



Head, Clara, & Maria
August 8, 2026 - Regular Council Meeting - 10:00 AM

1 Call To Order

2 Traditional Land Acknowledgement

3 Recital of the Municipal Mission and Vision Statements

4 Approval of Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda of the Regular Meeting of August 8, 2026, be adopted as circulated.

5 Declarations of Disqualifying Interest (Pecuniary)

6 Mayor's Address

THAT the Mayor's address be received as presented.

📎 Mayor's Address August 8, 2026

7 Approval of the Minutes of the Most Recent Meeting(s)

8 Delegations/Presentations

8.1 Missing Link Snowmobile Club - East Warming Shack

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8.2 Ratepayer Request re Glyphosate Spraying - Jamie Lindsay

📎 Request

9 Council Direction From the Previous Meeting

9.1 Working Alone Policy

10 Committee of the Whole Working Session (To work on Policy/Plans etc.)

10.1 Municipal Services Update & Discussion

10.1.1 Landfill

10.1.2 Parks and Roads

10.1.3 Municipal Assets

10.2 Financial Management Bylaw/Policies

10.2.1 Budget

10.2.2 Purchasing

10.2.3 Reserves

10.2.4 Investments

10.2.5 Asset Management

10.2.6 Debt Management

- 10.2.7 Fees and Charges
- 10.3 Levels of Service Bylaw - All Schedules
- 10.4 Appointment of Library Board Members - Policy
- 10.5 Feedback Management
- 11 Legislative Matters**
 - 11.1 Consent Agenda (includes items of correspondence not requiring administrative reports/action, committee reports not requiring any action by Council – matters that are for information purposes only).
 - 📎 Renfrew County and District Health Unit - Reducing Legionella Risk in Building Water Systems.
 - 📎 Assessment Review Board - Inability to Pay Appeal process that the Board is implementing
 - 📎 Municipality of of South Dundas Council Meeting regarding Opposition to Alto Rail Project
 - 📎 Municipality of Trent Lakes regarding Request for Provincial Action on the Accuracy of the Municipal Voters' Lists
 - 📎 Ministry of Natural Resources - In-Season MUN Partner Briefing July 16, 2026
 - 📎 Follow Up: Notice of Termination: Municipal Forest Fire Management Agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR)
 - 📎 County of Renfrew Economic Development team is now accepting Expressions of Interest from our local municipalities interested in hosting a Taste of the Valley event in 2027 or 2028
 - 📎 In-Season MUN Partner Briefing July 23, 2026
 - 📎 Township of BLR - Request to Remove Off-Road Motorcycle vehicles from the Algonquin Trail
 - 11.2 Bylaws
 - 11.2.1 Bylaw 2026-13 Being a Bylaw to Adopt a Hall Rental Policy

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2026-13 being a bylaw to adopt a hall rental policy, be read and adopted.

 - 📎 Bylaw 2026-13
 - 11.2.2 Bylaw 2026-14 Being a Bylaw to Adopt a Volunteer Policy

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2026-14 being a bylaw to adopt a volunteer policy, be read and adopted.

 - 📎 Bylaw 2026-14
 - 11.3 Public Hearings: Planning/Zoning Matters
 - 11.4 Committee/Local Board Reports
 - 11.4.1 Library Board

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Library Board Report be received.

 - 📎 Library Board
- 12 Administrative Matters**
 - 12.1 Canada Day Update for Council - S Rauche

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Canada Day Update Report be received.

- 12.2  Canada Day Report
Municipal Event Insurance

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Additional Event Insurance Report be received and the Clerk be directed to obtain the cost for the additional insurance.

- 12.3  Staff Report Additional Insurance Coverage for Special Events
Food Handler Training - Request to Attend

THAT Council approve one municipal staff member to attend the Renfrew County and District Health Unit Food Handler Certification Training;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize reimbursement of the mileage in accordance with municipal Policy HR05;

AND FUTHER THAT staff be directed to promote the upcoming Food Handler Certification session to community volunteers interested in municipal events involving food services.

- 12.4  Report to Council S Rauche
Financial Update/Statement/Quarterly Variance Report
- 12.5 Update on Capital Projects

13 Leadership Issues

- 13.1 Update to Strategic Plan
- 13.2 Five-Year Financial Plan (including Asset Management Plan)
- 13.3 New Policy
- 13.4 Notice of Motion

14 Closed Session

15 Confirmation of Proceedings

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 2026-15 being a bylaw to confirm proceedings of Council at their Regular Meeting August 8, 2026, be read and adopted.

 Bylaw 2026-15

16 Adjournment



CORPORATION OF THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF HEAD, CLARA AND MARIA
Mayor's Address – Saturday August 8, 2026

Since our last meeting...

I wish to give thanks to friends and family who have supported me during my ophthalmology appointments in the last seven weeks. A special thanks to Councillors Richer and LeClerc who attended the Shared Services meeting at the Deep River Municipal office on July 8th.

Thankfully, I have been able to meet many of my obligations. On July 9th, I met with Carmen Goold and Louise Lauzon from the Ministry of Seniors & Accessibility (East Region Ontario) here in our hall. We had a brief meeting, and then a tour of the hall upgrades.

On July 15th I attended a meeting at the Deep River District Hospital in person. The focus of the meeting was the need for more doctors in our catchment area. Dr. Pete Ceponis presented "Rural Medicine: Recruitment & Retention Challenges". It is vital to recruit more doctors to settle in the area – something we all know.

On the 29th of July, I attended a presentation in our hall concerning the Deep River & District Hospice project. It was very well attended. There were thoughtful discussions and open dialogue. Many attendees are looking forward to assisting in any way we can.

Later in the same afternoon, I also attended a Shared Services meeting with Councillor Richer at the Laurentian Hills office - Mayors Giardini, D'Eon and their staff were also in attendance. We reviewed the service area discussions that were presented in the previous meetings.

Mayor Debbi Grills

Missing Link Snowmobile Club Warming Shack Proposal, to:



Head Clara, and Maria Township Council

August 8, 2026, 10AM - 15 Township Hall Rd, Head, Clara and Maria, ON K0J 2B0

The Missing Link Snowmobile Club is asking for permission from HCM Township, through a Memorandum of Understanding to use the Head Clara Maria lands on the east side of Kenny Rd., between the and the Algonquin Trail and Plantation Way to construct a warming shack for snowmobilers. A 150' x 85' site would be cleared by club volunteers and a ~400 square foot structure erected that would allow snowmobilers traveling on the Algonquin Trail (The OFSC A Trail) to stop, take a rest, warm up, have lunch, and serve as a social area for snowmobilers to gather.

Our request of council is to use this land, free of charge and taxes, as this will serve as a community asset. We offer to pay for a building permit so that our structure meets and adheres to building bylaws. Ideally, we would like to clear the land in September and establish our building in October – November timeframe so that it is operational for the 2027 snowmobile season.

