Parks Canada

Waskesiu Vegetation Management Strategy 2019

Waskesiu Community Council and Waskesiu Seasonal Residents Association AGMs
July 28, 2019

Strategy

- Parks Canada worked closely with the Waskesiu community and park stakeholders to develop the 2019 strategy
- Identifies goals, objectives, and actions to propel and guide positive change in the townsite over the next ten years

Key Priorities

- Public safety and protection of life and property from wildfires
  - Community Fuel Break
  - Wildfire risk reduction
  - FireSmart Demonstration Area

- Aesthetics and representative vegetation within the townsite
  - Viewscapes; understory clean-up
  - Multi-aged and diverse boreal forest stand
  - Invasive plant species control

Goals

1. The vegetation structure and composition in Waskesiu further reduces fire hazard, contributing to public safety and protection of infrastructure.
2. Manage the vegetation within the Waskesiu townsite such that its species composition remains representative of the natural landscape, and that a high level of aesthetic quality is maintained in the townsite.

Public Safety and Protection from Wildfires

FireSmart Demonstration Area – Before and After

October, 3 2018

July 27, 2019

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Examples of FireSmart buildings in the Waskesiu townsite

8-Plex Apartment

Water Treatment Facility

Waskesiu Community Fuel Break

Spring 2019

Vegetation Management - Viewscapes

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2018

Invasive plant species

Caragana

Creeping Bellflower

Yellow Toadflax

Representative Vegetation

Map of Waskesiu showing land use zones.

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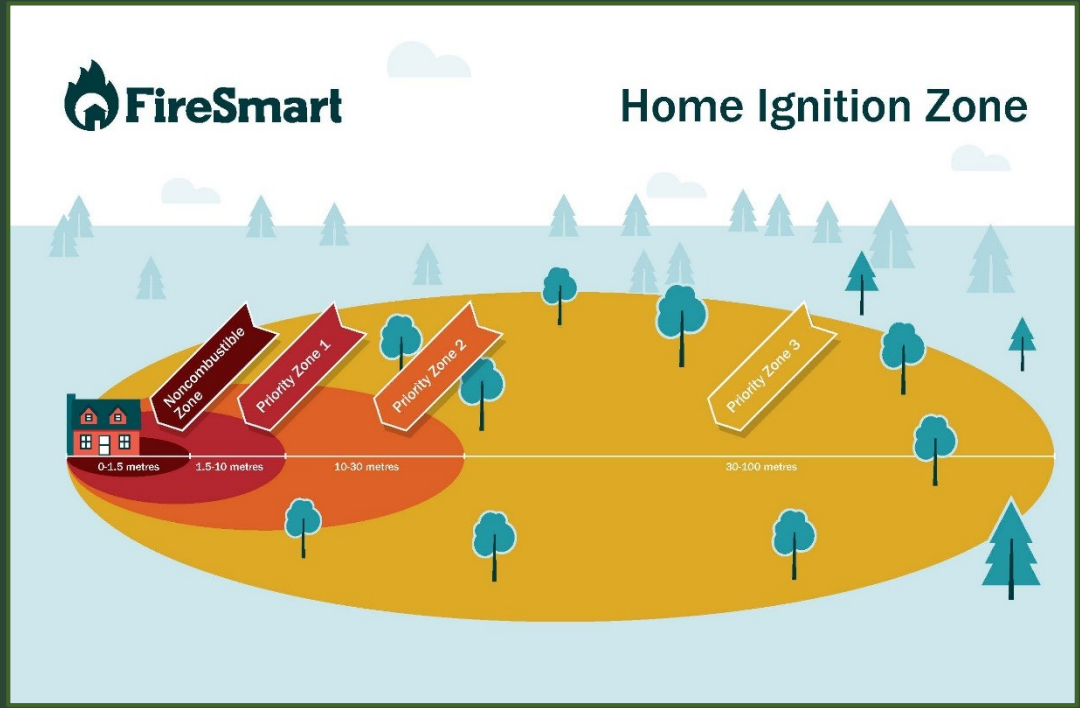
- *FireSmart* is a nationwide program designed by firefighting agencies including Parks Canada to help protect people, infrastructure, and surrounding lands from wildfire.
- You can help protect yourself and your community. Visit www.FireSmartCanada.ca to learn more.