



Wildfire Development  
Permit Area

# What We Heard Report

September 2022

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## Introduction

The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) conducted a variety of engagement events throughout the summer of 2022 to collect feedback from community members, developers and local stakeholders on the creation of a Wildfire Development Permit Area (WFDPA). The purpose of the engagement was to gain a better understanding of the level of support for implementing a WFDPA in the RDCK's eleven Electoral Areas (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J and K).

The following report provides a summary of what we heard throughout the engagement process.

## Engagement Opportunities

In August 2022, the project team delivered a variety of engagement activities for the regional district. Postcards detailing the purpose of a Wildfire DPA and advertising the engagement opportunities and in-person Fire Smart pop-up events, were dropped in various community locations across all Electoral Areas. A copy of the postcard can be found in Appendix A.

The community workshops as well as the survey were also advertised in local newspapers and on the RDCK's Wildfire Development Permit Area webpage, Facebook page, and Twitter account. Survey participants were entered to win a \$200 gift certificate to a local business of their choice. Over 60 email invitations were sent out to developers in the Regional District, inviting them to attend the virtual developer workshop. Virtual workshop participants were also entered to win \$50 gift certificate to a local business of their choice.

Letters were sent local First Nations to extend an invitation to members to determine their level of interest in participating in the project and engage in discussions on wildfire risk management and mitigation.

159

participants

### Survey

The online survey was open from August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to September 5, 2022 to collect feedback from community members to better understand their level of support for implementing a WFDPA in their Electoral Area.

2

workshops

### Virtual Workshops

A total of two virtual workshops were held via Zoom to gather input from local developers and community members on the WFDPA.

- Developer Workshop (August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 5:30-6:30 p.m.) – 2 participants
- Community Workshop (August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 6-7:30 p.m.) – 4 participants

4  
interviews

### Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission Interviews

RDCK staff conducted interviews with the Advisory Planning and Heritage Commissions for Areas C, D, E and J. The purpose of the interviews was to share information about the WFDPA project and request members' thoughts on the project as well as their thoughts on their Electoral Area's level of interest in WFDPA regulations.

## What We Heard

The following section provides an overview of the feedback collected throughout all engagement opportunities.

### SURVEY

The following section summarizes the results of the survey. A full report of the survey results including verbatim comments can be found in Appendix B.

#### Who We Heard From



A total of 159 respondents participated in the survey



The majority of respondents (91%) reside in the RDCK and nearly three quarters of respondents are property owners (72%)



A quarter of the respondents indicated that they reside in Electoral Area H (26%), with the least amount of respondents residing in D and G



Over half of the respondents (63%) agree that wildfires are a natural process and part of our ecosystem, and it is important that the RDCK adapt to living with wildfires to avoid their potential negative impacts

85%

of respondents felt they had enough background information on WFDPA's to participate in a meaningful way

77%

of respondents found the information in the survey was easy to understand

Level of Support

**Type of Regulations**

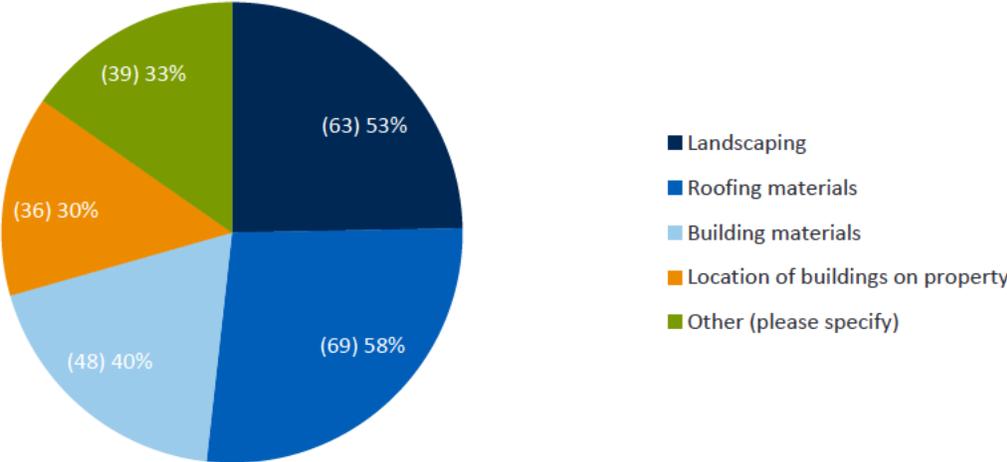
When asked about the types of regulations they would support, respondents indicated that they are most likely to support regulations for **roofing materials (58%)** and **landscaping (53%)**, followed by **building materials (40%)** and **location of buildings on property (30%)**.

The majority of respondents who selected **'other' (33%)**, stated that they do not support any regulations.

A sample of verbatim comments are provided below:

- *Let people make some of their own decisions with the level of risk they are willing to take.*
- *I don't think there should be regulations, only guidelines/suggestions.*
- *I am concerned by introducing additional regulations. Public education and communication will result in voluntary improvements which will improve sense of community. Regulations create animosity to the RDCK.*
- *Do not further regulate or add more policies that cost landowners.*
- *Consider incentivizing the use of FireSmart practices rather than regulation.*

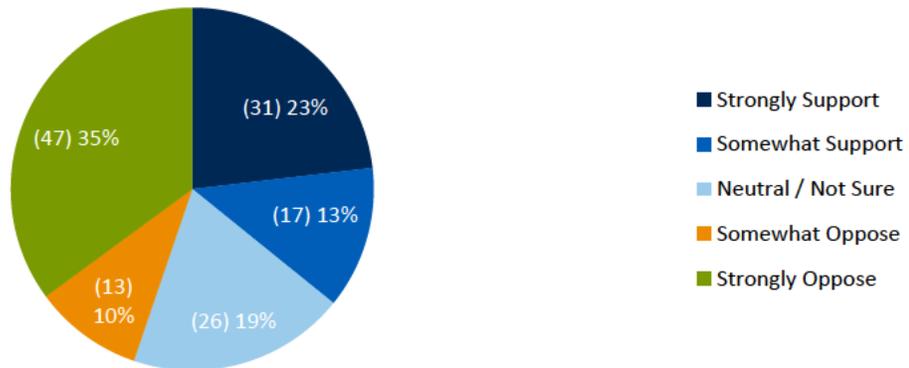
What type of regulations are you most likely to support? (n = 120)



## Wildfire Development Permit Area Regulations

Thirty-five percent (35%) of respondents **strongly oppose** Wildfire Development Permit area regulations in their Electoral Area, while 23% of respondents **strongly support** them.

Please indicate your level of support for Wildfire Development Permit Area regulations in your Electoral Area: (n = 134)



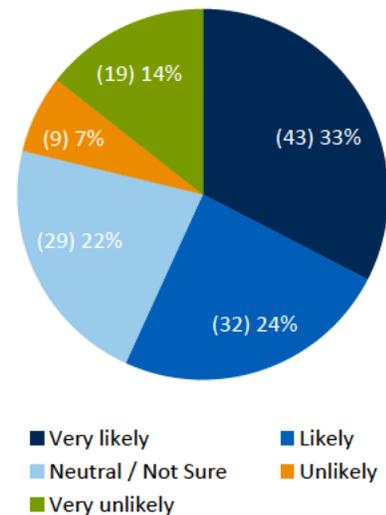
## Wildfire Mitigation and Preparedness

### Wildfire Mitigation Measures

Over half of respondents (57%) indicated that they are **very likely or likely to implement wildfire mitigation measures** (e.g., landscaping, fire resistant building and roofing materials) when developing, renovating, or subdividing their property.

Twenty-one percent (21%) of respondents indicated that they are **unlikely or very unlikely to implement these measures**.

Would you be willing to implement wildfire mitigation measures (e.g. landscaping, fire resistant building and roofing materials) when developing, renovating, or subdividing your property? (n = 132)

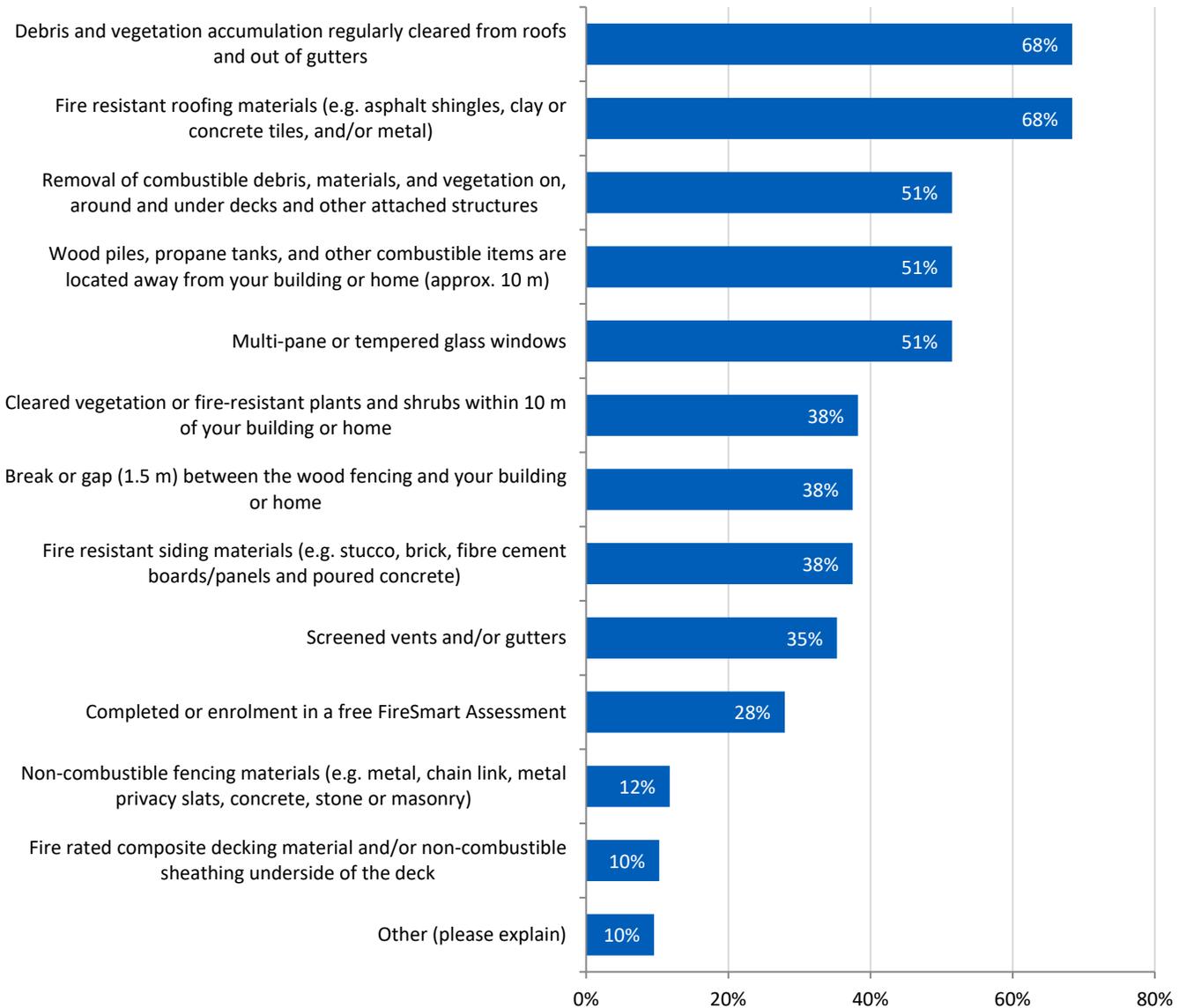


When asked what measures they are currently taking to reduce the impact of wildfire to their home or property, 68% of respondents indicated that they are **regularly clearing debris and vegetation accumulation from their roofs and gutters and using fire resistant roofing.**