We intend to host several BBQ lunches at the site on weekends through the snowmobiling season. Our serving food volunteers will all hold "Food Handler Training and Certification". We are not seeking a liquor license for this building or our "trail side café lunches". This is intended to be a family and community spirited site hosting midday events. The Missing Link Snowmobile Club and the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs strongly discourage drinking and driving.

HCM stands to benefit from this site as it will serve as another community gathering site where residents and lovers of the trail system here, can socialize. We do not anticipate there being any costs to HCM Township other than the effort to assemble and sign the MoU itself. We would like to construct an outhouse on the site, but will not seek electricity connectivity, nor construct a well.

The OFSC covers liability insurance on the proposed warming shack site, as it is adjacent to and used by snowmobilers on an OFSC trail.

The Missing Link Snowmobile Club is a non-profit organization that is comprised of volunteers who share a passion for snowmobiling and community. We maintain ~200Kms of trails in Head Clara Maria Township.



Proposed Warming Shack site.



Proposed Warming Shack style.

From: [HCM Info](#)
To: [HCM Clerk-Treasurer](#); [Peggy Young-Lovelace](#)
Subject: Fw: Form Data #91: Contact
Date: August 4, 2026 8:53:05 AM

From: United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria <headclaramaria@publicweb.ca>
Sent: Monday, August 3, 2026 10:20 AM
To: HCM Info <info@headclaramaria.ca>
Subject: Form Data #91: Contact

Form Data: [Contact](#)

Sent: Mon August 3rd, 2026 - 10:20AM

Form Name: Contact Us

Client: The United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria

User Details

IP Address: 129.222.193.73

User Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64) AppleWebKit/537.36
(KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/150.0.0.0 Safari/537.36

Name: Jamie Lindsay
Email
Address: jlindsay97@hotmail.com

Message: Good morning,
I am inquiring about the glyphosate spraying going on in our forests and how we can stop it. I know that the Pembroke and Deep River stood up against it and stopped a large amount of spraying and I would love if we could do the same in our area. The amount of information that has come out about how dangerous glyphosate is to the human body and also all of the animals, not to mention how much it dries up the bush and creates forest fires. We need to put a stop to this and I know many people who would sign the petition if you guys started one. I own Antlers Kingfisher Lodge in Deux Rivieres and we do not have the time to fight this serious issue by ourselves, so please, we would love the townships help. I know it would mean a great deal to our community. Thank you for your time and have a wonderful day.
Thanks, Jamie

Total: \$



Renfrew County and District Health Unit
“Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District”

Memorandum

Date: July 2, 2026

To: Municipal Building Officials, Hospitals, Long-Term Care Homes, and Retirement Homes

From: Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU)

Subject: Reducing Legionella Risk in Building Water Systems

Dear Colleagues,

The intent of this memo is to provide you with information on Legionella bacteria in water systems and recommendations to control the growth and spread of these potentially harmful bacteria. If appropriate, please share with your business community and partners who may be operating cooling towers.

Legionnaires’ disease is a severe form of pneumonia caused by the inhalation of aerosolized water containing Legionella bacteria. Legionella bacteria are found naturally in fresh water. They colonize biofilms in water systems such as showerheads, cooling towers, hot tubs, fountains, hot water tanks and plumbing systems and grow well in warm water (25-45 degrees Celsius).

There has been an earlier-than-expected increase in Legionella activity in Ontario this year, with two clusters identified in Hamilton and Toronto. RCDHU is recommending that managers and building owners be diligent in prevention and control of these bacteria within your water systems operations.

Mitigating Risk

Factors influencing the growth of Legionella in water systems include

- inadequate level of disinfectant
- presence of sediment, scale, or biofilm
- slowly moving or stagnant water
- warm water temperatures

The primary route of exposure is inhalation of aerosolized bacteria, and infections have been associated with sources from distances over 3 km. RCDHU asks that you proactively manage building water systems by implementing specific control standards, such as:

- [Guidance for water system risk management \(ASHRAE, 2021 and 2023\)](#)
[ASHRAE Standard 188-2018 \(Risk Management for Building Water Systems\)](#)
[ASHRAE Guideline 12-2023 \(Managing the Risk of Legionellosis Associated with Building Water Systems\)](#)
- Toolkit: [Controlling Legionella in Common Sources of Exposure](#)

- Training: [Managing Legionella Risk in Building through Water Safety Management Planning](#) (Walkerton Clean Water Centre)
- PHO [Questions & Answers](#)

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration. For any further questions, please email environmentalhealth@rcdhu.com or call 613-732-3629.

**MEMORANDUM****TO:** Municipalities**FROM:** Kelly Triantafilou, Registrar**DATE:** July 7, 2026**SUBJECT: Improvements to the Assessment Review Board Process for
Sickness and Extreme Poverty Appeals and Applications (Inability to Pay)**

The Assessment Review Board (ARB) is pleased to provide an update regarding upcoming changes to the ARB's process for handling Sickness and Extreme Poverty (Inability to Pay - ITP) appeals and applications. Applications can be filed to the ARB under **section 323(1)(e) of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006, S.O. 2006, c. 11, Sched. A* or **section 357(1)(d.1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25***. Appeals can be filed to the ARB under **section 323(7) or 323(8) of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006, S.O. 2006, c. 11, Sched. A*, or **section 357(7) or 357(8) of the *Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25***. The ARB's improvements are intended to streamline the appeal/application experience while enhancing administrative efficiency and timeliness for municipalities and the ARB.****

How the ARB receives these applications or appeals:

1. Where there is no by-law delegation to the ARB: Applicants must file directly with the municipality. Once a decision has been issued or September 30th of the year following the year in respect of which the application is made, applicants can file an **appeal** with the ARB.
2. Where there is by-law delegation to the ARB: Applicants can file an **application** directly with the ARB.

Why Change the Process:

As the ARB continues to modernize and improve process, it has identified opportunities to clarify the process to ensure:

- More consistent application intake
- Improved communication between applicants, municipalities, and the ARB
- Reduced administrative burden
- Faster and more predictable timelines for decisions
- Improved clarity and consistency in decision making
- Statistically driven definition of Extreme Poverty
- Additional resources and tools

The ARB is implementing process enhancements to address these goals.



Key Process Improvements

1. Standardized Application Requirements

The ARB is adopting a more structured and uniform set of requirements for ITP appeals/applications. This includes clearer guidance on the documentation applicants must provide to support claims of sickness or extreme poverty. Municipalities will receive updated process instructions to ensure consistency across jurisdictions.

2. Introduction of a New Financial Information Form

To support more consistent and transparent assessments of financial hardship, the ARB is developing a new standardized Financial Information Form. Applicants will be required to complete this form as part of their appeal/application. The form will outline income, expenses, assets, and other relevant financial details to assist the ARB in evaluating claims of extreme poverty.

Municipalities will receive the finalized form, and the ARB recommends that this new form be integrated into their application intake processes. The ARB is also requesting that the municipalities continue to assist individuals, where required, to help with the completion of this form and filing of their appeal/application.

