
Subject: FW: Official Community Plan (Proposed) and Wildfires

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Dear Mr Mayor and Councillors

At a special meeting held in late March, I submitted a request and made a short presentation that the new OCP must have more than motherhood statements concerning the threat to the City of Prince George from Wildfires. I have read the proposed guidelines in 20.3.4 and find them lacking. The statements in 20.3.4 will do nothing to stop a Wildfire from attacking our City. All we have are plans and perhaps hope that we will never face a Wildfire despite many other communities in BC and Alberta having suffered from Wildfires.

I have spoken to Tanya Spooner, the City's Manager of Emergency Programs, and found her to be very knowledgeable and probably very competent. Unfortunately, I also got the sense that our City only has plans to deal with Wildfires but is doing little proactively to protect our City.

We need more than motherhood statements in the new OCP concerning Wildfires.

We need statements such as the following:

"At the next meeting of the UBCM, the representatives of the City, will request that at least an equal amount of money be spent by the Provincial Government for Wildfire Prevention as is spent by the government for Wildfire control." {As an aside, Finland as of the early 2000's no longer had Wildfires because of their being proactive in this area. Currently the BC Government spends approximately \$20 million on fire prevention and at times more than \$1 billion on Wildfire control}.

The above is one example of what I would like to see in our OCP.

Thank you very much for dealing with this extremely important issue.

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