Of those who selected other (10%), some noted that they clear debris on their property and in the surrounding area or have a sprinkler system in place. A sample of verbatim comments is provided below:

- *Sprinkler System in place surrounding property.*
- *Regular (daily) clearing of deadwood and debris on the property.*
- *Fuel wood mitigation in surrounding forest.*

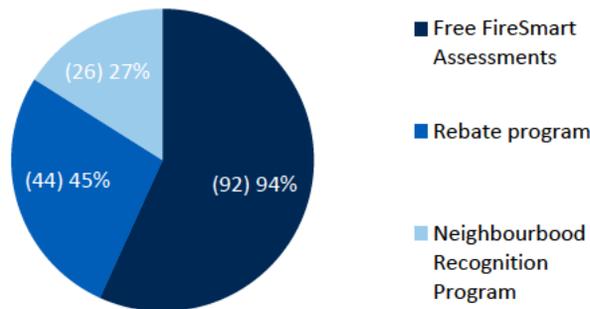
**What measures are you currently taking to reduce the impact of wildfire to your home or property? Please select all that apply (n = 136)**



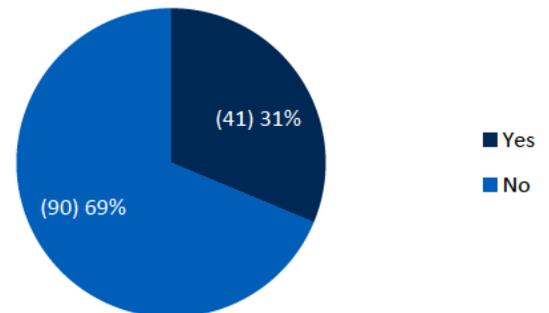
## FireSmart

While nearly all respondents (94%) are aware of the RDCK's Free FireSmart Assessments, **only 31% of respondents indicated that they have had a FireSmart home assessment** completed by a RDCK Wildfire Mitigation Specialist. Nearly half of respondents (45%) are aware of the rebate program, and roughly a quarter (27%) are familiar with the Neighbourhood Recognition Program.

Are you aware of the RDCK's other wildfire mitigation programs? Please select all that apply (n = 98)



Have you had a FireSmart home assessment completed by a RDCK Wildfire Mitigation Specialist? (n = 131)



### Additional Feedback

Survey respondents were provided the opportunity to leave additional feedback in an open comment box. Overall, many respondents stated that they were opposed to increased regulation on their property. Several respondents commented that additional regulations would add to the already high costs of building materials and permits, which is a barrier to home owners and developers. While some noted that they do not support additional regulations and permits, they do support increased FireSmart education and programs. It was also noted that people would like to see better communication of the DPA as they found there was limited information available.

A sample of verbatim comments is provided below:

- *I am in full support of education, but strongly opposed more permits and regulations.*
- *The Regional District should consider incentivizing the use of FireSmart practices in new home builds/developments. The barriers to builders are higher than ever, adding more regulation will only serve to exacerbate the housing shortage issues in our area ...*
- *RDCK could provide links on their website that connect reading who are looking to find information on fire mitigation programs, appropriate building materials (roofs/siding), etc. ...*
- *I believe that restrictions on a property owner are ONLY appropriate when there is a realistic concern that the property owner's choices will negatively impact neighbouring properties. It is NOT government's job to protect me from myself, it is their job to protect others from me and ONLY when absolutely necessary.*

## WORKSHOPS

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The following section summarizes the key themes that emerged during the developer and community workshops.

### Developer Workshop

The Developer Workshop was hosted as a discussion-based workshop. Information was shared about the Wildfire Development Permit Areas (WFDPA) project and participants provided their input, thoughts and experiences with developing in the Regional District.

Participants shared that building materials and development practices that mitigate the threat of wildfire are a major consideration in their work and the demand for these materials and practices are mostly client driven. In the past when developing within a WFDPA, participants found that the regulations did not add much additional cost to building materials or require changes to their original plans. The additional costs that participants noted were the application fees, fees for additional review by registered professionals, and minor changes to building materials.

In regard to WFDPA exemptions, participants encouraged a pragmatic WFDPA and suggested that if various standards were met, properties should be exempt from the regulations. In addition, they supported having both mandatory and discretionary items in the WFDPA. It was suggested that the regulations and exemptions need to follow the building code and that the level of expertise and when it needs to be signed off on should be clarified.

It was noted that pushback should be expected from the building community regarding the WFDPA. Concerns were also raised regarding implementation and participants encouraged the project team to reach out to the member municipalities that currently have WFDPA's.

## **Polling Questions**

Participants were prompted with two Zoom polls during the session. Results are below.

1. *To what extent do you agree with the following statement – it important the RDCK adapt to living with wildfire to avoid their potential impacts (n = 2)*
  - a. *Strongly disagree*
  - b. *Disagree*
  - c. *Agree*
  - d. *Strongly agree*

**100% of participants (2) selected “Strongly agree”.**

2. *What type of regulation would receive support in your electoral area? (n = 2)*
  - a. *Landscaping*
  - b. *Roofing Materials*
  - c. *Building Materials*
  - d. *Location of buildings on the property*
  - e. *All of the above*

**100% of participants (2) selected “All of the above”.**

3. *Please indicate your level of support for implementing Wildfire Development Permit Area regulations in your Electoral Area (n = 2)*

**100% of participants (2) indicated “Strongly Support”.**

## Community Workshop

The Community Workshop included a presentation and an open forum discussion with the workshop participants. Information was shared about the WFDPA project and participants provided their input on the project and their level of interest in implementing WFDPA regulations. At the beginning of the session, participants were asked what measures they are currently taking to reduce the impact of wildfire to their home or property. Participants stated:

- Fire pumps and sprinklers for residential houses
- Removing shrubs around their property

Given the use of sprinklers as a fire response, concern was raised over the availability of water.

## **Polling Questions**

Participants were prompted with two Zoom polls during the session. Results are provided below.

1. *To what extent do you agree with the following statement – it important the RDCK adapt to living with wildfire to avoid their potential impacts (n = 4)*
  - a. *Strongly disagree*
  - b. *Disagree*
  - c. *Agree*
  - d. *Strongly agree*

**100% of participants (4) selected “Strongly agree”.**

2. *What type of regulation would receive support in your electoral area? (n = 2)*
  - a. *Landscaping*
  - b. *Roofing Materials*
  - c. *Building Materials*
  - d. *Location of buildings on the property*
  - e. *All of the above*

**100% of participants (2) selected “All of the above”.** It was noted that there should include a “None of the above” option for those who do not support regulations.

## ADVISORY PLANNING AND HERITAGE COMMISSIONS (APHC) INTERVIEWS

RDCK staff conducted interviews with the Advisory Planning and Heritage Commissions (APHCs) for Areas C, D, E and J. The remaining Advisory Planning and Heritage Commissions were unable to meet during the project's engagement period. The following section includes a summary of the feedback received during the APHC interviews. Interviews were guided by a set of discussion questions developed by the project team. The workbook template can be found in Appendix C.

### Area C

Overall, members agreed that it is important to adapt to living with wildfires. There was a general willingness to complete landscaping work and use roofing and building materials to increase wildfire resilience. While the community is likely open to implementing wildfire mitigation measures (as this could lead to lower home insurance), it is anticipated that there will be resistance to regulations that for example, restrict the siting of structures. It was noted that participants were in favour of all exemptions except accessory buildings, and any structures requiring a building permit should not be exempt. Members recommended that any regulations should be phased in to ease resistance.



Feel that it is important to adapt to living with wildfires



Generally support implementing wildfire mitigation measures

### Area D

While there was a general agreement that a Wildfire Development Permit Area (WFDP) would be beneficial for the community, there was concern that it would be cost prohibitive. Members showed a high level of support for landscaping regulations as they are the most affordable. It was proposed that landscape regulations should be implemented now, and other regulations be phased in over time. Overall, members agreed that the best way to influence residents is through education and raising awareness, rather than introducing new regulations.



Concern that a WFDP would be cost prohibitive



Would like to see awareness raised through education rather than regulations

### Area E

Members strongly agreed that it is important that the RDCK adapt to living with wildfires to avoid their potential negative impacts. A high level of support was voiced for implementing a WFDP, with members suggesting that it is likely that Electoral Area E would be willing to implement wildfire mitigation measures. There was general support for all exemptions presented except for exterior building alterations and accessory buildings.



Feel that it is important to adapt to living with wildfires



Support implementing a WFDP and wildfire mitigation measures

## Area J

General opposition to a WFDPA was voiced by members, noting that they do not support additional regulations of any kind as they feel it will cost homeowners money to implement on their property. Members were neutral about the importance of adapting to living with wildfires but agree that the public should be made aware of wildfire hazards to avoid negative impacts.



Do not support additional regulations



Concerned about the additional costs to homeowners

# Appendix A: Community Engagement Postcard



## The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK)

is exploring the creation of a Wildfire Development Permit Area (DPA) for the RDCK's eleven Electoral Areas (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J and K) to help build wildfire resilience in our communities.



what is  
**A WILDFIRE DPA**

A Wildfire DPA is a set of development policies and guidelines that can help build wildfire resilience by ensuring new development in wildfire interface areas are less susceptible to wildfire hazards.

A Wildfire DPA can help to:



Reduce the risks associated with wildfire for new development



Increase resilience to wildfire hazards and climate change by reducing wildfire impacts as part of the land development process

## GET INVOLVED!

The RDCK is seeking input from residents to help determine the next steps towards creating a wildfire DPA.