3. Transition to Written Hearings

The ARB will be moving away from video hearings to written hearings as the standard format for these appeals/applications. Written hearings will streamline adjudication, reduce scheduling delays, and provide a more accessible process for applicants who may face barriers attending live hearings.

The ARB will provide guidance on how written hearings will be conducted, including expectations for municipal submissions and timelines for responding to ARB requests, if required.

4. Next Steps:

- Review the forthcoming ARB guidance package once released
- Contact the Board with any additional questions or to seek clarification or support after review
- Prepare to update municipal websites, forms, and public-facing materials to reflect the new process

Prepare for hearings scheduled for Fall 2026.

Conclusion



Tribunals Ontario

Assessment Review Board

Tribunaux décisionnels Ontario

Commission de révision de l'évaluation foncière

These improvements are designed to create a more efficient, transparent, and user-friendly process across Ontario. Municipal participation and readiness will be essential to ensuring a smooth transition and continued support for applicants experiencing significant hardship.

Thank you,

Kelly Triantafilou
Registrar



The Municipality of
SOUTH DUNDAS

DATE: July 8, 2026

Resolution: 22-26- 1165

MOVED BY		SECONDED BY	
Deputy Mayor St. Pierre	☒	Deputy Mayor St. Pierre	☐
Councillor Veinotte	☐	Councillor Veinotte	☒
Councillor Smyth	☐	Councillor Smyth	☐
Councillor Ward	☐	Councillor Ward	☐

WHEREAS the Alto high-speed rail project is a nation-building initiative between Quebec City and Toronto, with an estimated cost of 560-590 billion; and,

WHEREAS the project proposes only one stop in the 50,000 km² EOWC region, potentially impacting rural communities, agricultural lands, trails, and environmentally sensitive areas, with unclear long-term benefits; and,

WHEREAS municipal consultation has been insufficient, leaving potential impacts on land use, infrastructure, emergency response, and existing Via Rail service unclear; and,

WHEREAS the EOWC represents 103 communities advocating for the protection of Eastern Ontario's rural, agricultural, and cultural landscapes; and,

WHEREAS the Municipality of South Dundas has had negative experiences associated with the long-term impact of large nation building projects, specifically the St. Lawrence Seaway Project.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of South Dundas supports the EOWC in opposing the Alto project in its current form due to insufficient consultation, unclear rural impacts, environmental concerns, and misalignment with regional planning priorities; and urges Alto and the federal government to coordinate with Via Rail to maintain and enhance passenger rail service, provide a clear service integration plan, and work with municipalities to ensure rural residents remain connected; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the EOWC will continue to encourage municipalities, partners, businesses, and residents to provide feedback, seek detailed project information, advocate for alternative routes along existing corridors (Via Rail or Highway 401), and collaborate to prevent rural isolation from passenger rail service; and,



The Municipality of
SOUTH DUNDAS

DATE: July 8, 2026

Resolution: 22-26-

MOVED BY

Deputy Mayor St. Pierre
Councillor Veinotte
Councillor Smyth
Councillor Ward

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SECONDED BY

Deputy Mayor St. Pierre
Councillor Veinotte
Councillor Smyth
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister, Minister of Transportation, Alto's CEO, EOWC MPS and MPPS, the Premier of Ontario, FCM, AMO, ROMA, OFA, the Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus, all EOWC municipalities, and eastern Ontario First Nations Partners.

July 16, 2026

Via email only

Re: Request for Provincial Action on the Accuracy of Municipal Voters' Lists

Please be advised that during their Regular Council meeting held July 14, 2026, Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. R2026-273

Moved by Councillor Franzen

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Armstrong

That Council support the following resolution from the County of Peterborough regarding Request for Provincial Action on the Accuracy of the Municipal Voters' Lists:

Whereas the Province of Ontario shifted responsibility of the municipal election voters list from MPAC to Elections Ontario by amending the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, through the Helping Tenants and Small Businesses Act, 2020, effective after the 2022 municipal election; and

Whereas many of the eight lower-tier Township elector lists presented by Elections Ontario have discrepancies in voter counts from the 2022 municipal election, specifically in the number of eligible non-resident property owners which are significantly lower than the 2022 numbers; and **Whereas** Elections Ontario has acknowledged the discrepancies and is planning to address them;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Corporation of the County of Peterborough urges the Province of Ontario to immediately encourage prioritization of the review of data specifically related to non-resident property owners to ensure voter lists are as accurate as possible prior to August 14, 2026; and

That this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local MPPs, AMO, ROMA, AMCTO, EOWC, FOCA, all Ontario municipalities and the eight lower-tier Township Clerks for support.

Carried.

Sincerely,

Mayor and Council of the Municipality of Trent Lakes

cc: All Ontario municipalities
Peterborough County Lower Tier Municipalities

2026 Wildland Fire Season

In-Season Situational Awareness Briefing
for Municipal Partners



July 16, 2026

Purpose and Agenda Outline



To provide:

- An overview on the current Ontario Wildland Fire Season for situational awareness.
- Information sources to support ongoing situation awareness.
- Messaging for the audience to consider in their own respective preparedness activities.

Information presented will include:

1. Current Fire Situation
 - Number of active fires and location
 - Number of hectares burning
 - Resources available
 - Inbound resources
 - Minister's Orders (EAO, IO, RFZ)
2. Updated Weather and Fire Outlook
3. Preparedness and Planned Next Steps
 - AFFES Suppression and Operational Priorities
 - Fire Management Strategies and Tactics
 - Actions: Emergency Response, Prevention and Mitigation, Preparedness
4. Municipal Updates and Information
5. Appendices (Resources)

Land acknowledgement



Treaty Map of Ontario Source:
[NAN Inquest Panels Electronic Book Version \(adobe.com\)](#)

