

MUNICIPALITY OF CROWSNEST PASS
BYLAW NO. 1121, 2022
FIRESMART BYLAW

BEING a bylaw of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass in the Province of Alberta, in accordance with and/or pursuant to Sections 10 and 25 of the Forest and Prairie Protection Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta, 2000, Chapter F-19, as amended, section 66 of the Safety Codes Act, Chapter S-1, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, as amended, the Municipal Government Act, Chapter M-26, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, as amended, the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass Safety Codes Permit Bylaw and the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass Land Use Bylaw.

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass determines it prudent to support FireSmart principles within its jurisdiction, it wishes to make a FireSmart Bylaw as follows:

1. The Wildland Urban Interface Fire Hazard Map attached hereto as Schedule 'A' and forming part of this bylaw identifies critical development areas within the Municipality.
2. All subdivisions approved under the Municipal Government Act and, subject to provisions in the National Building Code – 2019 Alberta Edition, all construction projects approved under the Safety Codes Act, on property located within or adjacent to the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) shall be subject to the requirements outlined in this bylaw and shall consider, and incorporate as may be deemed prudent and appropriate, the relevant best practices as may be established in "FireSmart" manuals prepared by Partners in Protection and others.
3. Notwithstanding provisions in any other bylaw, the Subdivision Authority, the Development Authority, and the Safety Codes Officer, at their sole discretion, may require a developer to provide a higher or an alternative standard than those outlined in this bylaw.
4. The Subdivision Authority, the Development Authority, and/or the Safety Codes Officer may forward any subdivision, development permit or Safety Codes Permit application to the appropriate provincial government agency for comment or concurrence prior to rendering a decision.
5. The Subdivision Authority, the Development Authority, and/or the Safety Codes Officer may require an applicant to undertake a Wildland Urban Interface Risk Assessment and provide mitigative measures for a proposed subdivision, development, or construction project on a specific property, as part of the approval process.
6. Any construction project for new construction or renovation, replacement or retrofitting of an existing structure within or adjacent to the Wildland Urban Interface shall be required to consider, and to incorporate as may be deemed prudent and appropriate, the relevant best practices, including appropriate building materials, as may be established in "FireSmart" manuals prepared by Partners in Protection and others, subject to provisions in the National Building Code – 2019 Alberta Edition.
7. The Designated Officer (or the Fire Chief) may require a developer or landowner to remove vegetation or fuel load stockpiles on vacant or developed lots.
8. As a condition of development permit approval, the Development Authority may require a developer to implement relevant best practices, including appropriate landscaping materials and standards, as may be established in "FireSmart" manuals prepared by Partners in Protection and others.

9. As part of an area structure plan application review, a development permit application review, a Comprehensive Site Development Plan review, and/or a subdivision approval process, the Municipality and the Subdivision Authority or the Development Authority (as may be applicable), shall consider infrastructure development relevant to wildfire risk [e.g. access, egress, the appropriate method of water supply for fire protection in an un-serviced rural subdivision (based on a cost-benefit analysis of using a water tanker shuttle service to the nearest hydrant during a fire protection event vs. requiring buried water cisterns in the subdivision vs. requiring dry hydrants in the subdivision)], powerlines, propane tanks, etc.] and may require that the developer make the necessary provisions to address these matters to the Municipality's, the Subdivision Authority's, or the Development Authority's satisfaction, and at no cost to the Municipality.
10. The Subdivision Authority shall consider the provision of land for municipal and/or environmental reserve to aid in the protection against fire hazard adjacent to Wildland-Urban Interface areas at the time of a subdivision approval.
11. The Municipality may require a developer of a new subdivision to fuel-modify Environmental Reserve and Municipal Reserve lands through the terms and conditions of a development agreement.

AND WHEREAS the Municipality must provide for the consideration of this bylaw at a public hearing.


NOW THEREFORE, under the authority and/or pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Forest and Prairie Protection Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta, 2000, Chapter F-19, as amended, section 66 of the Safety Codes Act, Chapter S-1, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, as amended, the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, Chapter M-26, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, as amended, the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass Safety Codes Permit Bylaw and the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass Land Use Bylaw, the Council of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass in the Province of Alberta duly assembled does hereby enact this bylaw.


This bylaw shall come into effect upon third and final reading hereof.

READ a **first** time in council this 16th day of August 2022.

READ a **second** time in council this 7th day of February 2023.

READ a **third and final** time in council this 7th day of February 2023.


Blair Painter
Mayor


Patrick Thomas
Chief Administrative Officer

Wildland Urban Interface Fire Hazard Map

