

McDougall Creek Wildfire

Resiliency & Recovery

November 16, 2023

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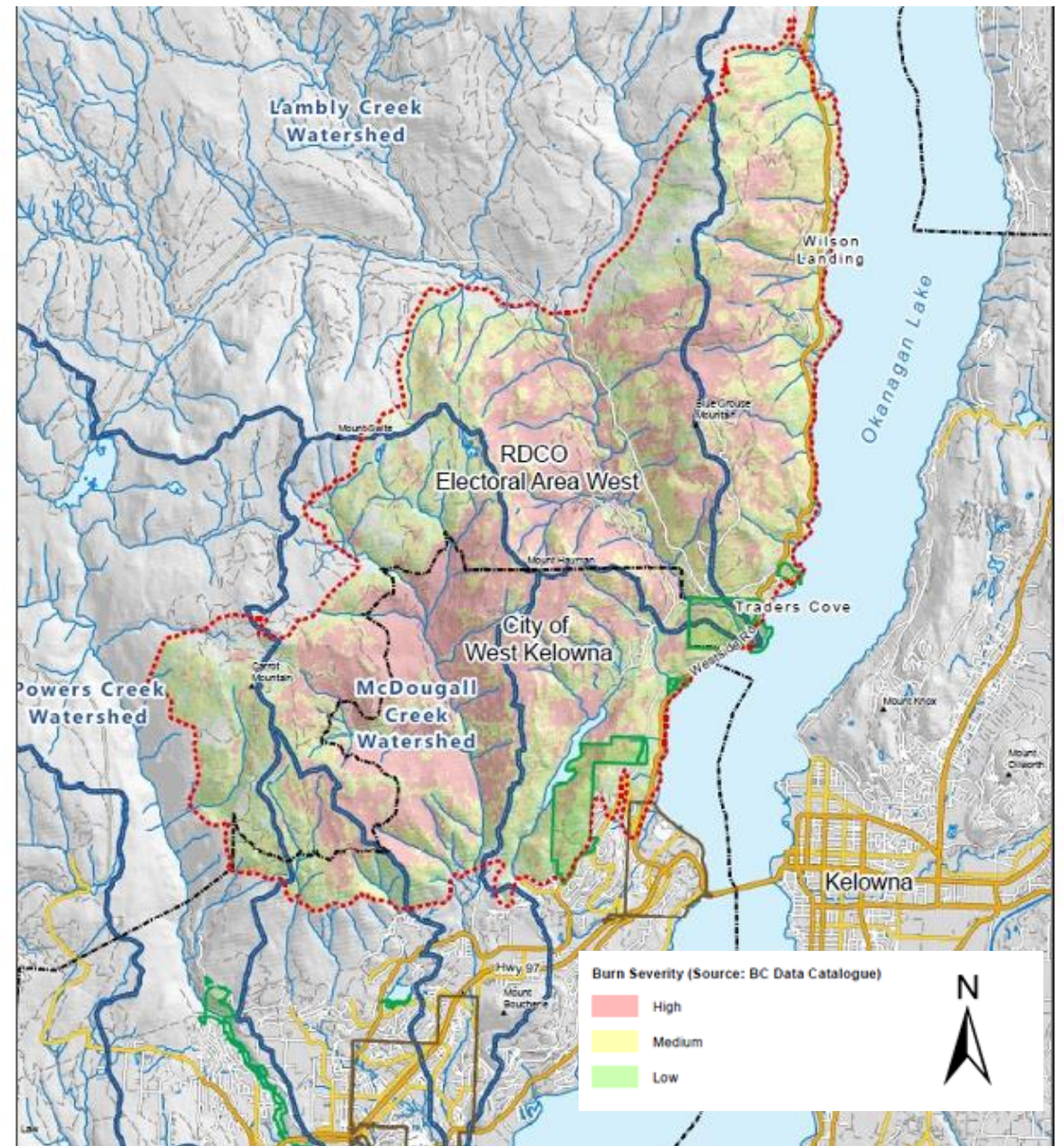


Overview

- Wildfire impact
- Recovery Plan
- Resiliency Centre
- Next steps

McDougall Creek Wildfire

- The McDougall Creek Wildfire was discovered on August 15 and declared Held by BC Wildfire Service on September 20, and resulted in 13,970 Hectares burned.