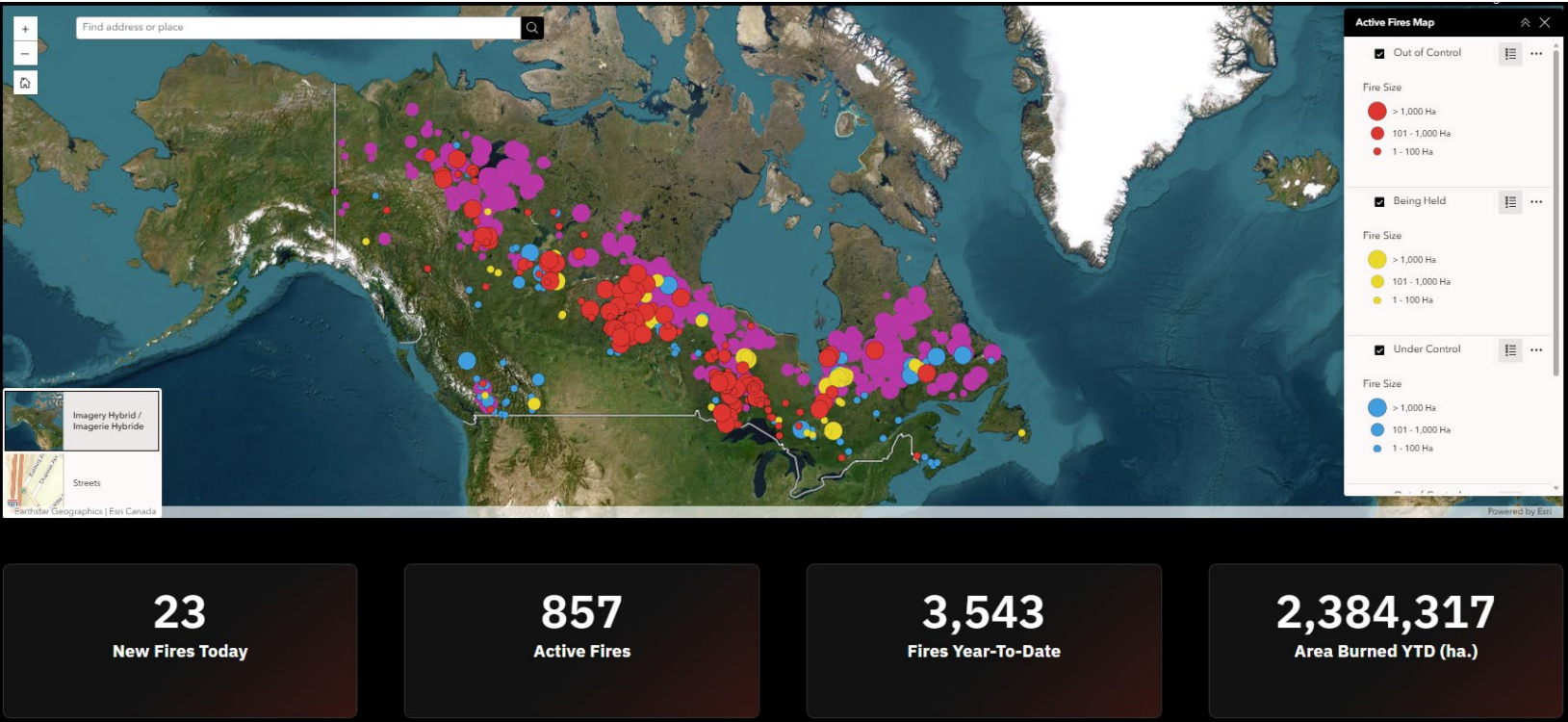
2026 Wildland Fire Season

In Season Situational Awareness Briefing

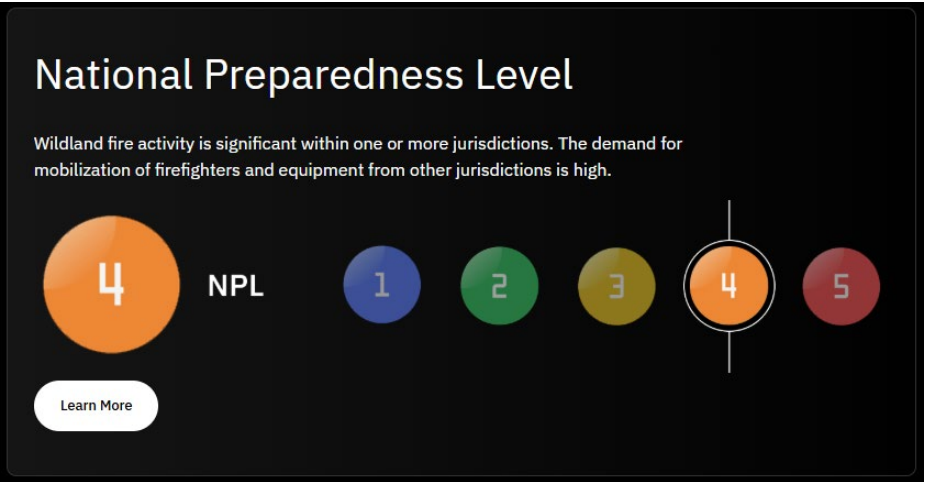
- These briefings are focused on delivering general wildland fire situational awareness information and to open a two-way form of communication between the Ministry and those impacted by wildland fires.
- The briefings are not designed for urgent, emergency decision-making or to determine courses of action (strategies and tactics) related to safety.
- Information for decision-making is provided through regular established planning venues (e.g., community level, joint command, Ministry and partner decision-making tables). Information is being provided for industry awareness and consideration in prevention and preparedness operations.
- During the fire season, AFFES will manage the frequency and content of in-year briefings according to the level of fire hazard and/or AFFES/MNR Level of Fire Preparedness.
- As the fire situation is highly dynamic, briefing information provided as well as information provided through sources/links may not be the most current information.



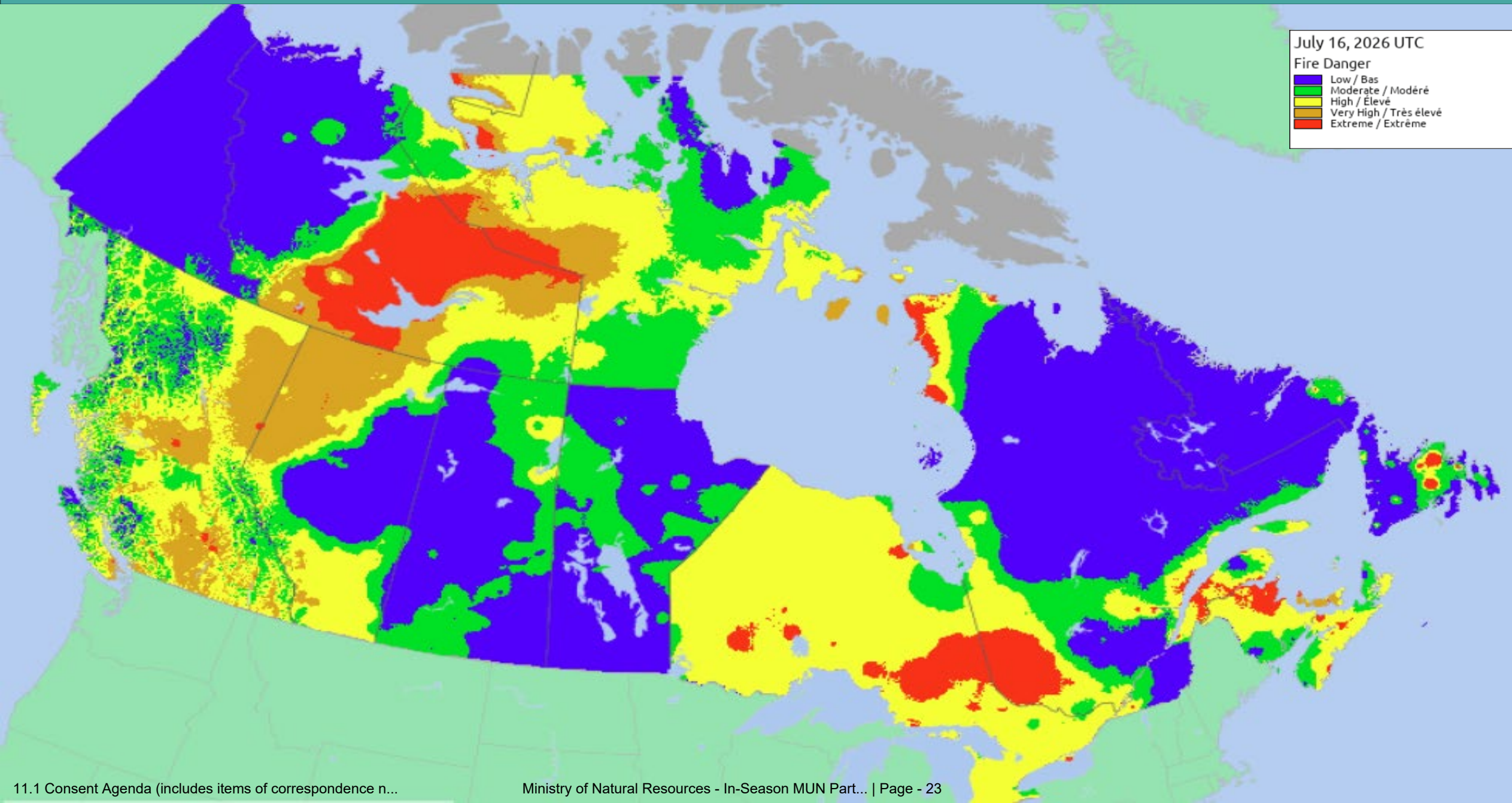
Current Fire Season Situation – National *(As of July 16, 2026)*



