



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Patti Bridal, Chief Administrative Officer **FILE:** 7320-10  
**PC:** David Lind, Director, Fire Rescue Services **DATE:** October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Kevin McCarty, Specialist, Climate Action  
**FROM:** Brian Parsons, Deputy Chief, Fire Prevention and Life Safety  
**SUBJECT: VERNON FIRE RESCUE SERVICES 2024 FIRESMART UPDATE**

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Throughout 2024, the FireSmart Program has been focused on creating wildfire resiliency through public education and wildfire risk reduction in the community, including City owned lands. To date, the program has completed several mitigation projects which include; Polson Park, a portion of the Lakeridge neighbourhood, and several other strata's and neighbourhoods. We collaborated with residents, local community groups and first nations to enhance community resiliency by following FireSmart principles. The FireSmart program, along with input from other City departments developed the new Community Wildfire Resiliency plan to help guide our program. Our focus will continue to revolve around building resiliency through education and mitigation practices.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council receive for information the memorandum titled "Vernon Fire Rescue Services 2024 FireSmart Update" dated October 16, 2024 and respectfully submitted by the Deputy Chief, Fire Prevention and Life Safety.

Respectfully submitted:

Attachment 1 – Vernon's Firesmart Program 2024 Update - Building Resiliency

Approved for the Agenda by the CAO