### Community Survey

A community survey is open from August 8<sup>th</sup> to September 5<sup>th</sup> to collect feedback from Electoral Area residents.



QR code

*Participate for a chance to win a \$200 gift certificate to a local business of your choice.*

*Scan or go to [rdck.ca/XXX](http://rdck.ca/XXX)*

### In-Person FireSmart Pop-Up Events

Wildfire Mitigation Specialists will be hosting a variety of pop-up events throughout the RDCK this summer to provide information on FireSmart initiatives and share information about the Wildfire DPA project

### Community Workshop

A virtual workshop with landowners and local businesses will be held to collect feedback on the Wildfire DPA project. August 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00-7:30 PM

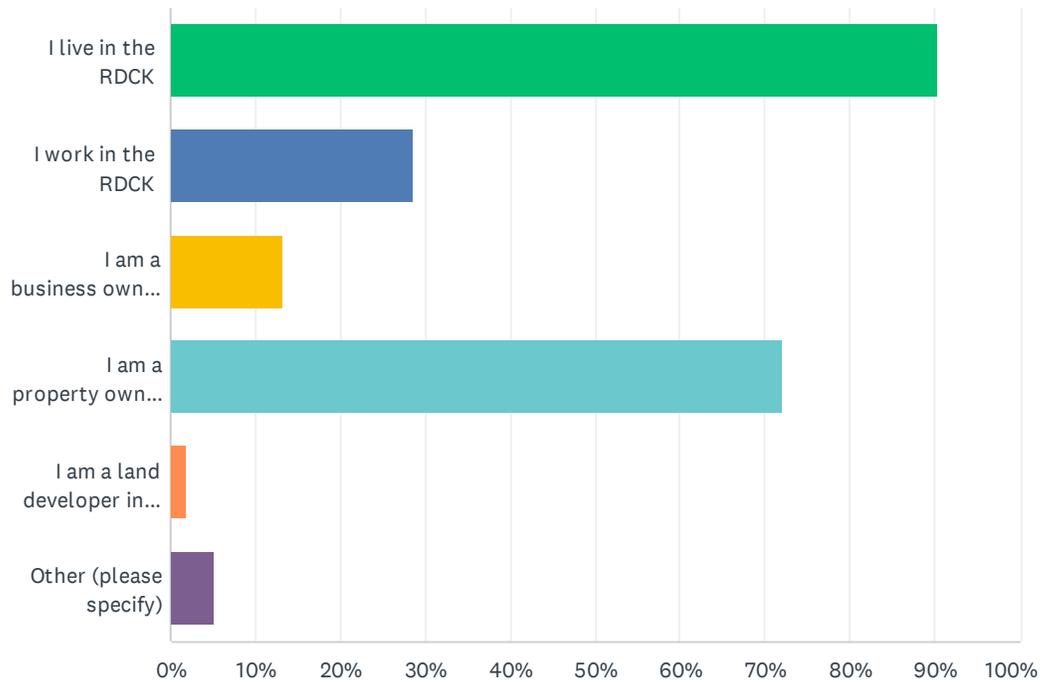
*Participate in the workshop for a chance to win a \$50 gift certificates to a local business of your choice.*

*Feedback from community engagement and analysis of best management practices will inform the proposed Wildfire DPA guidelines.*

# Appendix B: Survey Results

# Q1 What is your connection to the RDCK? Please select all that apply.

Answered: 158 Skipped: 1

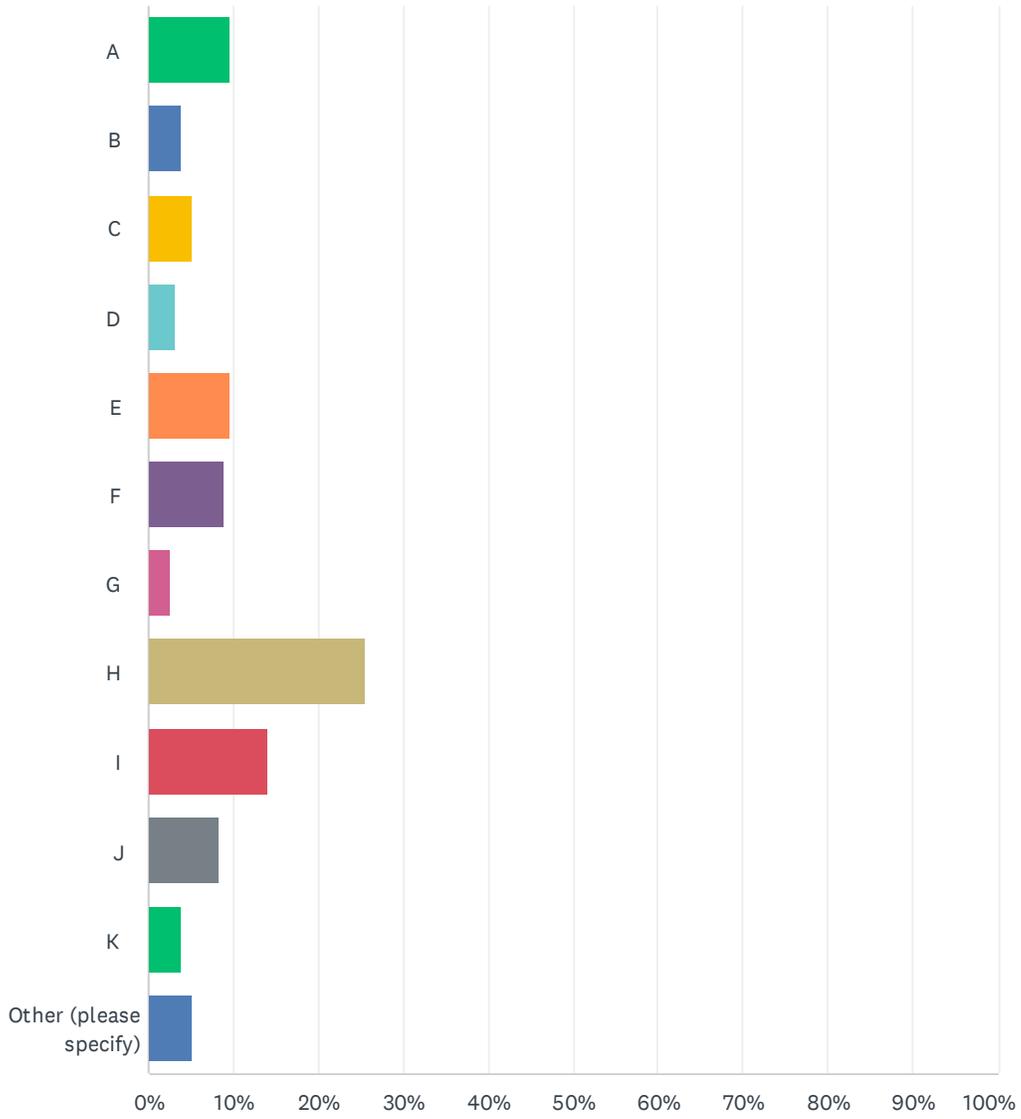


| ANSWER CHOICES                    | RESPONSES  |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| I live in the RDCK                | 90.51% 143 |
| I work in the RDCK                | 28.48% 45  |
| I am a business owner in the RDCK | 13.29% 21  |
| I am a property owner in the RDCK | 72.15% 114 |
| I am a land developer in the RDCK | 1.90% 3    |
| Other (please specify)            | 5.06% 8    |
| Total Respondents: 158            |            |

| # | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)  | DATE               |
|---|---|--------------------|
| 1 | I recreate in the rock  | 9/2/2022 6:31 AM   |
| 2 | Stakeholder in land and development projects in the RDCK          | 8/27/2022 10:56 AM |
| 3 | ?   | 8/26/2022 10:13 PM |
| 4 | I am an investor in the RDCK                                      | 8/26/2022 8:26 PM  |
| 5 | I am the executor for someone who owned a mobile home in the RDCK | 8/22/2022 10:33 AM |
| 6 | Recreation facility manager                                       | 8/9/2022 10:44 AM  |
| 7 | I work as a contractor for the RDCK                               | 8/5/2022 10:49 PM  |
| 8 | Retired RPF   | 8/5/2022 8:04 PM   |

## Q2 What Electoral Area within the RDCK do you reside in?

Answered: 156 Skipped: 3



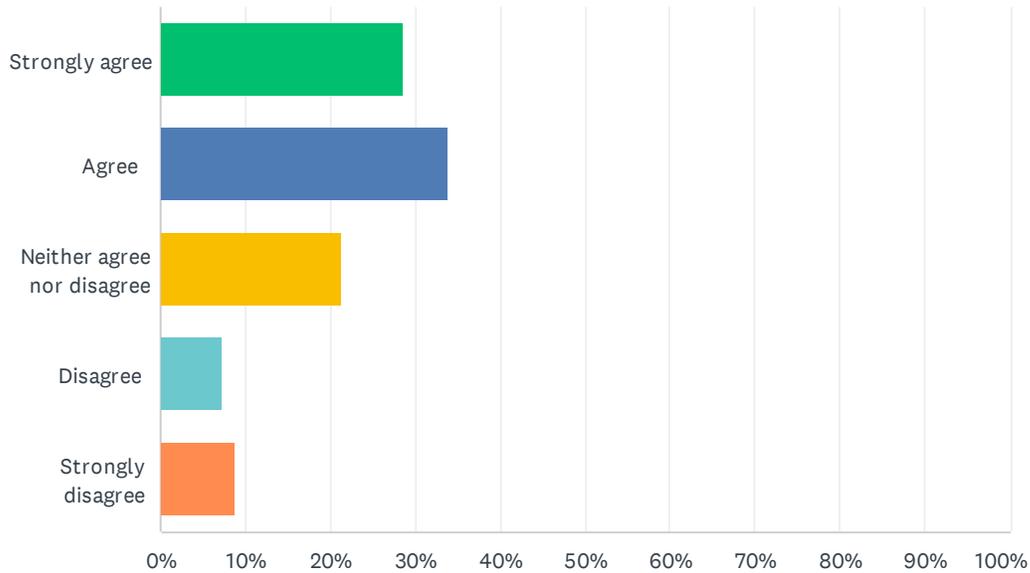
## Wildfire Development Permit Area

| ANSWER CHOICES         | RESPONSES |            |
|------------------------|-----------|------------|
| A                      | 9.62%     | 15         |
| B                      | 3.85%     | 6          |
| C                      | 5.13%     | 8          |
| D                      | 3.21%     | 5          |
| E                      | 9.62%     | 15         |
| F                      | 8.97%     | 14         |
| G                      | 2.56%     | 4          |
| H                      | 25.64%    | 40         |
| I                      | 14.10%    | 22         |
| J                      | 8.33%     | 13         |
| K                      | 3.85%     | 6          |
| Other (please specify) | 5.13%     | 8          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>           |           | <b>156</b> |

| # | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) | DATE               |
|---|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | City of Nelson         | 8/31/2022 7:44 PM  |
| 2 | Passcreek              | 8/30/2022 9:05 AM  |
| 3 | H and I both           | 8/29/2022 3:43 PM  |
| 4 | Unsure                 | 8/26/2022 10:54 PM |
| 5 | ? not sure             | 8/26/2022 10:13 PM |
| 6 | Kaslo                  | 8/16/2022 1:27 PM  |
| 7 | unknown                | 8/10/2022 10:10 AM |
| 8 | seasonal resident      | 8/9/2022 10:34 PM  |

Q3 To what extent do you agree with the following statement – Wildfires are a natural process and part of our ecosystem, and it is important that the RDCK adapt to living with wildfires to avoid their potential negative impacts.

