

Kelsey Winter

British Columbia FireSmart Committee



Kelsey Winter is the FireSmart Program Lead for the BC Wildfire Service and the Chair of the BC FireSmart Committee (BCFSC). She has worked in wildfire for over a decade and has experience on the fireline, in operational and strategic communications and is now leading the development and implementation of FireSmart across British Columbia. As a member of the Community Resiliency Investment program Management Committee she facilitates the delivery of BC's primary FireSmart funding program and as the Chair of the BCFSC, enables final prioritization of FireSmart Community Funding and Support applicants.

Mrs. Winter has a Masters in Fire Ecology and a Masters in Natural Resources, she is also a Student of Fire with the International Association of Wildland Fire. Her thesis work focused on the human dimensions of FireSmart and barriers to entry for emergency preparedness. Kelsey has been involved with FireSmart since 2014 when she became a FireSmart Provincial Liaison for BC.

About FireSmart BC and the BCFSC

The BCFSC was founded in 2017 to facilitate greater direction and integration of the seven disciplines across the province based on the FireSmart Canada model. Members consist of the agencies responsible for wildfire management and wildfire resiliency in BC.

FireSmart BC is the provincial program that drives wildfire resiliency through utilization of the FireSmart disciplines. Recent successes include recognition of their 100th FireSmart Canada Recognized Community, development of +20 educational videos to increase engagement/understanding across stakeholder groups, completion of a FireSmart educational kit for schools and events as well as partnership with agriculture and landscaping industries. More information can be found at www.FireSmartBC.ca.