



## News Release

Wawanesa invests in community-led initiatives building wildfire resilience

Over \$200,000 awarded through Community Wildfire Prevention Grants

March 30, 2026, Winnipeg (Manitoba) – As the threat of wildfires continues to intensify across Canada, Wawanesa Insurance is awarding more than \$200,000 in Community Wildfire Prevention Grants to help 11 communities and organizations strengthen local resilience.

The Community Wildfire Prevention Grants are part of the Wawanesa Climate Champions program, which invests \$2 million annually to support those on the front lines of climate change. This year’s recipients of the Community Wildfire Prevention Grants are:

<b>District of Squamish</b> British Columbia	<b>Mitigating Wildfire Initiative</b> Cheslatta Carrier, Wet’suwet’en, and Gitanyow Nations British Columbia
<b>Tk’emlúps te Secwépemc</b> British Columbia	<b>Teslin Tlingit Council</b> Yukon
<b>Biosphere Institute of the Bow Valley</b> Canmore, Alberta	<b>County of Grande Prairie</b> Alberta
<b>Greenview Fire-Rescue Services</b> Municipal District of Greenview No. 16 Alberta	<b>Rural Municipality of Big River</b> <b>No. 555</b> <b>Saskatchewan</b>
<b>Rural Municipality of Lac Du Bonnet</b> Manitoba	<b>Thompson Fire &amp; Emergency Services</b> Thompson, Manitoba
<b>Town of The Pas</b> Manitoba	

“As wildfire season approaches, these communities and organizations are stepping up with decisive, meaningful action to reduce risk and protect what matters most,” said Mitchell McEwen, Wawanesa’s Director of Sustainability, Climate Resilience & Community Impact.