	Provincial Escalation Levels				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Fire Hazard	Low	Low-Mod	Mod-High	High-Extreme	Extreme
Current Fire Load	Low	Low-Mod	Mod-High	High	High-Extreme
Anticipated Fire Load (7 days)	Low	Moderate	High	High-Heavy	Heavy
Resource Levels	Adequate	Adequate	Assistance May Be Required	Assistance Required	Assistance Required
Ability to respond to resource requests	Excellent	Good	Mod-Poor	Poor-Nil	Nil
Potential to request resources from CIFFC	Nil	Nil	Possible	Likely	Certain



National Fire Danger Outlook (NRCAN)



National Fire Danger Outlook (NRCAN)

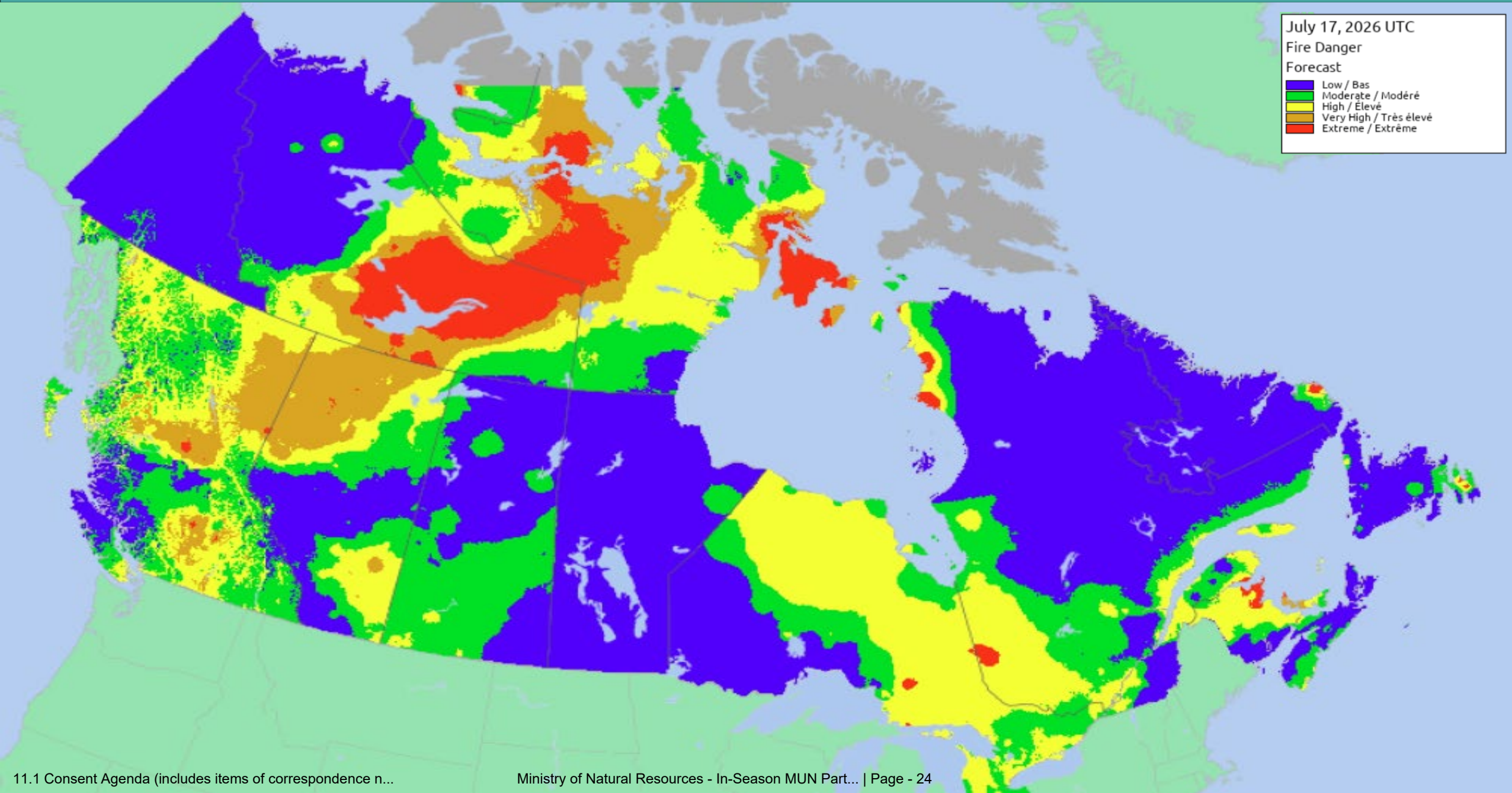


July 17, 2026 UTC

Fire Danger

Forecast

- Low / Bas
- Moderate / Modéré
- High / Élevé
- Very High / Très élevé
- Extreme / Extrême



Current Fire Season Situation

(As of July 16, 2026 @ 08:00 hrs)

2026 Wildland Fire Information	West	East	Total
New Fires Yesterday (July 15)	8	9	17
Active Fires Today (July 16)	131	46	177
Total Fires to Date	335	168	503
Total Hectares Burned to Date	645,408	10,223	655,631