Recovery Plan

- Requirement of Emergency Program Act
- Provincial guidelines available
- Recovery Plans:
 - Minimize impacts
 - Return to 'normal' quickly
 - Reduces suffering
- Initiated Recovery August 18, 2023





Recovery Plan

■ Short-term Objectives

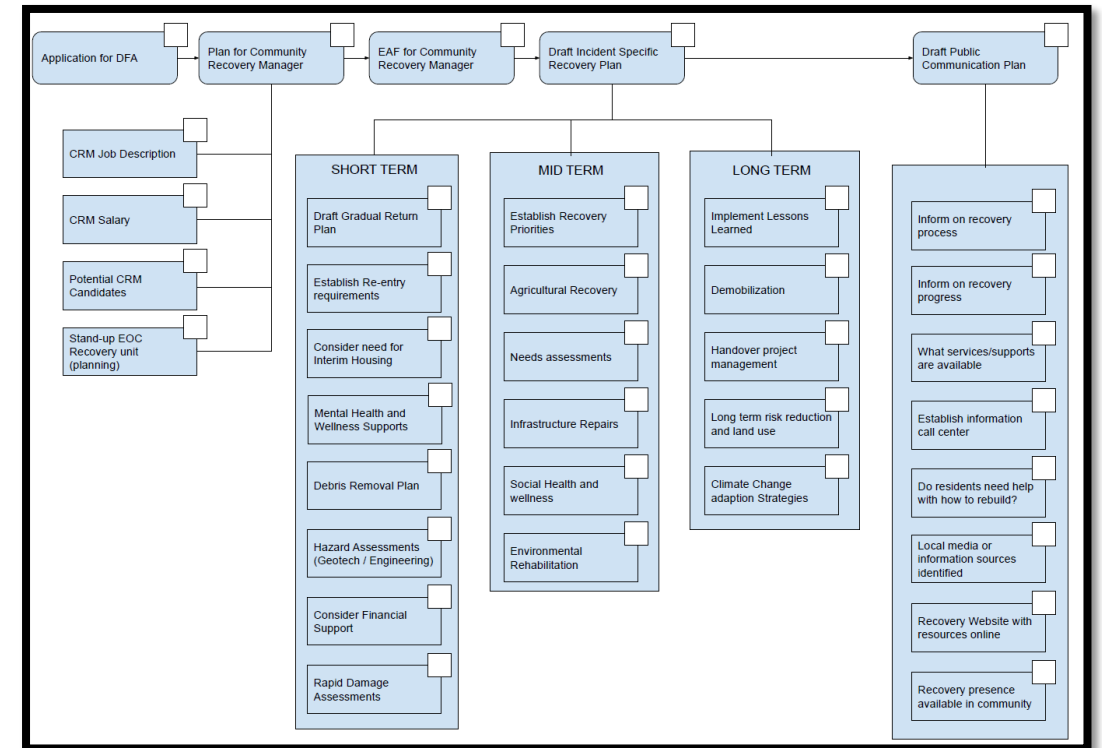
- All work to support a safe re-entry, support well-being, and reduce hazards

■ Mid-term

- Determine scope and scale of damage
- Understand needs of those displaced or impacted
- Initiate repairs

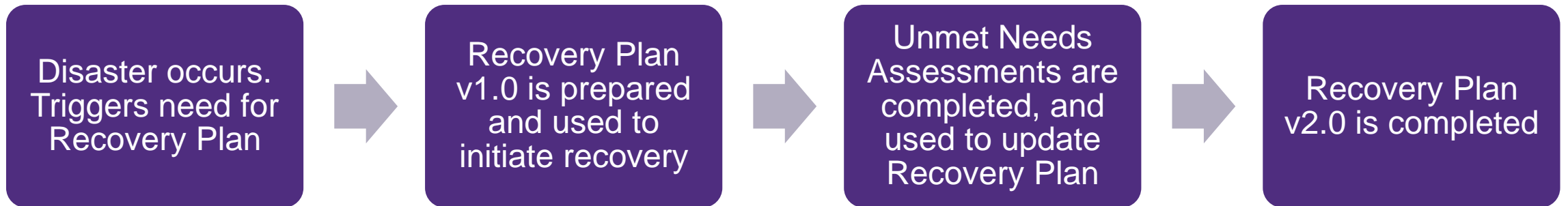
■ Long-term

- Long-term risk reduction
- Climate Change Adaptation
- Leverage social services & organizations





Resiliency Centre - Assessments

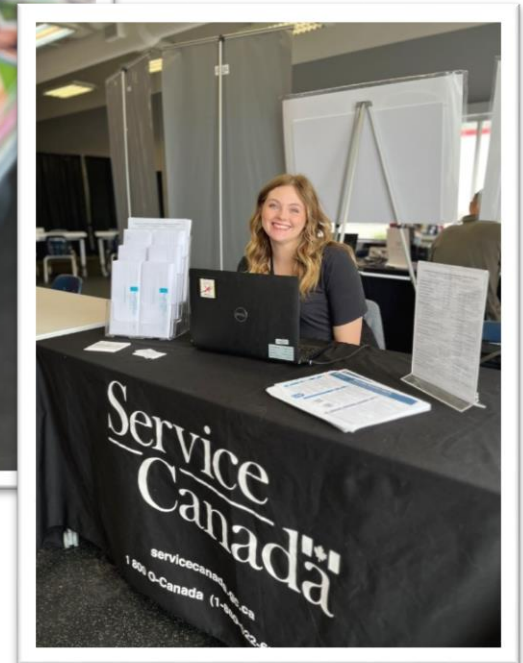




Resiliency Centre - Assessments

Snapshot:

