



# City of Richmond

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## Memorandum Community Safety Division Emergency Programs

**To:** Mayor and Councillors  
**From:** Norman Kotze  
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**Re:** **Richmond Recognised by Emergency Management BC for 2017 BC Wildfires Support**

The City of Richmond received recognition from Emergency Management BC for contributions and support during the Seasonal Hazards Response for 2017 on June 6, 2018 at a regular scheduled Regional Emergency Planning Committee

The first recognises the City of Richmond for its commitment to partnership and collaboration with neighbouring municipalities and regions to provide services and a coordinated response during an emergency.

The second recognises the City of Richmond's Emergency Social Services program for developing residents as leaders in the community and for volunteering outside of Richmond to assist during an emergency.

Staff and emergency programs volunteers participated in evacuee support at reception centres in 100 Mile House, Kamloops and Chilliwack during the 2017 BC wildfires. In total 390 hours was provided by Richmond Volunteers and Emergency Program Staff.

The 2017 BC wildfires were unprecedented. Many British Columbians experienced catastrophic impacts on their lives and communities.

- 26 First Nations communities were impacted by wildfires.
- Over 65,000 people were displaced in 2017 as a result of floods and wildfires.
- Direct fire suppression costs were estimated at over \$564 million.

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