Historical Wildland Fire Information	Last Year (2025)	10-year Average
Total to Date	357	326
Total Hectares Burned to Date	498,825	180,990

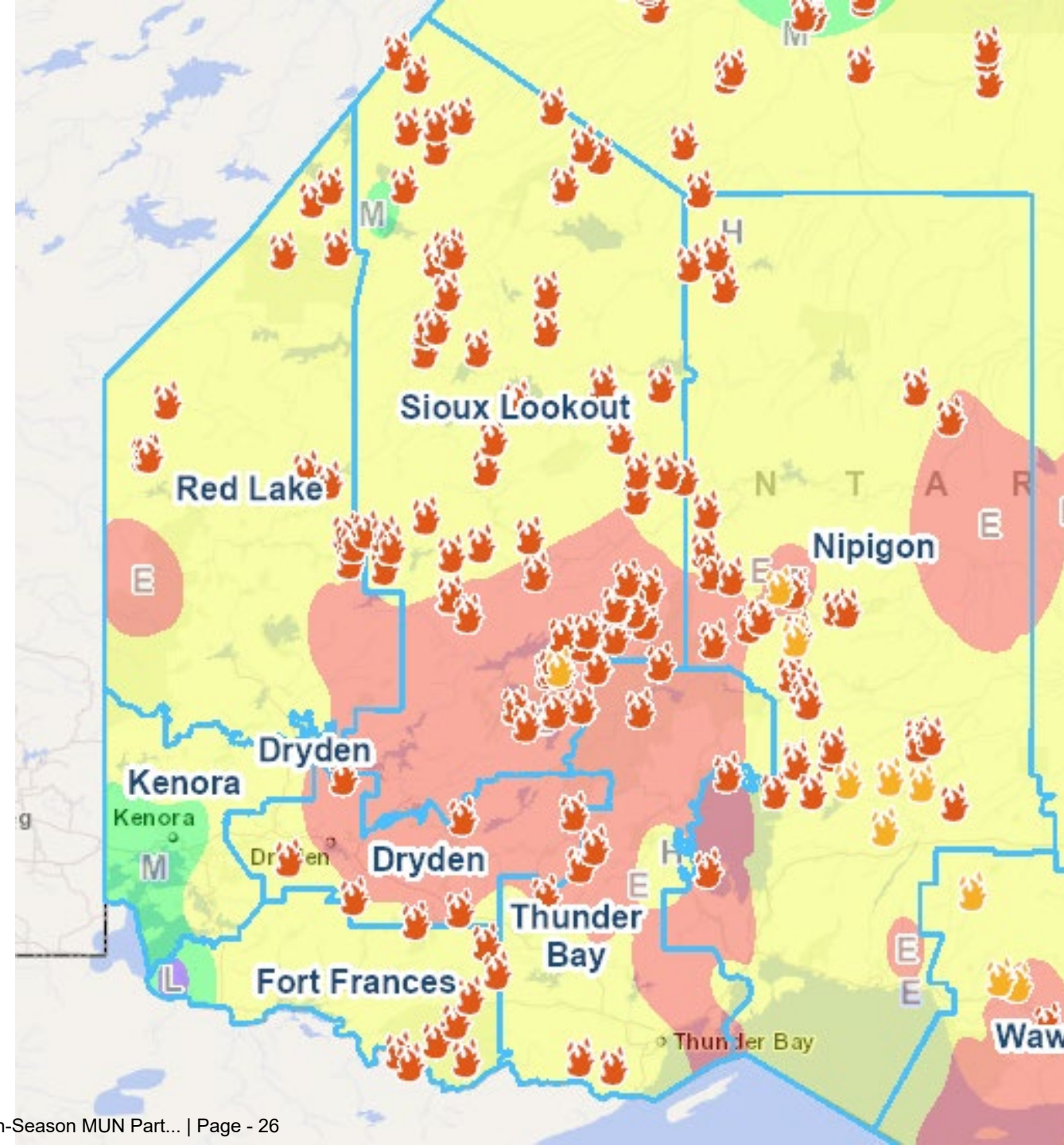
CIFFC is at Preparedness Level 4 – Ontario is at Preparedness Level 4.



Northwest Region

(As of July 16, 2026 @ 13:00 hrs)

At the time of this update there are 134 active fires in the Northwest Region. 62 fires are not under control, 5 fires are being held, 4 are under control and 63 are being observed.



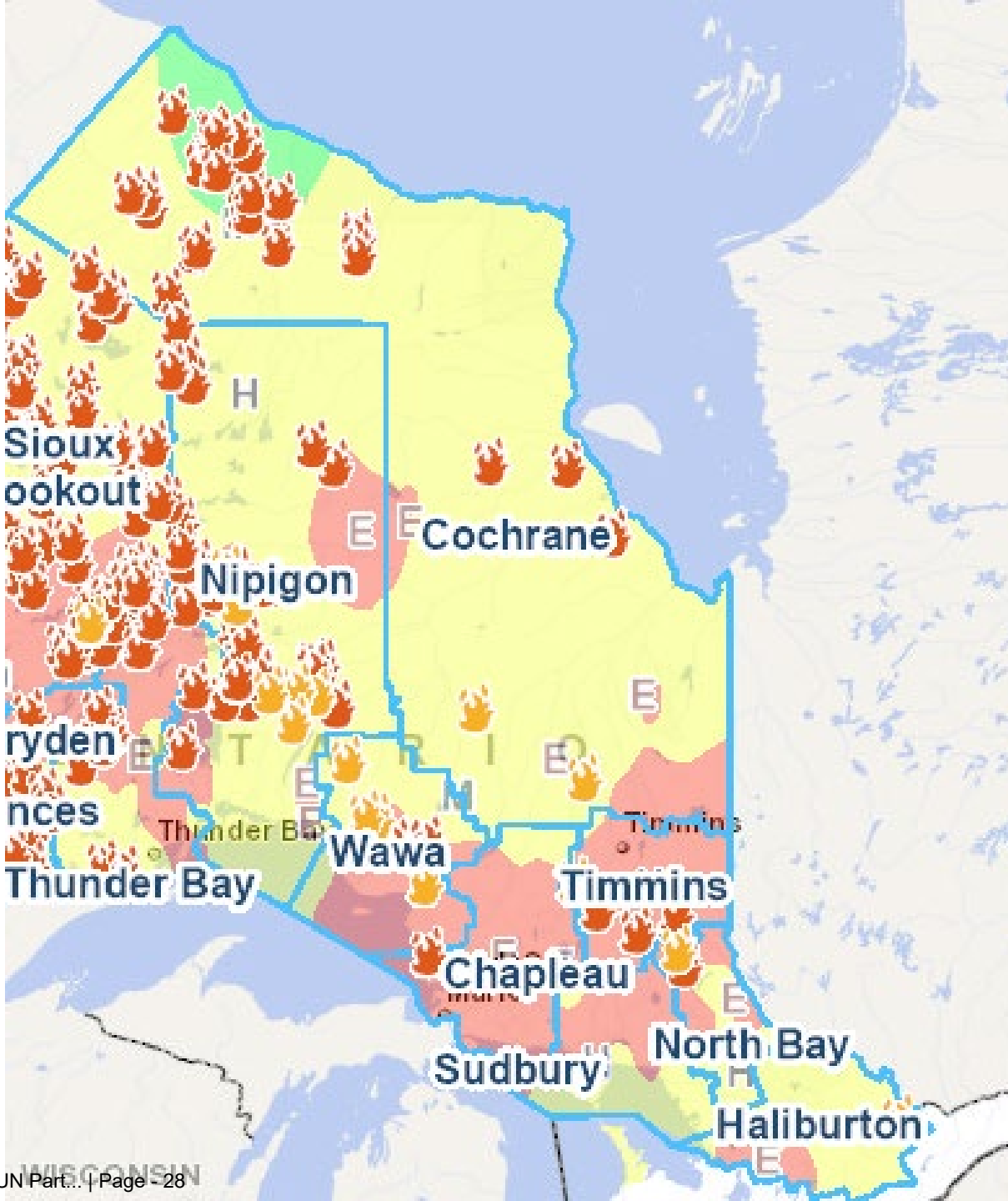
Northwest Region – Fires of Note *(as of July 16)*

