



VILLAGE OF SILVERTON

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD

December 4, 2018

COUNCIL CHAMBERS – VILLAGE OFFICE – 421 LAKE AVE.

4:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. THE VILLAGE OF SILVERTON ACKNOWLEDGES THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES ON WHOSE TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES WE STAND

C. ADDITION OF LATE ITEMS IF ANY

D. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

E. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

None at this time.

F. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

None at this time.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING

None at this time.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. CRI Funding Application(s)

Recommendation:

That the Village of Silverton Council supports an application by the Village of Silverton to the UBCM CRI funding program for up to \$100,000 and in partnership with the Village of New Denver, Village of Slocan, and Slocan Integral Forestry Cooperative.

Recommendation:

That the Village of Silverton Council supports the application to the UBCM CRI program for \$10,000 for FireSmart Programs to contribute to the RDCK regional application for the FireSmart Home Partners and FireSmart Community Recognition programs.

I. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

None at this time.

J. COUNCIL REPORTS

None at this time.

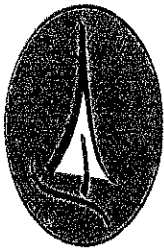
K. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

None at this time.

L. BYLAWS AND POLICY

None at this time.

P. ADJOURNMENT



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Date: Nov. 26, 2018

Re: CRI Program

Project Description

The Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) program is a new provincial program intended to reduce the risk and impact of wildfire to communities in BC through funding made available to municipalities.

As identified in the recent BC Flood and Wildfire Review, there is a critical need to “strengthen public understanding of the risks and personal responsibilities associated with living in a fire-dependent ecosystem.”

The program is structured to fund FireSmart activities in all eligible communities throughout BC. Funding is scaled to offer eligible applicants with lower risk of wildfire to apply for up to \$25,000 and applicants with a demonstrated higher risk of wildfire to apply for up to \$100,000 per year.

The program allows eligible applicants to pool their funding together.

Eligible Activities are wide ranging including: education, emergency planning, fire department training, FireSmart Demonstration Projects, rebate program for private land holders etc...

Funding Proposal

That the three municipalities of the Slocan Valley (Silverton- New Denver and Slocan) pool their available funding allocation to create a municipality driven regional fire smart program in the Slocan Valley.

The regional program would apply for funding for one full time position (a fire smart program coordinator) and a series of year one activities that would begin the process of making the villages more and more fire smart. The program would be run by SIFCo under contract. SIFCo would hire the program coordinator and oversee the position. Activities would be based on Villages wishes as long as they fall under the eligible activities of the CRI program.

Resolution

Council is in support of the application for funding to CRI for the current proposed activities and is willing to provide overall grant management if required. Council is in support that the Village of Silverton will be the lead proponent of this application (for administrative purposes only).

Section below is for the three of you so you can answer questions from council ...

update on proposal.

1. We are for sure able to get 75K (if proposal is accepted), the 300K would need to be justified since currently the villages are rated provincially as low risk (go figure!) ... we could, but it may be beyond our capacity at this point since the deadline is fast approaching, so I propose that we apply

for 75K this year and when our CWPP is completed next year, we then apply for 300K since our CWPP will clearly show that the villages are at high risk.

2. We apply for one full time position (50K) and 25K for the rest (promotional materials - hall rentals - travel mileage - snacks at meetings etc...).

