



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

The Municipality of North Cowichan is conducting FireSmart assessments of critical infrastructure owned by the Municipality. Ensuring that critical infrastructure is FireSmart will increase the resilience of the community to wildfire risk.

WHAT IS BEING ASSESSED?

The 2020 Community Wildfire Protection Plan identified 27 municipal-owned critical infrastructure and structures that were selected for inclusion in the FireSmart Assessments. FireSmart Assessments will be conducted for critical infrastructure such as water supply infrastructure, fire halls, communications towers, community schools, and hospitals to ensure they are resilient to wildfire.



*FireSmart Assessments will be conducted for critical infrastructure in the Municipality, including the Maple Bay Fire Hall (**above**) and water supply infrastructure (**below**).*



VALUES AT RISK

Values at risk are areas of high consequence in the event of wildfire. These areas may include important values like homes, neighbourhoods, critical infrastructure, and other environmental values, and social values. Critical infrastructure (such as hospitals) is an important value at risk to protect from wildfire.

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE IN PRACTICE?

FireSmart Assessments identify specific ways in which infrastructure is vulnerable to wildfire because of building materials and surrounding vegetation. Infrastructure is given a score of Low, Moderate, or High based on the level of vulnerability to fire. The Municipality will then use these assessments to mitigate specific vulnerabilities for the assessed infrastructure.

FOR MORE INFO

Find out more about North Cowichan's wildfire mitigation project at northcowichan.ca/wildfire, visit the **interactive project page** to explore more about the project, or learn more about FireSmart at firesmartbc.ca