Fire	Location (approx.)	Size (ha)	Status	Comments/Description/Update
FOR14	Upsala	55,106	Not Under Control (NUC)	Fire is located approximately 5km of Highway 17. Yesterday, ignition was completed successfully on the southeast portion of the fire.
FOR15	Quetico Provincial Park	48,261	Not Under Control (NUC)	The fire is located south of Highway 11 burning in Quetico Provincial Park.
DRY036	Ignace	1,762	Not Under Control (NUC)	Air attack and helicopters bucketing throughout the day yesterday.
THU036	Armstrong	350,922	Not Under Control (NUC)	Combined with five other fires in the region yesterday. Values operations underway on the south of the fire near Obonga Lake.
THU051	Whitefish Lake	29	Not Under Control (NUC)	Crews continuing to establish hose lines.
SLK084 SLK086 SLK089	Cat Lake First Nation	Unknown	Not Under Control (NUC)	Fires have combined. Air attack and helicopters were utilized over the fires yesterday.

Northeast Region

(As of July 16, 2026 @ 13:00 hrs)

At the time of this update there are 43 active fires in the Northeast Region. 7 fires are not under control, 4 fires are being held, 4 are under control and 28 are being observed.



Current Fire Season Situation - Resources

(As of July 16, 2026)

2026 Wildland Fire Resource	West		East		Total
Personnel	• 90 crews		• 63 crews		153
Aircraft*	• 5 – Birddogs • 6 – CL415s • 2 – CL215s	• 3 – Heavy Helicopters • 22 – Intermediate Helicopters • 24 – Medium Helicopters	• 6 – 802s • 2- Twin Otters • 1 – CL415 • 4 - Birddogs	• 7 – Intermediate Helicopters • 6 – Medium Helicopters	88

**A number of additional aircraft are on hire in the Northwest to undertake infrared scanning, crew transport, and values protection*

Contract Fire Crews Type 2	
West	East
10 Committed	None

Incident Management Teams (Type 1)	
Yanni Team	On Alert
Brown Team	No Alert
Horan Team	Committed
Perin Team	Committed

Current Fire Season Situation - Resources

(As of July 16, 2026)

Out of Province Resources Imported to Ontario

Alberta	1 – Intermediate Helicopter 2 – Heavy Helicopter 1 – Helicopter Coordinator 1 – Helicopter Coordinator Trainee	1 – Air Attack Officer 6 – 802s 1 – Birddog
CIFFC	2 – Heavy Helicopter	
Yukon Territory	1 – Ignition Specialist 1 – Dispenser Operator	