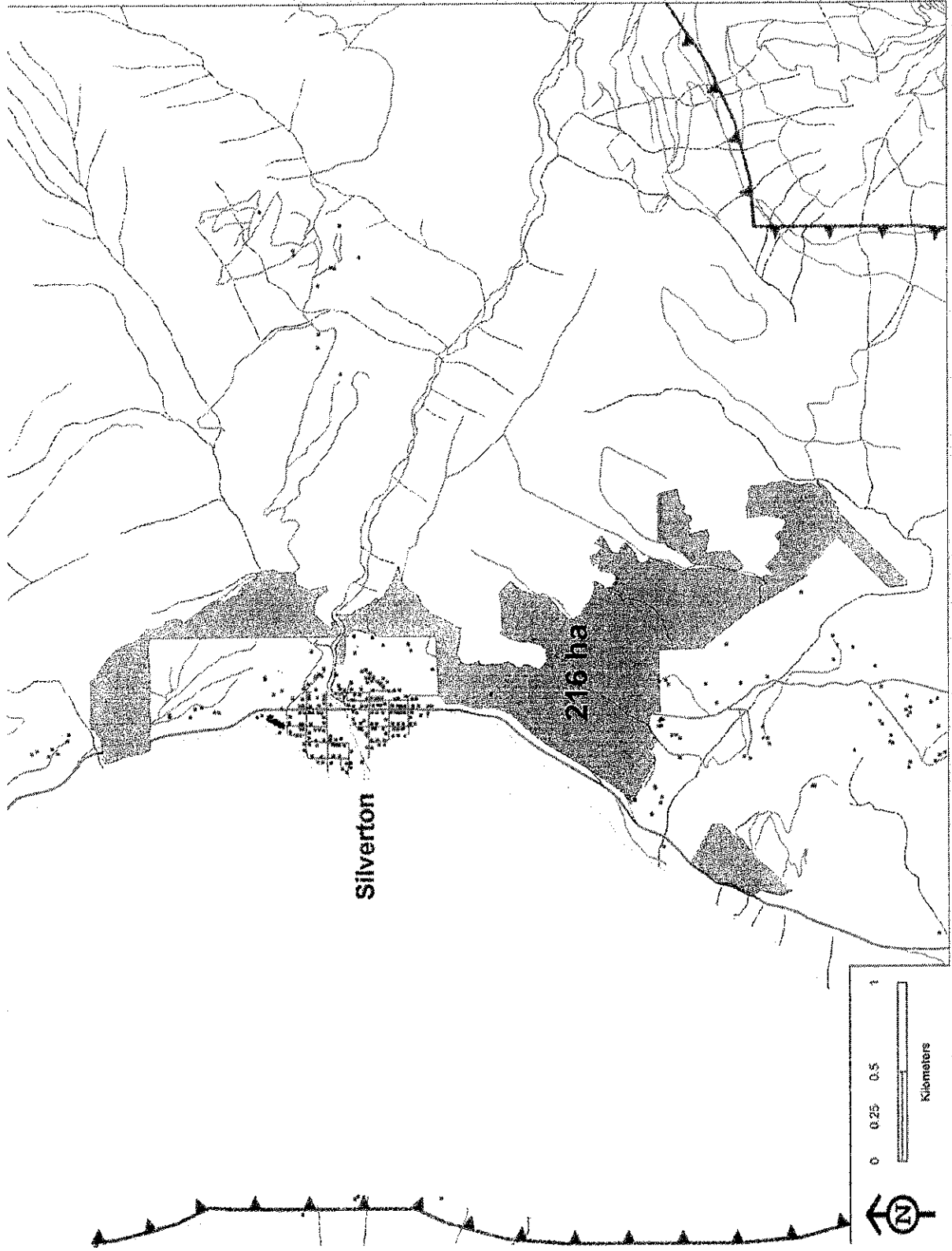
3. Focus of full time employee for Year 1:

- Education: Develop and promote local fire smart activities and tools and Organize and host a community fire smart days in each community
- Study the need for landscaping requirements in bylaws and policies to propose changes to councils.
- Develop, create and participate in a Slokan Valley regional fire smart planning table.
- Review structural protection capacities and develop, host and participate in cross-jurisdictional meetings to increase emergency preparedness readiness.
- Assess needs of fire departments to increase readiness in the event of interface wildfires.
- Assess current limitations in emergency preparedness and creation action plan to remediate these limitations.
- Identify publicly owned building and infrastructure that could become Fire Smart Demonstration Projects and develop budgets for these so we can apply in year 2.
- Develop a comprehensive program for Private Land holders that include assessment, rebates and curbside debris pick-up etc ... to implement in year 2 of program.

General:

As CRI notes in the application package, FireSmart principles can be one of the main reasons why individual homes survive a wildfire incident. Our thinking on this was crystallized by Hessburg and Gray while taking part in the planning for a Quesnel project. They envision community and infrastructure resilience to fire as a three legged stool. The three legs are (1) landscape management to reduce the probability of large wildfires, (2) WUI management to ensure that wildfires approaching human values are low intensity, and (3) FireSmart work to ensure that low intensity wildfires do not damage homes and infrastructure. You need all the legs on the stool or it does not work. SIFCo has taken a leadership role in landscape management and wildland urban interface management to reduce fire risk to communities and infrastructure, and continues to work aggressively on this front. We are working with community to create a Community Wildfire Protection Plan. We know that work must also be done to improve the FireSmart status of settled areas to reduce the risk of damage and loss. This project is designed to build a network in support of FireSmart, start the needed FireSmart work and deliver initial results, and to lay out a plan for future activities.

2018 Update: Village of Silverton: \$1.3 million +



RDCK Request

Below is a backgrounder for council:

The 2019 UBCM CRI program is structured to cover FireSmart Programs. Silverton would apply to the UBCM CRI program for \$10k to contribute to a regional FireSmart Program that will deliver the FireSmart Home Partners and FireSmart Community Recognition Programs. This application would be prepared by the RDCK and submitted as part of a regional package with all participating entities.

