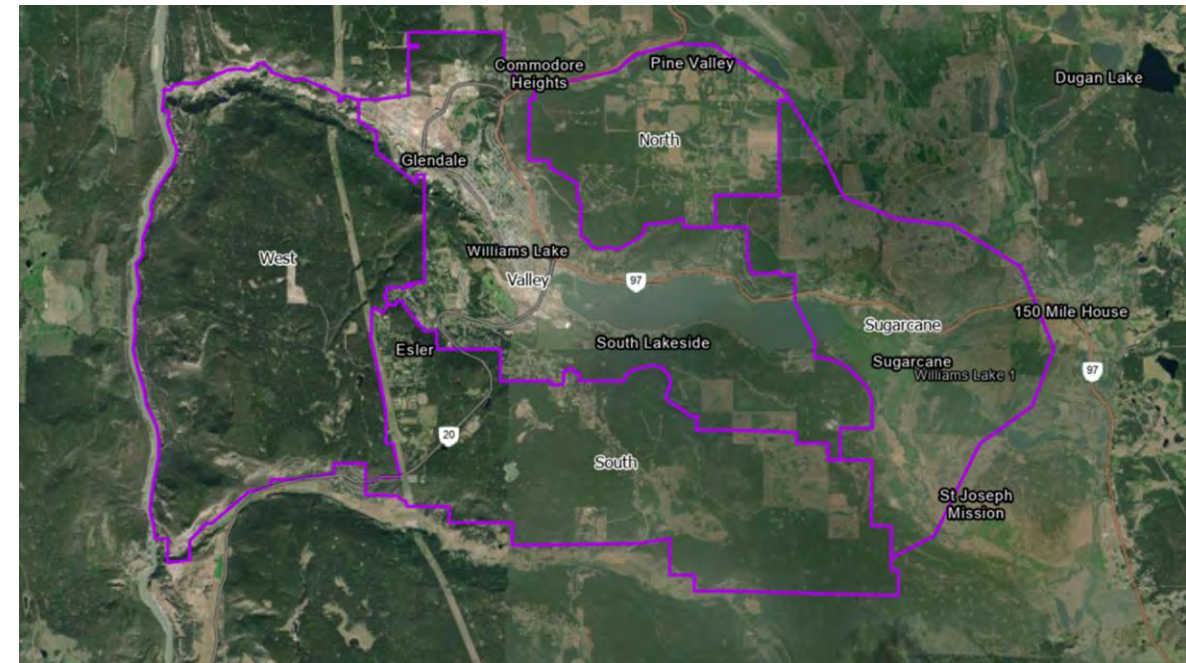
# CWRP Objectives



- Identify local wildfire hazard and risks to values, and provide recommendations and strategies to:
  - Increase the City's capacity and understanding of wildfire risk;
  - Foster greater collaboration within and across administrative boundaries and agencies;
  - Increase the preparedness of the City to respond to wildfires,
  - Reduce the potential loss of homes, critical infrastructure and other important values
- The CWRP allows the City of Williams Lake to access more wildfire risk reduction funding through UBCM

# CWPP vs CWRP vs WUI WRR Plan

- Differences
  - 2019 CWPP – much larger AOI, recommendations span across all jurisdictions.
  - 2023 WUI WRR Plan (Tactical Plan) – focus on vegetation management priorities on Crown land (and IR depending on Nation).
- Similarities:
  - Wildfire Risk Assessment
  - Identifying gaps
  - Prioritizing Action Items



## What is in a CWRP?

- The CWRP is comprehensive community plan based on the 7 FireSmart disciplines. The disciplines address wildfire preparedness from different angles and include:
  - [Education](#)
  - [Legislation and planning](#)
  - [Development considerations](#)
  - [Vegetation management](#)
  - [Emergency planning](#)
  - [Cross-training](#)
  - [Interagency cooperation](#)