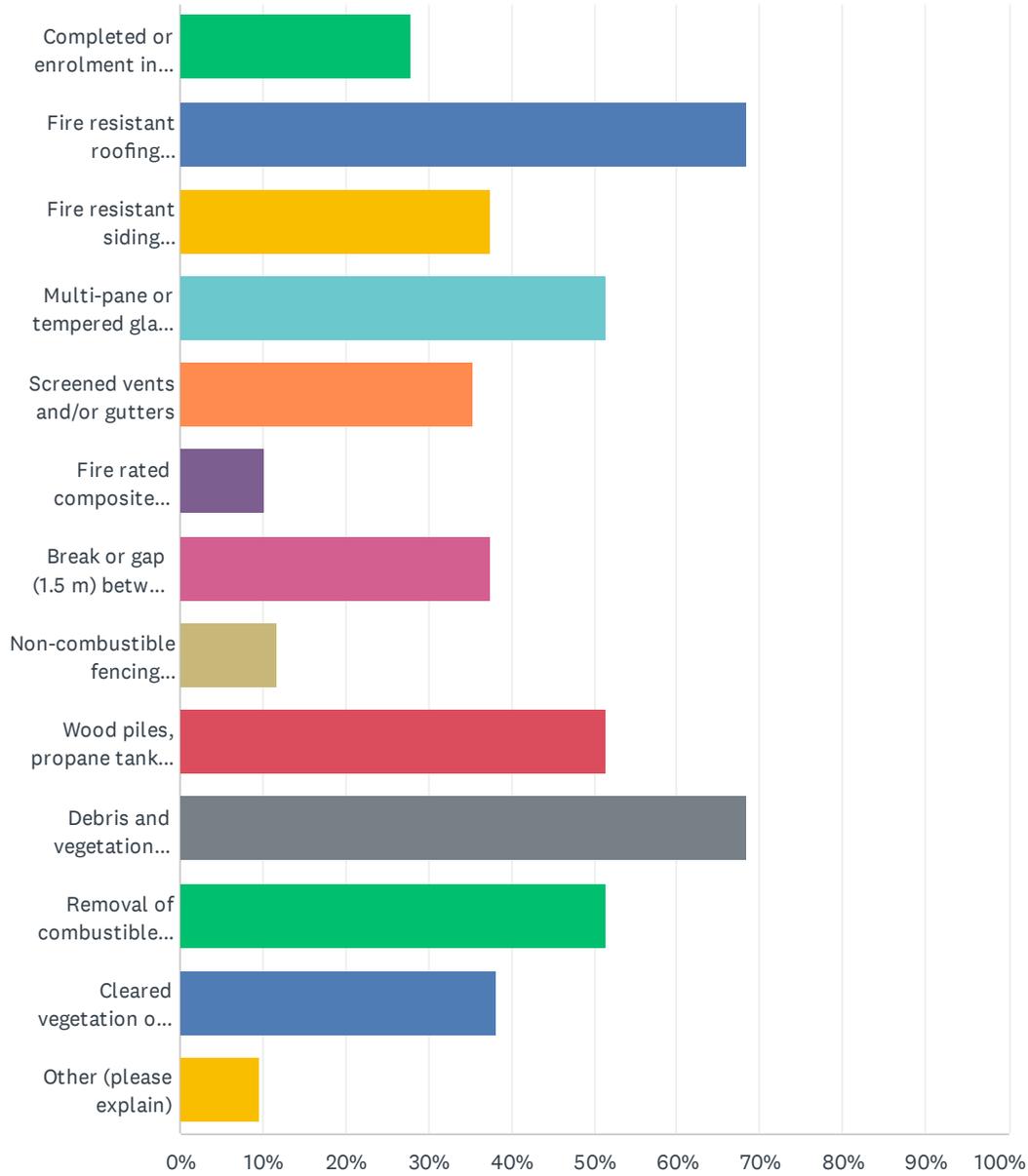
Answered: 136 Skipped: 23



| ANSWER CHOICES             | RESPONSES |            |
|----------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Strongly agree             | 28.68%    | 39         |
| Agree                      | 33.82%    | 46         |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 21.32%    | 29         |
| Disagree                   | 7.35%     | 10         |
| Strongly disagree          | 8.82%     | 12         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               |           | <b>136</b> |

### Q4 What measures are you currently taking to reduce the impact of wildfire to your home or property? (Please select all that apply).

Answered: 136 Skipped: 23



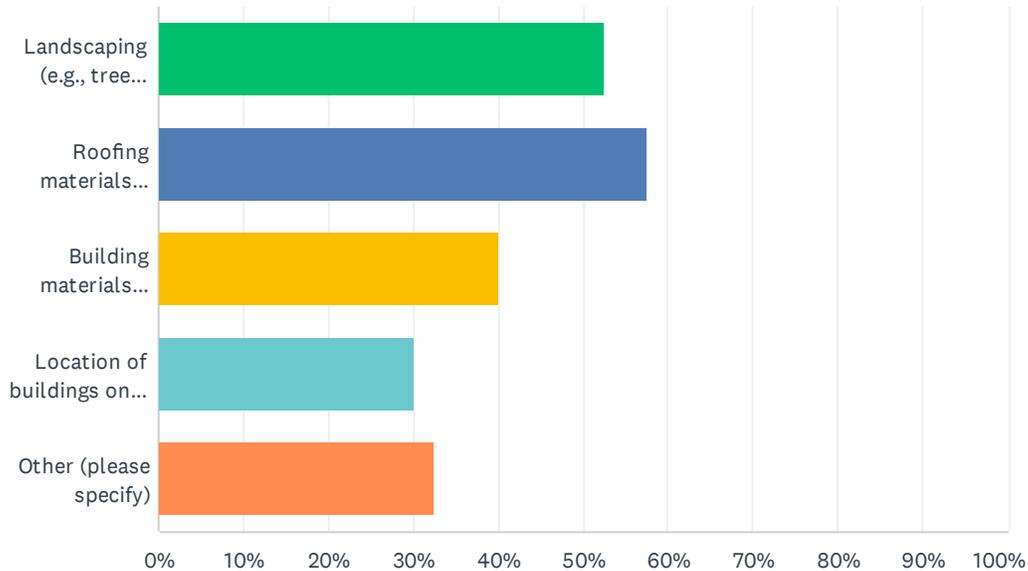
## Wildfire Development Permit Area

| ANSWER CHOICES  | RESPONSES |    |
|---|-----------|----|
| Completed or enrolment in a free FireSmart Assessment   | 27.94%    | 38 |
| Fire resistant roofing materials (e.g. asphalt shingles, clay or concrete tiles, and/or metal)                    | 68.38%    | 93 |
| Fire resistant siding materials (e.g. stucco, brick, fibre cement boards/panels and poured concrete)              | 37.50%    | 51 |
| Multi-pane or tempered glass windows  | 51.47%    | 70 |
| Screened vents and/or gutters   | 35.29%    | 48 |
| Fire rated composite decking material and/or non-combustible sheathing underside of the deck                      | 10.29%    | 14 |
| Break or gap (1.5 m) between the wood fencing and your building or home   | 37.50%    | 51 |
| Non-combustible fencing materials (e.g. metal, chain link, metal privacy slats, concrete, stone or masonry)       | 11.76%    | 16 |
| Wood piles, propane tanks, and other combustible items are located away from your building or home (approx. 10 m) | 51.47%    | 70 |
| Debris and vegetation accumulation regularly cleared from roofs and out of gutters                                | 68.38%    | 93 |
| Removal of combustible debris, materials, and vegetation on, around and under decks and other attached structures | 51.47%    | 70 |
| Cleared vegetation or fire-resistant plants and shrubs within 10 m of your building or home                       | 38.24%    | 52 |
| Other (please explain)  | 9.56%     | 13 |
| Total Respondents: 136  |           |    |

| #  | OTHER (PLEASE EXPLAIN)  | DATE               |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 1  | regular (daily) clearing of deadwood and debris on the property   | 9/2/2022 7:23 AM   |
| 2  | Variety of the above list.  | 9/1/2022 9:37 PM   |
| 3  | Doing all of the above, however, your statement above is a 'leading' statement that is blatantly false. All wildfires are not always "natural". Wildfire threat has increased substantially due to poor logging practices, not by individual home-owners. Focus on the source of the problem, not the symptoms and the effects of the problem. Don't need another level of inefficient and inappropriate government interfering with our lives. | 8/29/2022 4:27 PM  |
| 4  | Fuel wood mitigation in surrounding forest  | 8/27/2022 6:40 PM  |
| 5  | really, we are not idiots and don't need more control from rdck   | 8/27/2022 2:35 PM  |
| 6  | No of rdck's business how I prepare my property   | 8/27/2022 7:20 AM  |
| 7  | None ... creeks and pumps   | 8/27/2022 12:45 AM |
| 8  | ?   | 8/26/2022 10:15 PM |
| 9  | Seriously.... we live on 2 acres and to do what you are proposing would cost hundreds of thousands of dollars.  | 8/26/2022 7:07 PM  |
| 10 | Nothing   | 8/19/2022 6:57 PM  |
| 11 | Plumbed in roof sprinklers at three locations on our house roof. Purchased a gasoline pump to bring water from Kootenay Lake (live on the water) in the event of a fire and power is cut to the house.  | 8/19/2022 11:30 AM |
| 12 | Keepin it cool g  | 8/12/2022 1:07 PM  |
| 13 | Sprinkler System in place surrounding property  | 8/5/2022 8:13 PM   |

