

July 30, 2024

Dear Property Owner:

In 2019 the federal government opened up their Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund for project applications. Wildfire Management Branch put in a proposal to this fund to carry out community wildfire mitigation project work within the province, including work on land in and surrounding Prince Albert. The federal government will cover 50% of eligible project costs for mitigation work on crown land with the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency covering the other 50%.

The proposed plan calls for 45.5 hectares of jack pine forest to be thinned to reduce to reduce the risk from wildfire. Work will be completed on crownland to the east of Peter Pond Road, along the south side of C.L. Marshall Road and adjacent to Holmes Road. By mitigating the fuel type adjacent to the structures the risk of loss due to wildfire is reduced. Project work is scheduled to start in October, before snow depths impede the quality of the work done.

Thinning projects have shown to be effective in reducing the intensity of wildfire and preventing tree crown to crown spread. Fires that burn less intensely and are not burning as full crown fires are much easier for suppression crews to manage. The end result would be a clean, parklike area that is still aesthetically pleasing but will not carry wildfire well. Thinning projects are not designed to stop fires and it is important to note that individuals who own property in the area should take the necessary FireSmart steps to reduce the risk from wildfire to their own properties.

Please see the attached Fuel Management Plan and feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about the proposed project. I can be reached via email at michael.springinotic@gov.sk.ca or by phone at the number below.

Sincerely,

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