In 2018 8 Wildfire Mitigation Specialists were hired full time from June 1st to November 2nd through this funding to deliver these programs to participating communities and electoral areas in the district.

The funding covers training, wages, associated expenses, advertising and administration of the FireSmart Home Partners and Community Recognition Programs.

We would require a resolution from council if you are interested in participating.

Table 1: Eligible Activities	
1. Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and/or promote local FireSmart educational activities and tools. Refer to BC FireSmart Resources for FireSmart materials that are currently available. • Develop and/or promote education for the reduction of human-caused fires • Encourage active participation in Wildfire Community Preparedness Day • Organize and host a community FireSmart day, FireSmart events and workshops, and wildfire season open houses • Apply for FireSmart Canada Community Recognition
2. Planning	<p>Community Wildfire Protection Plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop or update a CWPP, primarily within the administrative boundary, completed on the 2018 CRI CWPP template <p>Local Planning Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop policies and practices for design and maintenance of FireSmart publicly owned land and First Nations land, such as parks and open spaces • Develop policies and practices for design and maintenance of FireSmart publicly owned buildings • Conduct site visits and FireSmart and/or risk assessments for publicly owned lands, First Nation lands and publicly owned buildings
3. Development considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amend Official Community Plans, Comprehensive Community Plans and/or land use, engineering and public works bylaws to incorporate FireSmart policies • Revise landscaping requirements in zoning and development permit documents to require fire resistant landscaping • Establish Development Permit Areas for Wildfire Hazard in order to establish requirements for the exterior design and finish of buildings⁴ • Include wildfire prevention and suppression considerations in the design of subdivisions (e.g. road widths, turning radius for emergency vehicles, and access and egress points) • Amend referral processes for new developments to ensure multiple departments, including the fire department and/or emergency management staff, are included
4. Interagency co-operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and/or participate in regional or local FireSmart planning tables • Participate in multi-agency fire and/or fuel management tables
5. Emergency planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and/or participate in cross-jurisdictional meetings and tabletop exercises, including seasonal readiness meetings • Review structural protection capacity (i.e. Fire safety assessments)

⁴ Local governments should refer to [Changes for Local Governments Under Section 5 of the Building Act: Appendix to Section B1 of the Building Act Guide \(Revised February 2017\)](#) for information on the use of development permits for wildfire hazard.

6. Cross training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross-train fire departments to include structural fire and interface wildfire training (e.g. S-100) • Provide or attend training for Local FireSmart Representatives and community champions • Support professional development to increase capacity for FireSmart activities <i>Note: Applicants that are already part of the Home Partners Program pilot may apply for further for Home Ignition Zone training.</i>
7. FireSmart Demonstration Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake FireSmart Demonstration Projects for publicly owned buildings or publicly and provincially owned critical infrastructure. This may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Replacing building materials (i.e. siding or roofing) with fire-resistant materials ○ Replacing landscaping with fire-resistant plants as outlined in the FireSmart Guide to Landscaping <p><i>Note: To be eligible for funding, the proposed structure must be designated for emergency response, such as an Emergency Operations Centre or emergency social services facility (i.e. reception centre, group lodging) and have a completed FireSmart assessment. In addition, demonstration projects must include a community education component.</i></p>
8. FireSmart Activities for Private Land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning for private land (only with private property owners' consent) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Develop FireSmart Community Plans for specific areas ○ Conduct FireSmart home and property assessments <p><i>Note: Applicants that are already part of the Home Partners Program pilot may apply for further Home Ignition Zone structure and site hazard assessments.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer local rebate programs to home owners on private land and First Nations land that complete eligible FireSmart activities on their own properties <i>Note: Refer to Appendix 2 for requirements for funding this activity.</i> • Provide off-site debris disposal for private land owners who have undertaken their own vegetation management, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provide a dumpster, chipper or other collection method ○ Waive tipping fees ○ Provide curbside debris pick-up
9. Fuel & Vegetation Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake fuel and/or vegetation management on publicly owned land, First Nation lands or for publicly or provincially owned critical infrastructure. This may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vegetation management activities ○ Fuel management prescriptions consistent with the Fuel Management Prescription Notes to Assist that meet minimum requirements set out in the example Fuel Management Prescription ○ Burn plans completed on Burn Plan Template ○ New fuel management treatments or maintenance activities, including activities on grasslands ○ Prescribed burns primarily for fuel management objectives <p><i>Note: Refer to Appendix 3 for requirements for funding above activities</i></p>