## Q5 What type of regulations are you most likely to support? (Please select all that apply).

Answered: 120 Skipped: 39



| ANSWER CHOICES   | RESPONSES |
|--|-----------|
| Landscaping (e.g., tree pruning, landscaping materials, and vegetation/combustible debris removal)                                 | 52.50% 63 |
| Roofing materials (e.g., fire resistant or fire-retardant roofing materials, metal or screened gutters)                            | 57.50% 69 |
| Building materials (e.g., non-combustible deck/porch materials, double paned or tempered glass for exterior windows and doors)     | 40.00% 48 |
| Location of buildings on property (e.g., located away from combustible materials and gullies that accumulate fuel and funnel wind) | 30.00% 36 |
| Other (please specify)   | 32.50% 39 |
| Total Respondents: 120   |           |

| # | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)   | DATE               |
|---|--|--------------------|
| 1 | I am concerned by introducing additional regulations. Public education and communication will result in voluntary improvements which will improve sense of community. Regulations create animosity to the RDCK | 9/3/2022 8:47 PM   |
| 2 | None   | 9/3/2022 10:21 AM  |
| 3 | locating yard hydrants in proximity to buildings   | 9/2/2022 7:23 AM   |
| 4 | No regulations are needed nor supported by my neighbors or myself. Common sense prevails.  | 9/1/2022 9:37 PM   |
| 5 | None.  | 9/1/2022 8:17 AM   |
| 6 | I don't think there should be regulations, only guidelines/suggestions.  | 8/30/2022 3:15 PM  |
| 7 | Enough's enough. Another RDCK money grab. I would not support any more regulations. I'm already doing the best I can with the funds I have.  | 8/29/2022 10:39 PM |

## Wildfire Development Permit Area

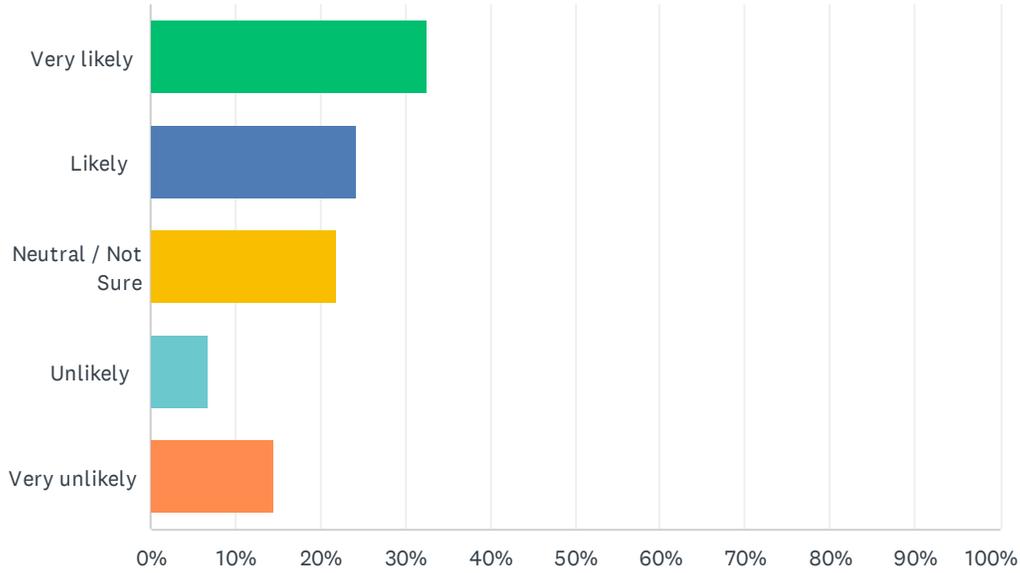
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| 8  | NONE. Will not support any increase in regulations that do not directly mitigate the SOURCE of the majority of wildfires. (hint: homeowners are not the source. However, they are often the victims.) Why regulate the victim? Regulate the industry that causes most of the damage and is weakening our forests through the harvesting and replanting of only certain high-dollar species and treating the rest as weeds...through the defoliating and de-forestation of so-called 'weed species'...leading to the devastation and annihilation of many song birds, bats, and ground species through the application of glyphosates. FIX THIS FIRST. Our forests HAVE to return to healthy diversity first. Targeting home-owners with your ridiculous and ineffective regulations is not going to help as long as the logging and timber industry are allowed to continue their 'profit first' policies. Look to Norway as an example of how to do this right. Wake up! | 8/29/2022 4:27 PM  |
| 9  | let people make some of their own decisions with the level of risk they are willing to take.  | 8/29/2022 4:05 PM  |
| 10 | None of the above   | 8/28/2022 7:51 PM  |
| 11 | Apply the law against forestry monoculture that is responsible for decimating water retaining trees like poplar, for greed, exposing us to rampant wildfires and floods. Promote "asbestos forests". Leave tax payers alone. We're struggling here.   | 8/28/2022 8:00 AM  |
| 12 | common sense not regulations required   | 8/27/2022 10:28 PM |
| 13 | The regional district already is money grabbing with building. They take NO LIABILITY anyway, just dictating.   | 8/27/2022 6:40 PM  |
| 14 | If you don't live in a city you are basically living in a forest. All the above measures may be good but a raging forest fire with fly embers are uncontrollable. Building codes should be the go to for fire smart building materials and the other measures should be a recommendations. RDCK permits are just a money grab they tell you what to do but if things go sideways they are not responsible.  | 8/27/2022 6:38 PM  |
| 15 | none, we have enough regulations already!   | 8/27/2022 2:35 PM  |
| 16 | None  | 8/27/2022 2:08 PM  |
| 17 | Not your business   | 8/27/2022 10:16 AM |
| 18 | None. Consider incentivizing the use of FireSmart practices rather than regulation.   | 8/27/2022 8:50 AM  |
| 19 | I'm not in support of regulatory requirements.  | 8/27/2022 7:48 AM  |
| 20 | None  | 8/27/2022 7:20 AM  |
| 21 | None  | 8/27/2022 7:11 AM  |
| 22 | Landscaping by homeowners which we do   | 8/27/2022 7:10 AM  |
| 23 | Don't big us down with more laws . Stay in the city where you belong  | 8/27/2022 12:45 AM |
| 24 | \\W   | 8/26/2022 10:15 PM |
| 25 | Mitigation measures on crown land.  | 8/26/2022 8:42 PM  |
| 26 | None  | 8/26/2022 8:33 PM  |
| 27 | I'm not supportive of any more regulations the rdck want to put into place.   | 8/26/2022 7:48 PM  |
| 28 | honestly none, should be a insurance issue with the property owner  | 8/26/2022 7:46 PM  |
| 29 | Do not support any of the above. We use common sense on our property and I'm tired of being taxed   | 8/26/2022 7:07 PM  |
| 30 | None. While advice and information should be available to the homeowner, the decision of whether or not it is implemented must be theirs.   | 8/26/2022 3:06 PM  |
| 31 | people are struggling to even find housing, where are people going to find the additional funds to even fulfill these requirements when there can barely meet their basic needs. I think you are implementing another level of governance that will impose barriers to people securing affordable housing. This will impact the middle to lower class. There has been no consideration for the land impacts from clearing all the trees who also help with moisture controls and ground coverage that help with soil erosion.   | 8/26/2022 9:49 AM  |

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| 32 | Do not further regulate or add more policies that cost land owners   | 8/16/2022 3:24 PM |
| 33 | I'm not sure we need more "regulations"  | 8/15/2022 1:43 PM |
| 34 | Ye   | 8/12/2022 1:07 PM |
| 35 | Is this not already in the building code?  | 8/11/2022 4:28 PM |
| 36 | No more regulations. Make it optional.   | 8/10/2022 6:45 AM |
| 37 | None. There should be no regulation, it should be the responsibility of the land/home owner to ensure their investment is Firesmart. | 8/9/2022 3:43 PM  |
| 38 | Access and egress to ensure fire fighters can action fires.  | 8/5/2022 10:52 PM |
| 39 | Lawn grass established surrounding structure   | 8/5/2022 8:13 PM  |

### Q6 Would you be willing to implement wildfire mitigation measures (e.g. landscaping, fire resistant building and roofing materials) when developing, renovating, or subdividing your property?

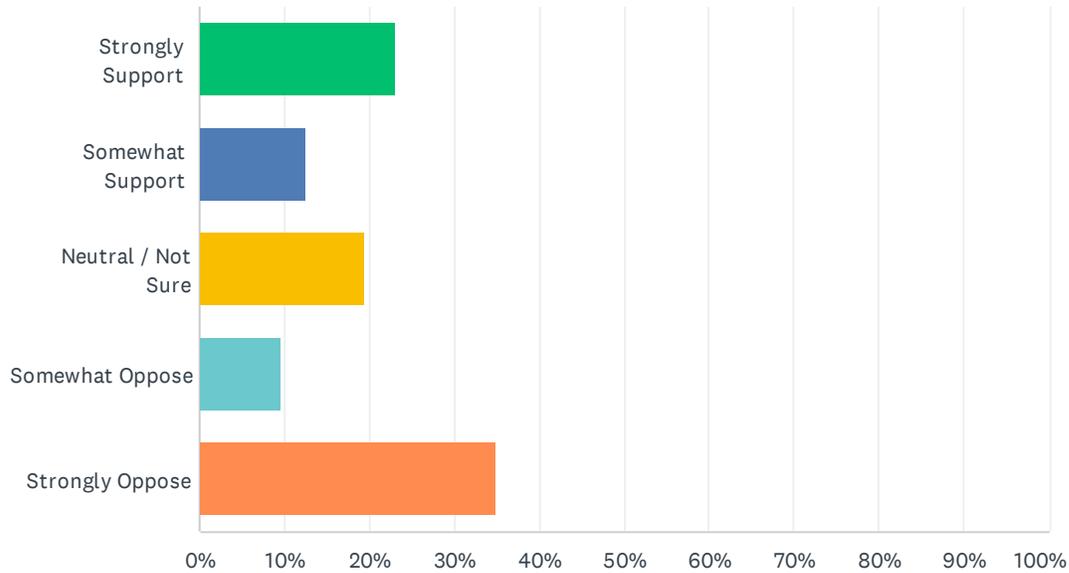
Answered: 132 Skipped: 27



| ANSWER CHOICES     | RESPONSES |            |
|--------------------|-----------|------------|
| Very likely        | 32.58%    | 43         |
| Likely             | 24.24%    | 32         |
| Neutral / Not Sure | 21.97%    | 29         |
| Unlikely           | 6.82%     | 9          |
| Very unlikely      | 14.39%    | 19         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       |           | <b>132</b> |

