

Band Council

Fire Prevention Week - 2023 Proclamation

WHEREAS the _____ band council is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our community; and

WHEREAS fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and home are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS fire losses (deaths, injuries, and destruction of property) in First Nations communities, particularly those on remote First Nations lands, far exceed those in comparable off-reserve communities; and

WHEREAS the First Nations per capita fire incidence rate is 2.4 times the per-capita rate for the rest of Canada, and the death rate is 10.4 times greater; the fire injury rate is 2.5 times greater; and the fire damage per unit is 2.1 times greater; and

WHEREAS smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger in the event of fire in which you may have as little as 2 minutes to escape safely; and

WHEREAS working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

WHEREAS _____ residents should be sure everyone in the home understands the sound of the smoke alarms and knows how to respond; and

WHEREAS _____ residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS _____ residents will make sure their smoke alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

WHEREAS _____ residents that are responsive to public education measures are better able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS the 2023 Fire Prevention Week theme, 'Cooking safety starts with YOU! Pay attention to fire prevention.'™ effectively serves to remind _____ residents it is important to use safe cooking practices.

THEREFORE, I _____ Chief of _____ do hereby proclaim October 8 – 14, 2023 as Fire Prevention Week throughout this community, and urge all people of _____ to ensure that their home has working smoke alarms and a home fire escape plan, and follow safe cooking practices.