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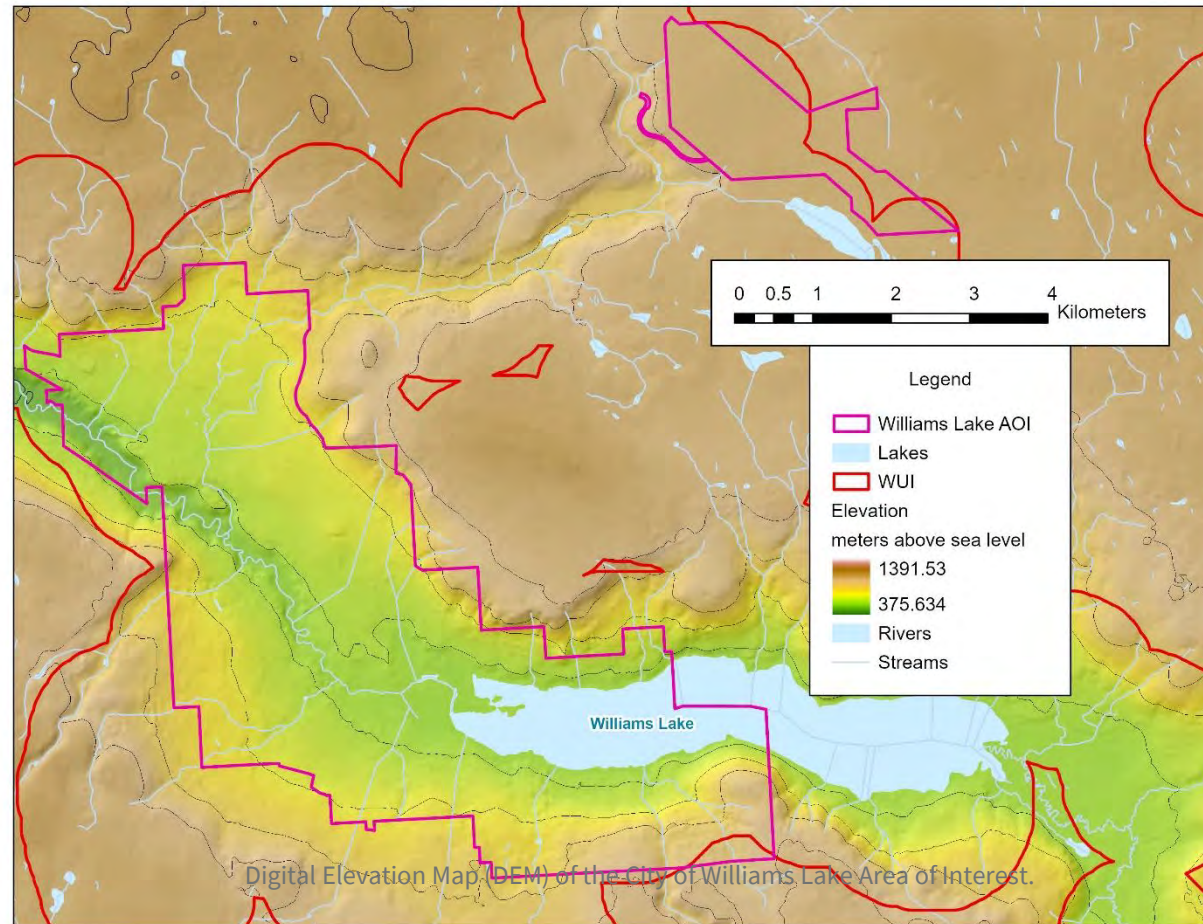
# Project Development

- Wildfire Risk Assessment
  - Topography
  - Weather
  - **Fuels** (wildland or urban)
- 7 FireSmart Disciplines
  - Gather information
  - Make an assessment
  - Recommendations



# Current Project Status

- Building report and action plan based on findings.
- Action plan will provide recommendations and prioritization for next steps and funding opportunities.





# Stakeholder/Partner thoughts?



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