## Q7 Please indicate your level of support for Wildfire Development Permit Area regulations in your Electoral Area:

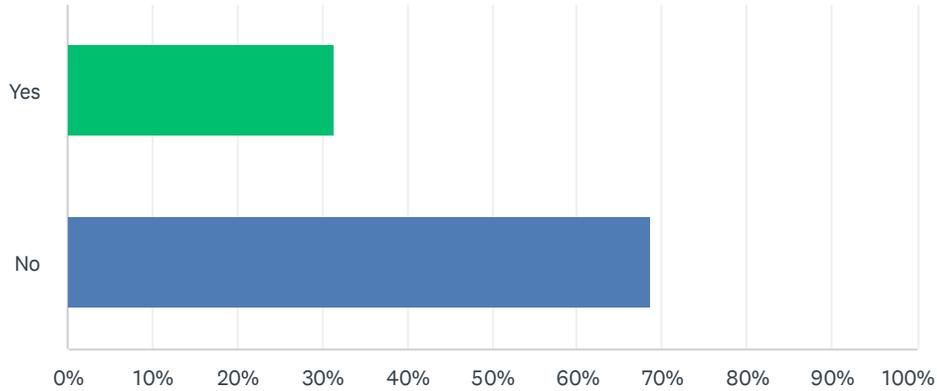
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| ANSWER CHOICES     | RESPONSES |     |
|--------------------|-----------|-----|
| Strongly Support   | 23.13%    | 31  |
| Somewhat Support   | 12.69%    | 17  |
| Neutral / Not Sure | 19.40%    | 26  |
| Somewhat Oppose    | 9.70%     | 13  |
| Strongly Oppose    | 35.07%    | 47  |
| TOTAL              |           | 134 |

Q8 Have you had a FireSmart home assessment completed by a RDCK Wildfire Mitigation Specialist? If you're interested in booking a FireSmart home assessment in the RDCK, visit: [www.firesmartapp.ca/application/F5041B](http://www.firesmartapp.ca/application/F5041B)

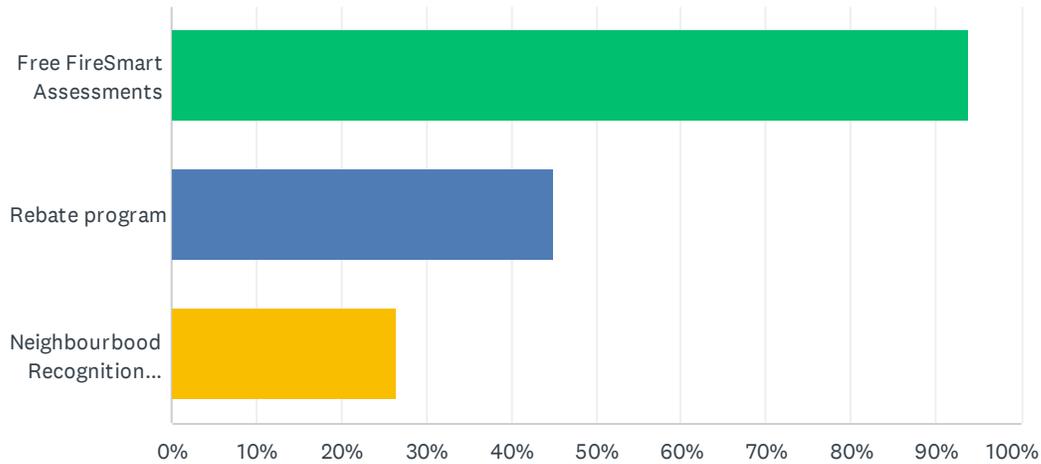
Answered: 131 Skipped: 28



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |
|----------------|-----------|
| Yes            | 31.30% 41 |
| No             | 68.70% 90 |
| TOTAL          | 131       |

**Q9 Are you aware of the RDCK’s other wildfire mitigation programs?**  
 Please select all that apply. To learn more about the RDCK’s wildfire mitigation programs, visit: [www.rdck.ca/EN/main/services/emergency-management/wildfires/firesmart.html](http://www.rdck.ca/EN/main/services/emergency-management/wildfires/firesmart.html)

Answered: 98 Skipped: 61



| ANSWER CHOICES                    | RESPONSES |    |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|----|
| Free FireSmart Assessments        | 93.88%    | 92 |
| Rebate program                    | 44.90%    | 44 |
| Neighbourhood Recognition Program | 26.53%    | 26 |
| Total Respondents: 98             |           |    |

## Q10 Do you have any additional feedback?

Answered: 59 Skipped: 100

| #  | RESPONSES  | DATE               |
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| 1  | Once again, as a fire manager I think communication and education will result in better community support. RDCK has a bad rap in the communities and mandating changes will not truly help improve the situation. If people are educated, a true culture shift can be developed rather than creating the animosity additional regulations create.  | 9/3/2022 8:51 PM   |
| 2  | I would like to know what involvement the insurance industry has in this WDPA  | 9/2/2022 7:58 AM   |
| 3  | No   | 8/30/2022 10:55 PM |
| 4  | firesmart assessment very easy to access and good information. Found useful for updating our property for fire mitigation.   | 8/30/2022 8:12 PM  |
| 5  | I don't want anyone forced into re-doing or changing their property or having strict limitations on what and where they can build just because the government wants to try and control a potential wildfire. Wildfires are just that. They are wild and no matter what type of regulations and codes you have, if it comes through, it will damage anything and everything. It's an Act of God under all insurance policies and is covered accordingly.  | 8/30/2022 3:19 PM  |
| 6  | Home owners or developers should not have to pay the price for permits, building materials, etc, that comply to new regulations for a problem that was created by the logging industry, and government, in suppressing natural wildfires. Consequently a ticking time bomb has resulted and now we have to pay the price!? Fuck that.  | 8/30/2022 9:12 AM  |
| 7  | While we appreciate all the work being done in wildfire mitigation, we are very concerned with the many slash piles left by Anderson Creek Timber after logging Mtn. Station last year. This logging occurred about 2.5k from Nelson city hall - and 1.5k from our home. Although private land, the RDCK must work with the owner/manager to ensure these slash piles - surely a major fire hazard - are cleaned up.   | 8/30/2022 7:39 AM  |
| 8  | I'm just shaking my head. Surely the residents in this area have the smarts to see thru this? You are going to kill our economy and our life style.  | 8/29/2022 10:43 PM |
| 9  | Do not over regulate   | 8/29/2022 6:38 PM  |
| 10 | make this more exposed hiding this in the website is inexcusable. This information should be out for all to know about(both those that are on computers and those that are not) I have not seen anything about this until it was brought to may attention on FB. there shouldn't be any decisions made unless a certain percentage has been met in each Electoral area.  | 8/29/2022 4:39 PM  |
| 11 | This is a leading survey that does not come close to addressing the issues that should be addressed. it is only to fool the public to thinking they have a say in something when it is quite obvious we don't. The survey is only to allow the RDCK to open the door to more regulation and control of the regions populace when it is not needed. Worse, it already pre-assumes that what the RDCK is doing is a good thing and the right thing. This is a survey to push an agenda, not to find out and to act upon the public's best interests, | 8/29/2022 4:33 PM  |
| 12 | Stop meddling in land owners business. There are enough regulations, permits, and hurdles to jump through as it is. We we need less regulations, not more.   | 8/29/2022 6:41 AM  |
| 13 | We do not need more government control of our lives.   | 8/28/2022 7:54 PM  |
| 14 | The free compost pile at the transfer station is a good program.   | 8/28/2022 8:01 AM  |
| 15 | Building codes should implement fire smart building material. When apply for a building permit fire smart mitigation should be recommended. The addition of the WDPA permit is another money grab and more red tape for land owners to deal with. One question is the home insurance underwriters pushing for this type of permitting so they can determine insurance coverage?  | 8/27/2022 6:54 PM  |

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| 16 | Too much too fast. Start small - landscaping, vegetation, yard maintenance, debris removal, tree trimming - all great and should be done. There are already building codes for how a House can be built - why double that effort?  | 8/27/2022 3:43 PM  |
| 17 | This really is just another money grab for the RDCK  | 8/27/2022 3:27 PM  |
| 18 | again, please stop increasing regulations on how and where we build on our land. It is ridiculous that the forestry industry can remove large tracts of water holding, environment stabilizing trees without recourse and of course the small homeowner is pressured with more regulations while the big corps carry on. enough!   | 8/27/2022 2:37 PM  |
| 19 | This is not needed   | 8/27/2022 2:09 PM  |
| 20 | The first question makes me feel like it's loaded. For example if I agree with your question does this mean I'm giving you permission to tell me to cut down all my trees? I think a fire remediation plan needs to be balanced with climate change and the need for shade. There are huge differences between plants and trees when we're talking about landscaping. Thank you for the survey but I need more information. Which by the way it's not always easy to find on your website  | 8/27/2022 1:53 PM  |
| 21 | Enforcement of any executive order or policy with no representative culpability or democratic referendum is not Canadian.  | 8/27/2022 12:24 PM |
| 22 | Thanks for considering implementation of a more fireproof approach to buildings  | 8/27/2022 8:56 AM  |
| 23 | The Regional District should consider incentivizing the use of FireSmart practices in new home builds/developments. The barriers to builders are higher than ever, adding more regulation will only serve to exacerbate the housing shortage issues in our area. The wait times for building permits are already completely unacceptable with no plan to deal with this.   | 8/27/2022 8:55 AM  |
| 24 | There is a housing crisis here. This addition permitting sounds like it would only increase costs and result in less people being able to build. Why not develop an incentive program for these items - reduced Building permit costs etc.   | 8/27/2022 8:46 AM  |
| 25 | I am in full support of education, but strongly opposed more permits and regulations.  | 8/27/2022 7:49 AM  |
| 26 | While in general I support wildfire mitigation measures and do as much as reasonably possible, I take significant issue with the RDCK mandating additional requirements above and beyond the BC building code. It is an important concern to address, adding additional costs and barriers to be born by those of us trying to build and responsibly develop in our region is the WRONG approach. The RDCK is currently struggling to review permits and provide basic building inspection services. Implimenting a new series of permits, especially ones that reduce the ability of homeowners, developers, and farmers, to come up solutions that meet their own specific needs, is counterproductive. A ramped up firesmart program, or set of voluntary guidelines would be a much better approach. | 8/27/2022 7:29 AM  |
| 27 | The rdck is a joke, leave landowners alone and stop trying to micro manage peoples private land use  | 8/27/2022 7:21 AM  |
| 28 | No   | 8/27/2022 7:13 AM  |
| 29 | Regional district couldn't run their a wet paper gag let alone run a region. Stay away city scum bags !  | 8/27/2022 12:47 AM |
| 30 | North  | 8/26/2022 11:00 PM |
| 31 | Nope   | 8/26/2022 10:59 PM |
| 32 | ??   | 8/26/2022 10:16 PM |
| 33 | Don't need more government interference, taxes, permits on an already heavily burdened community.  | 8/26/2022 8:44 PM  |
| 34 | Negative   | 8/26/2022 8:33 PM  |
| 35 | I'd like to place any new building as close to, or as far from any trees/ vegetation as to my liking, I would however agree with using building materials that align with the fire smart designation.  | 8/26/2022 8:02 PM  |
| 36 | I am greatly apposed to more regulations and interference in the lives of kootenay residents.  | 8/26/2022 7:52 PM  |