- 84 needs assessments in person and over the phone
- 400 individuals and their families supported in the communities of Westbank First Nation, West Kelowna, and the Electoral Area West in the RDCO
- 700 referrals to other agencies





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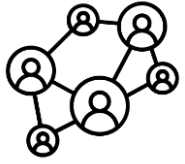
Needs Assessment - Are you the Registered Owner



Needs Assessment - Do you have insurance



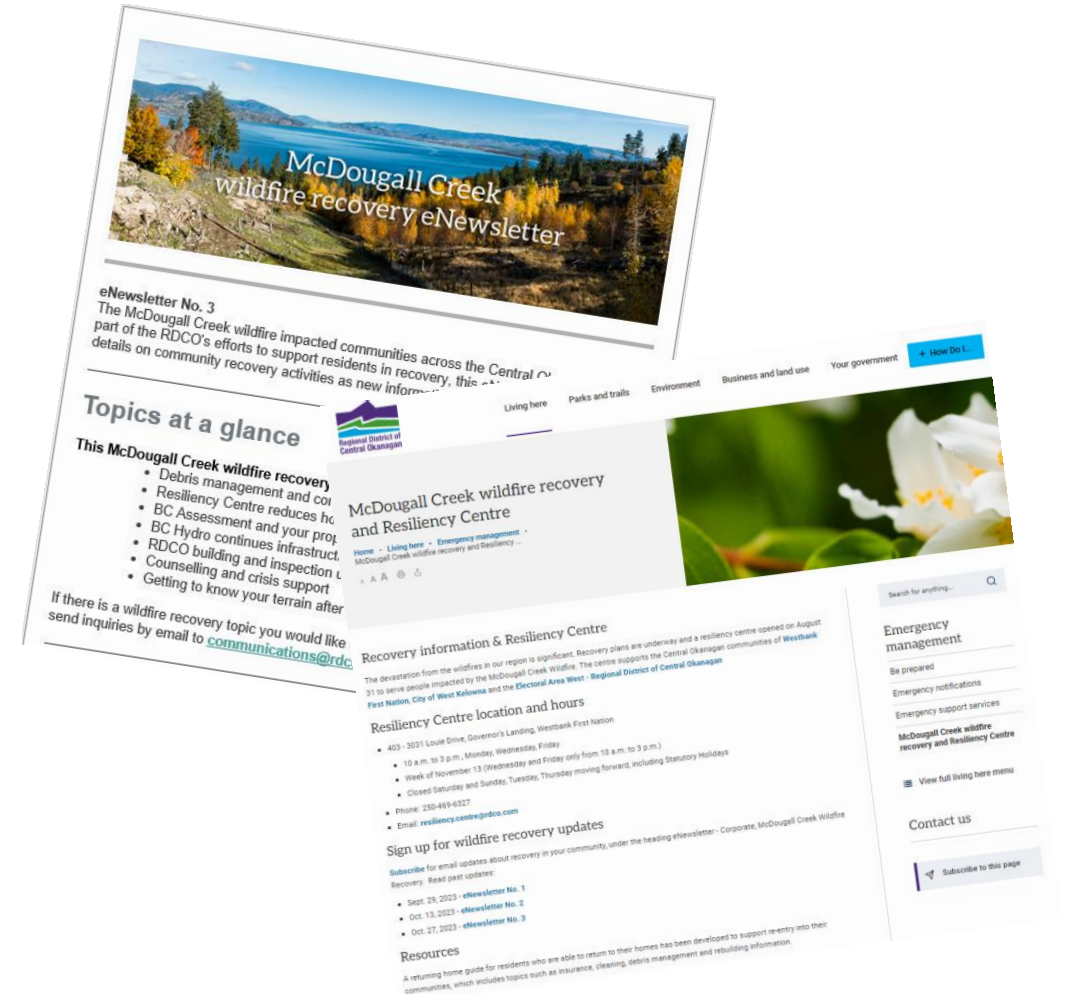
- 9% without insurance (36 homes)
- 5% with partial insurance (18 homes)

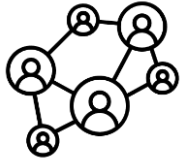


Next Steps – Recovery Plan v2.0

Recovery Plan Update Underway:

- Informed by Unmet Needs Assessments
- To be complete by end of November 2023
- v2.0 will be submitted to Province on behalf of all jurisdictions

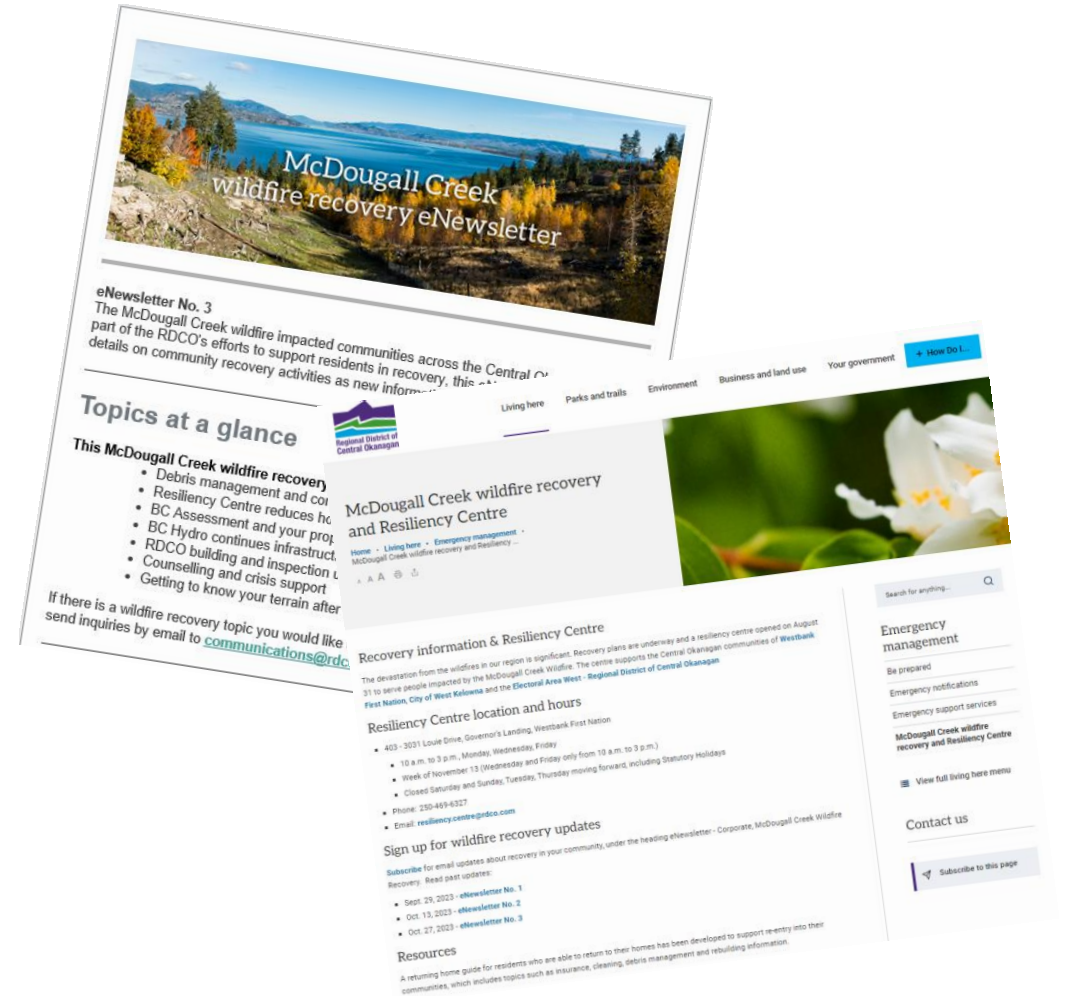




Next Steps - Transition plan

For all local jurisdictions, we will:

- Continue to bolster online resource hub
- Support online and in-person activities through campaigns and information resources for frontline staff.
- Continue to share and engage with local partners and nonprofit organizations





Thank you for your support

- Province of B.C.
- Westbank First Nation and City of West Kelowna
- United Way and The Salvation Army
- Resiliency Centre participating groups:
 - At the peak of operations, there were 13 agencies (Emergency Support Services, The Salvation Army, Samaritans Purse, WorkBC, Gore Mutual, Intact Insurance, Personal Insurance, St John's Ambulance, First Nations Emergency Services Society, Disaster Psychosocial Support, Canadian Red Cross, Services Canada, Service BC) who provided specific support to impacted residents who walked through the doors at the Resiliency Centre.
 - Staff from impacted jurisdictions, including RDCO, WFN, CWK, and COK.

Recommendation

All Directors - Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority (LGA s.208)

THAT the Regional Board receives the McDougall Creek Wildfire Resiliency Centre Summary report from the Acting Director of Engineering Services dated November 16, 2023, for information.

Questions?