

# NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

## Peterson Creek Nature Park Wildfire Risk Reduction: Prescribed Burn Spring 2026

### PROJECT SCOPE

The City of Kamloops, in partnership with the BC Wildfire Service and Tkemlúps te Secwépemc will be responsibly introducing fire back onto our landscape through prescribed burning in the spring of 2026. A municipal owned 6-hectare land parcel that encompasses the Peterson Creek Nature Park will be treated. Prescribed burning takes intensive planning. On event day, several BC Wildfire Service, Tkemlúps te Secwépemc, and Kamloops Fire Rescue personnel will be on site with equipment and fire trucks to support water delivery.

### The prescribed burn objective includes:

- wildfire risk reduction
- removal of invasive species
- reduction of overgrown sagebrush in the area
- ecological restoration
- land stewardship



Watch footage from the prescribed burn in Rose Hill last spring and learn more about the process.



### WHAT IS PRESCRIBED BURNING?

Prescribed burning is the planned and controlled application of fire to a specific land area and is one of the most ecologically appropriate means for achieving a variety of land management objectives such as, public safety, protection of communities, protection of critical infrastructure, and ecosystem restoration.

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- visible smoke and air quality impacts
- temporary closure of trails
- a high number of respondents within the park
- the presence of emergency response vehicles

### TIMELINE

Work is anticipated in late February/March and ignition day will take place when conditions are best. If conditions are unfavourable, the prescribed burn may be postponed to the fall when the wildfire season has seen decreased activity, and the conditions re-align.

## Questions?

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