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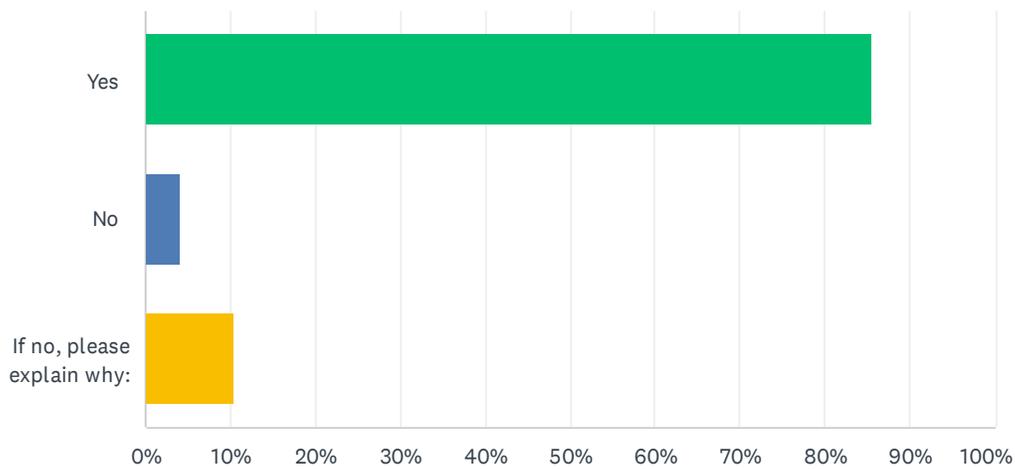
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| 37 | permits and additional rules effectively prevents new familys and middle class people from moving to the area and building property, only favors high income folks or people to contravene the rules, adding barriers for people purchasing lands and building home will only lead to further barrier in having a sustainable west kootenay's  | 8/26/2022 7:47 PM  |
| 38 | STOP USING TERM WILDFIRE. This is fear mongering at its finest. It's a FOREST FIRE and that's what it is. Just like the fear bs for covid now you are saying wildfire... good grief stop the fear train.   | 8/26/2022 7:08 PM  |
| 39 | I believe that restrictions on a property owner are ONLY appropriate when there is a realistic concern that the property owner's choices will negatively impact neighbouring properties. It is NOT government's job to protect me from myself, it is their job to protect others from me and ONLY when absolutely necessary.   | 8/26/2022 3:10 PM  |
| 40 | Yes Think the WDPA should be made consistent and implemented equally across each electoral area and not be at the decision of each director. The cost to our home and property were minimal if not the same to make it compliant to the proposed plans. Think it would also take the pressure off directors and make more Fire Smart communities.  | 8/26/2022 10:15 AM |
| 41 | I would like to see the people exploring these plans to also be looking at the environmental impacts of requiring all trees to be removed, the requirement to keep lawns short, etc. All these impact the earths ability to absorb the water and return it back into the process. I see a large disconnect between those who want to prevent fires and those trying to conserve the land. The RDCK has already put so many road blocks in the way of people finding/building housing in the rural area. This is just another opportunity to control and collect money. There is no consideration made for those of us who are barely making it by on what we have. Just imposing more hierarchical perspectives. Trees help keep our houses cool. Cut the trees down they say to prevent fires, so now you turn the air conditioner on more which draws power which in turn causes more fires. Where will this stop! | 8/26/2022 9:53 AM  |
| 42 | I would support reasonable measures. However, to date, I find that the Fire Smart emphasis on vegetation removal to be too drastic and negatively affecting the needs of some birds. I am interested in seeing that a balanced approach that considers all aspects of ecosystem management be developed.   | 8/26/2022 7:15 AM  |
| 43 | RDCK could provide links on their website that connect reading who are looking to find information on fire mitigation programs, appropriate building materials (roofs/siding), etc. We found several sites from California that provided very useful information of appropriate building materials. This may save time for those people looing for information but may have limited time to seek out or hunt for information on the internet.  | 8/19/2022 11:51 AM |
| 44 | No   | 8/18/2022 2:25 PM  |
| 45 | No   | 8/17/2022 7:05 PM  |
| 46 | None   | 8/17/2022 6:09 AM  |
| 47 | The survey questions were slanted to Provide RDCK with justification to do what they will do anyway RDCK HAS NEVER been there to help provide the people with solutions or help- just slam with orders /penalties/title penalties without any single solution to solve the situation :   | 8/16/2022 3:30 PM  |
| 48 | Nothing for now  | 8/15/2022 5:57 PM  |
| 49 | Maybe explain further what the dpa would entail, how would it be enforced?   | 8/15/2022 1:45 PM  |
| 50 | no   | 8/15/2022 10:57 AM |
| 51 | Make this shorter  | 8/12/2022 1:08 PM  |
| 52 | Any of these proposed regulations should be included in the development permit for each new development on an individual unique basis since each development is different. More permits and bureaucracy will not stop fires. How about just apply common sense?  | 8/11/2022 4:35 PM  |
| 53 | I would like to see significant tree clearing efforts around my subdivision, along the highways, and long the powerlines.  | 8/10/2022 10:14 AM |
| 54 | no   | 8/9/2022 10:36 PM  |
| 55 | The cost of mitigation work on existing buildings is a barrier. Please require all new development to follow FireSmart guidelines but don't impose costly requirements on existing   | 8/9/2022 10:02 PM  |

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|    | structures.  |                   |
| 56 | Personally I believe this is government over reach. Governments are not a tool to to police ignorance or stupidity. Ignorance or stupidity should not cost rate payers and before anyone tells me there will be no cost associated with this, there is always a cost associated when it comes es to government policy. Always. I strongly believe that of one chooses to live in fire prone areas one should be 100% responsible for their own level of adaption to the surrounding. Again, it's not the job of government to govern ignorance or stupidity.                                 | 8/9/2022 3:48 PM  |
| 57 | The changing climate has lead to many dead pine trees due to not only the pine bark beetle attacks in the last 20 years, but also the hot dry summers. I would like to see a wildfire hazard reduction by the removal of these trees in park lands within the RDCK - for example, in the elk reserve above Marsden Road to the Sproule Creek area where houes are. Removal of the standing dead (established wildlife trees notwithstanding), will also allow a reguvenation of shrubs and greens that provide food and habitat for other animals while also being naturally fire resistant. | 8/9/2022 1:44 PM  |
| 58 | Every community in Area A would benefit from a LFR. Would likely get more uptake on the program  | 8/9/2022 10:49 AM |
| 59 | Looking south we know we need to do this and more. How do we avoid the criticism id government over reach as just occurred in Oregon?  | 8/5/2022 10:55 PM |

# Q11 Was the information in this survey easy to understand?

Answered: 124 Skipped: 35



| ANSWER CHOICES             | RESPONSES  |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Yes                        | 85.48% 106 |
| No                         | 4.03% 5    |
| If no, please explain why: | 10.48% 13  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               | <b>124</b> |

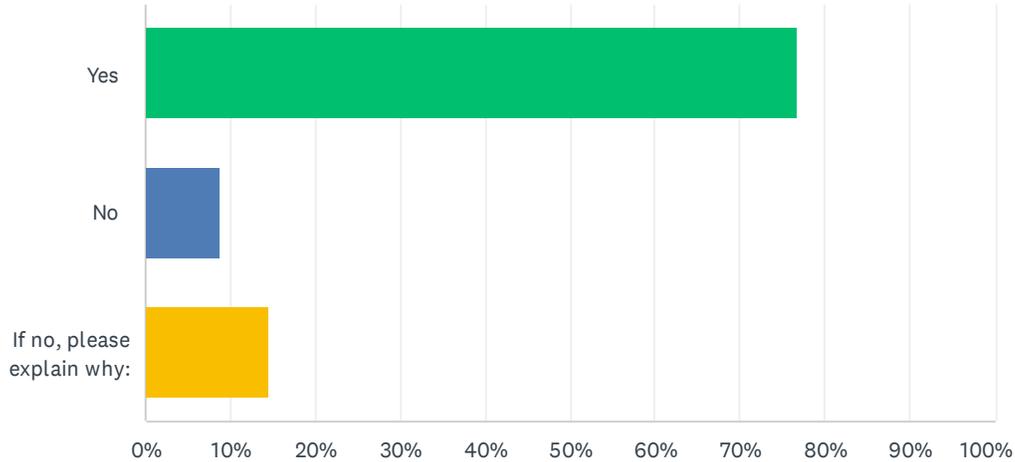
| #  | IF NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY:   | DATE               |
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| 1  | The survey and wording appeared as presented with bias towards responses favouring the RDCK preference to impose additional reules.  | 9/3/2022 8:51 PM   |
| 2  | Questions very slanted as has become the custom  | 9/3/2022 10:22 AM  |
| 3  | Statement number 1 was skewed. We live in an area where wildfires happen. Regulating isn't going to make them go away and the level of fire fighting, where local knowledge is ignored, is garbage. I've watched it for years and cringed at the unnecessary stupidity of "book trained" so-called "specialists" | 8/29/2022 10:43 PM |
| 4  | Far too simplistic. Questions often don't apply. Assumes an urban setting rather than a rural or farm setting.   | 8/29/2022 4:33 PM  |
| 5  | Several of the questions utilized wording that seemed to force the direction of your answers.  | 8/28/2022 7:54 PM  |
| 6  | It appears that the rdck is pushing rules irregardless   | 8/27/2022 10:17 AM |
| 7  | not enough information about what is meant by 'regulations' and how they'd enforced  | 8/27/2022 8:39 AM  |
| 8  | Waste of my 3 minutes  | 8/27/2022 12:47 AM |
| 9  | \?   | 8/26/2022 10:16 PM |
| 10 | You have slanted yet another survey to do whatever you want like that recreation center that had you actual listened to what we wanted- instead you voted and did what urban people wanted WE are NOT urban  | 8/16/2022 3:30 PM  |
| 11 | I feel the questions are leading.  | 8/15/2022 9:15 PM  |

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| 12 | Becuz                                    | 8/12/2022 1:08 PM |
| 13 | One question I had to read several times | 8/9/2022 1:08 PM  |

