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Mayors and Regional District Chairs of British Columbia
Attendees of the May 2022 Regional Meetings with Minister Nathan Cullen and Minister Katrine Conroy

Dear Mayors and RD Chairs:

Thank you for taking the time to join Minister Nathan Cullen and Minister Katrine Conroy for the May 2022 regional meetings that provided an update from the BC Wildfire Service.

As a follow-up to the meetings, the BC Wildfire Service is sharing the Power Point Presentation (Presentation) that was shown at the meetings. The Presentation is attached to this email.

BC Wildfire Service information

- Wildfire Service Province of British Columbia (gov.bc.ca)
- Fire Weather Province of British Columbia (gov.bc.ca) (includes the current seasonal outlook)
- Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/BCForestFireInfo/
- Twitter: https://twitter.com/BCGovFireInfo

Mobile App

The BC Wildfire Service Mobile App has been updated to allow reporting wildfire including uploading photos. Additional enhancements include more accurate and timely push notifications, streamlined real-time information, and video tutorials.

- Apple (IOS): <u>Download directly from the App Store (IOS)</u>
- Android: <u>Download directly from the Google Play Store</u>

FireSmart BC

Wildfire prevention and preparedness is everyone's responsibility. British Columbians can play a critical role in mitigating wildfire risks by undertaking FireSmart initiatives to help reduce wildfire risks and create more fire-resilient communities. For information about how to FireSmart your home, property, and community, including accessing funding, visit: firesmartbc.ca.

Emergency preparedness

- Public emergency preparation and recovery Province of British Columbia (gov.bc.ca)
- EmergencyInfoBC | Your source for emergency response and recovery information (gov.bc.ca)
- River Forecast Centre Province of British Columbia (gov.bc.ca)

If you did not get a chance to speak during the meetings or if you have any additional questions or comments, please send an email to bcws.correspondence@gov.bc.ca.

Our plan is to take a summer break from these meetings and restart them in November after the 2022 UBCM Convention and Fall 2022 general local elections. Minister's Office staff will be in touch with you about the November date, time, and meeting information.

Minister Cullen is committed to continuing to meet with local elected leaders on a regular basis. If there are particular topics or themes you would like to have covered in future meetings, please share these via email to MUNI.Minister@gov.bc.ca.

Thank you again for your participation. Have a safe summer and Minister Cullen and I look forward to connecting with you in person at the 2022 UBCM Convention.

Sincerely,

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