



# DISTRICT OF WEST KELOWNA

## COUNCIL POLICY MANUAL

Pages: 1 of 1

Approval Date: 2010-MAY-25

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	<b>Protective Services</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Forest Fuel Management – Private Land</b>

### **Policy Statement:**

The Council of the District of West Kelowna holds the safety of its residents in the highest regard. As a result of the 2009 wildfires within the District, Council wishes to establish a policy to address forest fuel management mitigation on private land.

### **Purpose:**

To address forest fuel accumulations on private land and establish guidelines.

### **Policy:**

1. West Kelowna Fire Rescue will establish a comprehensive public education and communication program based on current industry standards and focusing on private land to reduce the impact of wildfire on our community. Private property owners wishing for an assessment of their land can make a request to the Fire Department for an assessment.
2. The Council of the District of West Kelowna will annually review the Forest Fuel Management policy in relation to the Community Wildfire Protection Plan which will be managed by West Kelowna Fire Rescue staff in partnership with our forestry consultant and budget funds to conduct a program based on recommendations from West Kelowna Fire Rescue and public feedback (citizen's survey). The program will include financial and staff resources.
3. West Kelowna Fire Rescue and our Forestry Consultant will pursue funding opportunities with the provincial and federal government to provide funding to private land owners and to continue treating the recommended areas of our community wildfire protection plan.
4. The Council of the District of West Kelowna will consider proper forest fuel mitigation components in all departments of the District especially in the areas of:
  - a. Building and Regulatory Services
  - b. Planning
  - c. Parks
  - d. Engineering

Previous Revision/s: None
---------------------------