## Q12 Do you feel you had enough background information on Wildfire DPA's to participate in a meaningful way?

Answered: 125 Skipped: 34



| ANSWER CHOICES             | RESPONSES |            |
|----------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Yes                        | 76.80%    | 96         |
| No                         | 8.80%     | 11         |
| If no, please explain why: | 14.40%    | 18         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               |           | <b>125</b> |

| #  | IF NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY:   | DATE              |
|----|--|-------------------|
| 1  | first time hearing about this  | 9/5/2022 3:29 PM  |
| 2  | I do not think there was enough effort to garner input from residents and land owners in the RDCK on this matter. The survey and limited coverage appears intended to complete a checklist of things do before a project or change with out genuine interest in getting input from those in RDCK | 9/3/2022 8:51 PM  |
| 3  | new to me, never heard of WDPA, or how they developed.   | 9/2/2022 7:58 AM  |
| 4  | This sneaky pysh to regulate has not at all been advertised as it is.  | 9/1/2022 9:39 PM  |
| 5  | will need more reading on this   | 8/31/2022 6:35 PM |
| 6  | have not see any info on this survey anywhere until today on FB  | 8/29/2022 4:39 PM |
| 7  | Being this is the first time hearing of this process it seems to be a little shady.  | 8/27/2022 6:54 PM |
| 8  | What are you proposing? Would be helpful.  | 8/27/2022 1:53 PM |
| 9  | no public awareness campaign, no public discussion   | 8/27/2022 8:39 AM |
| 10 | I found out about this survey from another persons post. RDCK is not doing a good job making people aware of this survey or the impact of the permit. I think it's ridiculous to force people to build a certain way. Why not educate and let them decide.                                       | 8/27/2022 7:13 AM |
| 11 | I feel there is more I could learn   | 8/17/2022 6:09 AM |

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| 12 | Never seen the geo/engineering actual reports just the word of RDCK which means little   | 8/16/2022 3:30 PM |
| 13 | I'm still not totally sure what the DPA is. It seems like implementing new rules and regulations with new builds/renovations. And like I stated earlier in the survey, we don't need more regulations... we need information and ways of helping each other to fire smart. | 8/15/2022 1:45 PM |
| 14 | Cheeseburgers uuhhhhhh   | 8/12/2022 1:08 PM |
| 15 | need more information on exactly what makes this different from say, a fire smart assessment   | 8/9/2022 10:36 PM |
| 16 | What will the rules be? Will they apply to existing development?   | 8/9/2022 10:02 PM |
| 17 | Would need more information  | 8/9/2022 1:08 PM  |
| 18 | Some of the terminology or references to other programmes or initiatives I would need to look up or read up on before answering  | 8/9/2022 12:25 PM |

## Q13 Provide your contact information for a chance to be entered in a draw to win a \$200 gift certificate to a local business of your choice (Optional):

Answered: 82 Skipped: 77

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |    |
|----------------|-----------|----|
| Name:          | 98.78%    | 81 |
| Phone Number:  | 90.24%    | 74 |
| Email:         | 92.68%    | 76 |

| #  | NAME:  | DATE               |
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| 1  | [REDACTED]   | 9/5/2022 3:30 PM   |
| 2  | [REDACTED]   | 9/3/2022 8:52 PM   |
| 3  | [REDACTED]   | 9/1/2022 9:40 PM   |
| 4  | [REDACTED]   | 8/31/2022 6:36 PM  |
| 5  | [REDACTED]   | 8/30/2022 10:56 PM |
| 6  | [REDACTED]   | 8/30/2022 8:12 PM  |
| 7  | [REDACTED]   | 8/30/2022 3:19 PM  |
| 8  | [REDACTED]   | 8/30/2022 7:40 AM  |
| 9  | [REDACTED]   | 8/29/2022 10:09 PM |
| 10 | [REDACTED]   | 8/29/2022 8:11 PM  |
| 11 | [REDACTED]   | 8/29/2022 6:39 PM  |
| 12 | [REDACTED]   | 8/29/2022 5:43 PM  |
| 13 | [REDACTED]   | 8/29/2022 4:39 PM  |
| 14 | Do you think I'm stupid?! More coercion. Right up there with running a lottery to get a jabbed. (Alberta) . No. I don't want your stupid gift certificate. | 8/29/2022 4:38 PM  |
| 15 | [REDACTED]   | 8/29/2022 4:06 PM  |
| 16 | [REDACTED]   | 8/29/2022 1:21 PM  |
| 17 | [REDACTED]   | 8/28/2022 7:19 PM  |
| 18 | [REDACTED]   | 8/28/2022 8:02 AM  |
| 19 | [REDACTED]   | 8/27/2022 6:56 PM  |
| 20 | [REDACTED]   | 8/27/2022 6:40 PM  |
| 21 | [REDACTED]   | 8/27/2022 1:54 PM  |
| 22 | [REDACTED]   | 8/27/2022 1:52 PM  |
| 23 | [REDACTED]   | 8/27/2022 12:48 PM |
| 24 | [REDACTED]   | 8/27/2022 11:34 AM |
| 25 | [REDACTED]   | 8/27/2022 11:20 AM |
| 26 | [REDACTED]   | 8/27/2022 11:03 AM |

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| 27 | ██████████     | 8/27/2022 9:04 AM  |
| 28 | ██████████     | 8/27/2022 8:57 AM  |
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# Appendix C: APHC Workbook



# Wildfire Development Permit Area: APHC Workbook

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## Background

The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is exploring the creation of a Wildfire Development Permit Area (DPA) for the RDCK's eleven Electoral Areas (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J and K) to help protect our homes and infrastructure from wildfire.

[Community Wildfire Protection Plans \(CWPPs\)](#) for the Electoral Areas in the RDCK identify many areas as having moderate-high to high-extreme wildfire threat/probability. Our communities and homes are in close proximity to large, forested areas (as well as the strong winds that can spread wildfires and embers). With longer fire seasons and more frequent extreme weather events occurring as a result of climate change, the potential of wildfire risk is increasing.

### ***What is a Wildfire DPA?***

A Wildfire DPA is a set of development policies and guidelines that specify things such as subdivision design, fire resistive building materials, and landscaping guidelines to help build wildfire resilience by ensuring new development in wildfire interface areas are less susceptible to wildfire hazards.

The RDCK is considering creating a Wildfire DPA to:

- Reduce the risks associated with wildfire for new construction
- Increase the community's resilience to wildfire hazards and climate change through the land development process

## Guidelines and Implementation

Clear and transparent guidelines will be proposed for the Wildfire Development Permit Area to achieve wildfire risk mitigation. Guidelines will be proposed based on an analysis of best management practices and community feedback to meet the needs of the community and achieve the goal of reducing wildfire hazard risk to people and property.

There will be flexibility in the implementation of the Wildfire Development Permit Area. A template for a Wildfire Development Permit Area will be created with a menu of guideline options. The intent is to provide flexibility in implementation throughout the various Electoral Areas, as opposed to seeking consensus for immediate implementation in all 11 Electoral Areas.

## Purpose of the Advisory Planning and Heritage Commission (APHC) Interviews

The RDCK is seeking feedback from APHC members to understand the community's ability to and interest in increasing their own wildfire resilience on their properties.

The purpose of this APHC interviews is to:

- Share information about the Wildfire DPA Project
- Inform and refresh APHC members on RDCK's current wildfire mitigation efforts
- Determine APHC members thoughts on the community/electoral areas level of interest in Wildfire DPA regulations and the type of regulations
- Determine APHC members thoughts on the level of awareness surrounding current RDCK Wildfire Mitigation efforts

Feedback from the APHC interviews and community engagement will help inform in the creation of the Wildfire DPA guidelines.

## Questions for participants

1. To what extent do you agree with the following statement –It is important that the RDCK adapt to living with wildfires to avoid their potential negative impacts.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

2. Discussion Question: What is your community (e.g. individuals, neighbourhoods, electoral area, regional district) already doing to protect itself against the threat of wildfire? *This question provides the opportunity for RDCK staff to discuss some of the regional district's FireSmart programs.*

3. Where do you think the community is putting itself at risk and could be doing more?

4. What type of regulations would receive support in your electoral area? Wildfire DPAs can include the following regulations:

- Landscaping (e.g., tree pruning, landscaping materials, and vegetation/combustible debris removal)
- Roofing materials (e.g fire resistant or fire-retardant roofing materials, metal or screened gutters)
- Building materials (e.g., non-combustible deck/porch materials, double paned or tempered glass for exterior windows and doors)
- Location of buildings on property (e.g located away from combustible materials and gullies that accumulate fuel and funnel wind)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

5. How likely would your community be willing to implement wildfire mitigation measures when developing your property?

- Very likely
- Likely
- Neutral
- Unlikely
- Very Unlikely

6. Please indicate your level of support for implementing Wildfire Development Permit Area regulations in your Electoral Area:

- Strongly Support
- Somewhat Support
- Neutral/Not Sure
- Somewhat Oppose
- Strong Oppose

7. What exemptions to the Wildfire DPA would you like to see? Wildfire DPAs can include exemptions for:

Local governments can include exemption criteria for some activities within a Wildfire DPA which means that a development permit is not required for the specified activities. However, it is important that the exemptions do not impact the overall intent of the DPA which is to reduce the negative impacts of wildfire.

- Interior renovations to existing buildings
- Exterior building alterations that do not expand existing building foundation to a certain percentage of the existing gross floor area
- Plans submitted for a building permit show compliance with the Wildfire DPA Guidelines and or a restrictive covenant is registered on the title of the property
- A Professional Forester registered in BC, specializing in wildfire risk and fuel hazard assessments and fuel management, has completed a report on the property, which indicates there is a low fuel hazard, and has completed a report on the property or building in question and provisions are in place to ensure development is carried out in accordance with recommendations
- A new roof or a complete roof replacement using non-flammable roof materials (TBD) as defined by the Wildfire DPA
- Any development comprised entirely of non-flammable materials such as metal, stone or concrete
- Accessory building accept for detached accessory residential dwelling units
- Development not requiring a building permit
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

8. Discussion Question: would your Electoral Area require any specific regulatory considerations?

9. Are you aware of the RDCK's other wildfire mitigation programs? Please select all that apply.

- Free FireSmart Assessments
- Rebate program
- Neighbourhood Recognition Program

10. Please select all that apply

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- I work in the Electoral Area \_
- I am a business owner in Electoral Area \_
- I am a property owner in Electoral Area \_
- I am a developer in Electoral Area \_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

For further information on the Wildfire DPA, along with frequently asked questions, please visit:  
[Wildfire Development Permit Area | Regional District of Central Kootenay \(rdck.ca\)](https://www.rdck.ca/wildfire-development-permit-area)