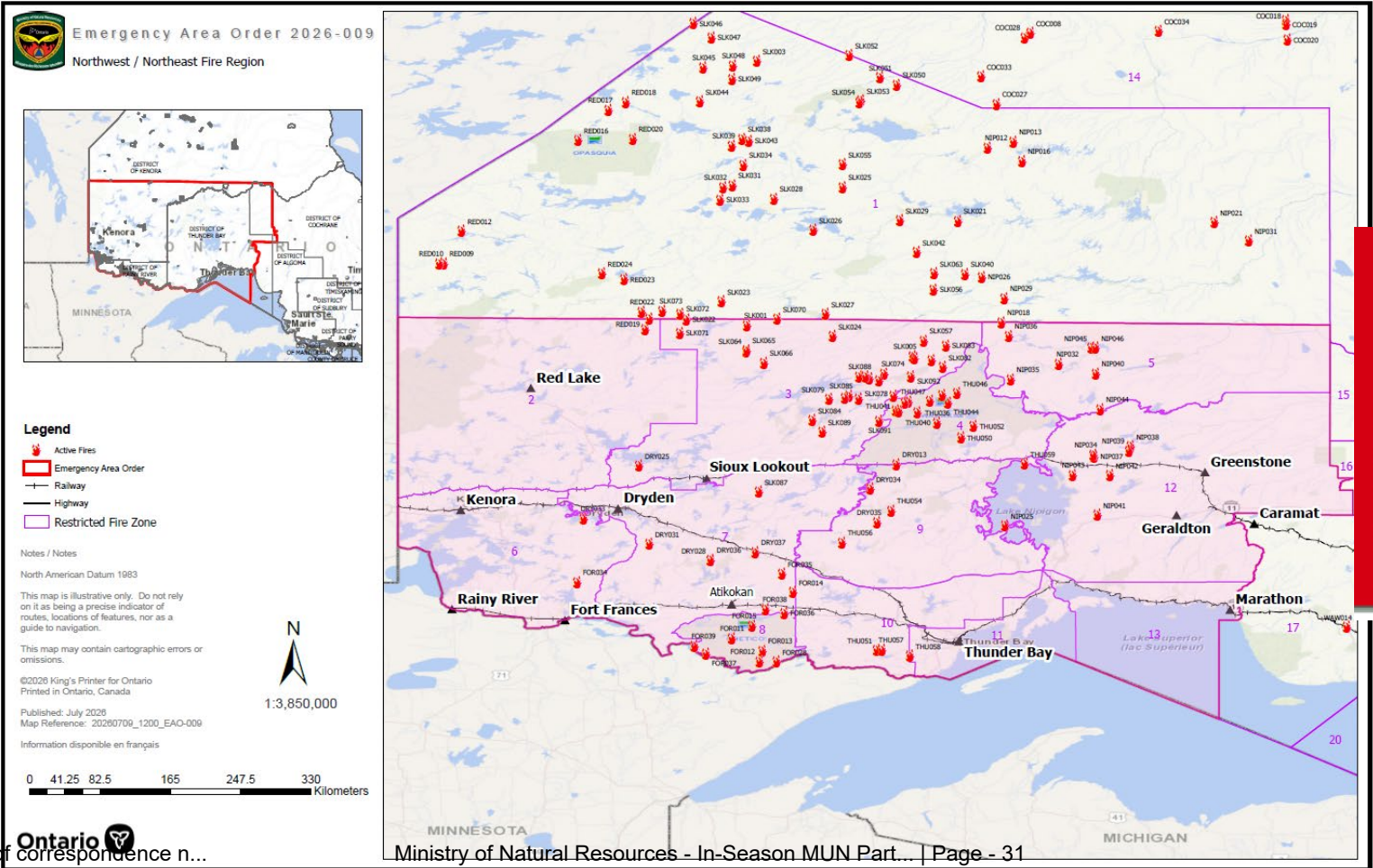
Planned Resource Imports to Ontario

From	Personnel		Equipment	Aircraft
Alberta (July 16, 2026)	Crews: 9 - 4P Type 1 Fire Ranger Crew 1 - 5P Type 1 Fire Ranger Crew 1 - 21P Type 1 Fire Ranger Crew 1 - 19P Type 1 Fire Ranger Crew	Overhead: 1 - Agency Representative 1 - Division Supervisor 3 - Task Force Leader	100-Mark 3 Medium Pumps	
Alberta (July 16, 2026)	1 - Air Attack Officer			2 – CL215 1 - Birddog

Current Fire Season Situation – Emergency Orders and Implementation Orders

(As of July 16, 2026)

Current Orders	Location / Fires	As of Date	Comments/Description
EAO 2026-009	Territorial Districts of Cochrane, Kenora, Rainy River, and Thunder Bay	July 15, 2026	An expanded Emergency Area Order, including the areas of previous EAOs 2026-005 and 2026-006, is in effect due to multiple large wildland fires affecting the area.



EMERGENCY ORDER

ORDONNANCE D'URGENCE

Emergency Area Order in effect until further notice. Travel and activity is restricted in some areas!

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry can issue road or stop people from entering an area that is not safe due to fire or other emergency. When orders or the fireburns a community, residents or visitors may be asked to evacuate.

L'ordre de zone d'urgence est en vigueur jusqu'à nouvel ordre. Les déplacements et les activités dans certaines zones sont limités!

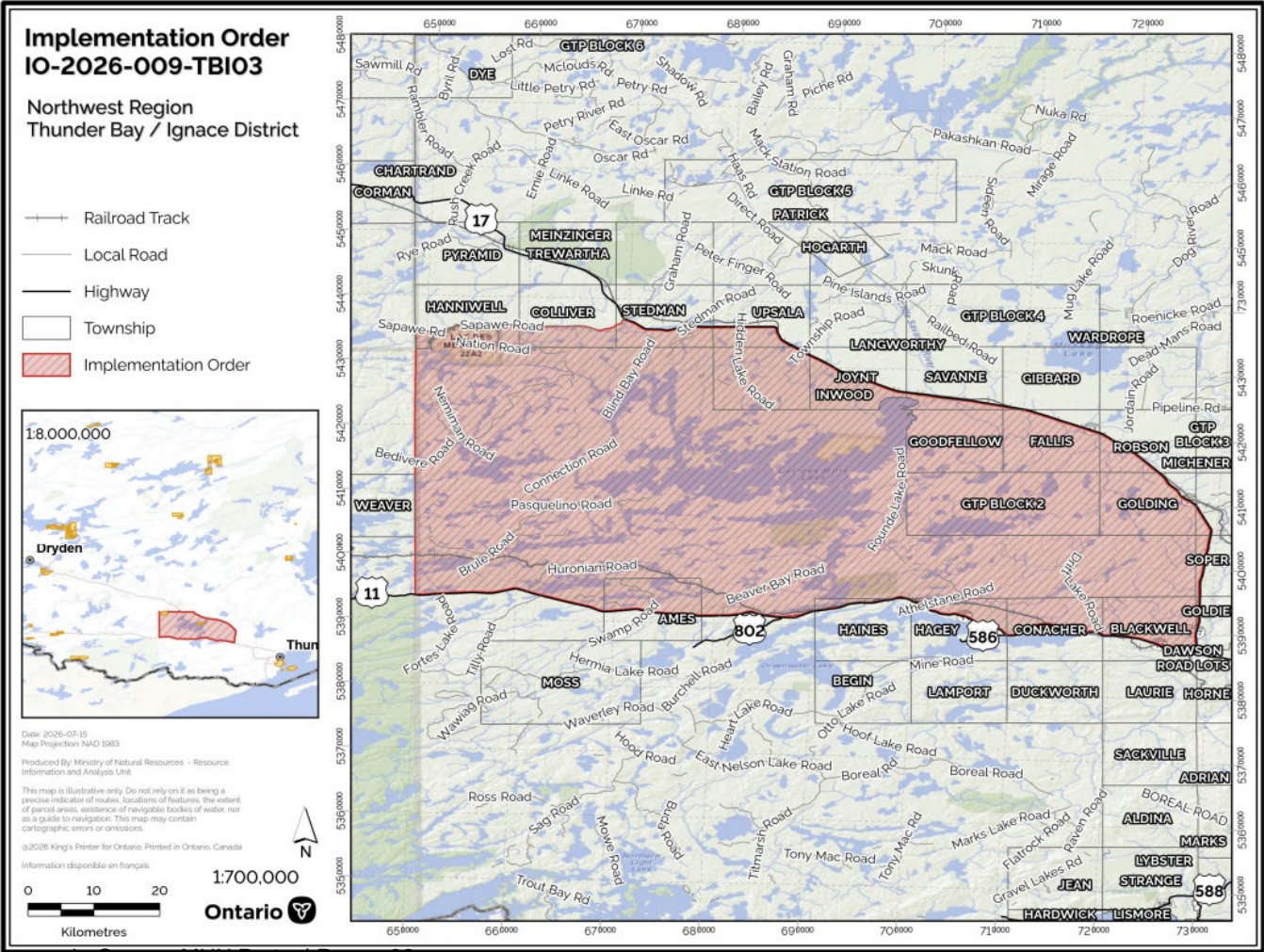
Le ministère des Ressources naturelles et des Forêts est autorisé à fermer des routes ou à bloquer l'accès de la population à des zones déterminées considérées comme dangereuses en raison d'incendies ou d'autres urgences. Lorsque la fumée ou un incendie menacent une collectivité, la Ministère peut demander aux résidents et visiteurs d'évacuer la zone.

Current Fire Season Situation - Emergency Orders and Implementation Orders

(As of July 16, 2026)

Current Orders	Location / Fires	As of Date	Comments/Description
IO 2026-009-TBIO3	Thunder Bay/Ignace District	July 16, 2026	An Implementation Order is in effect under the EAO 2026-009 for the purposes of public safety and fire suppression.

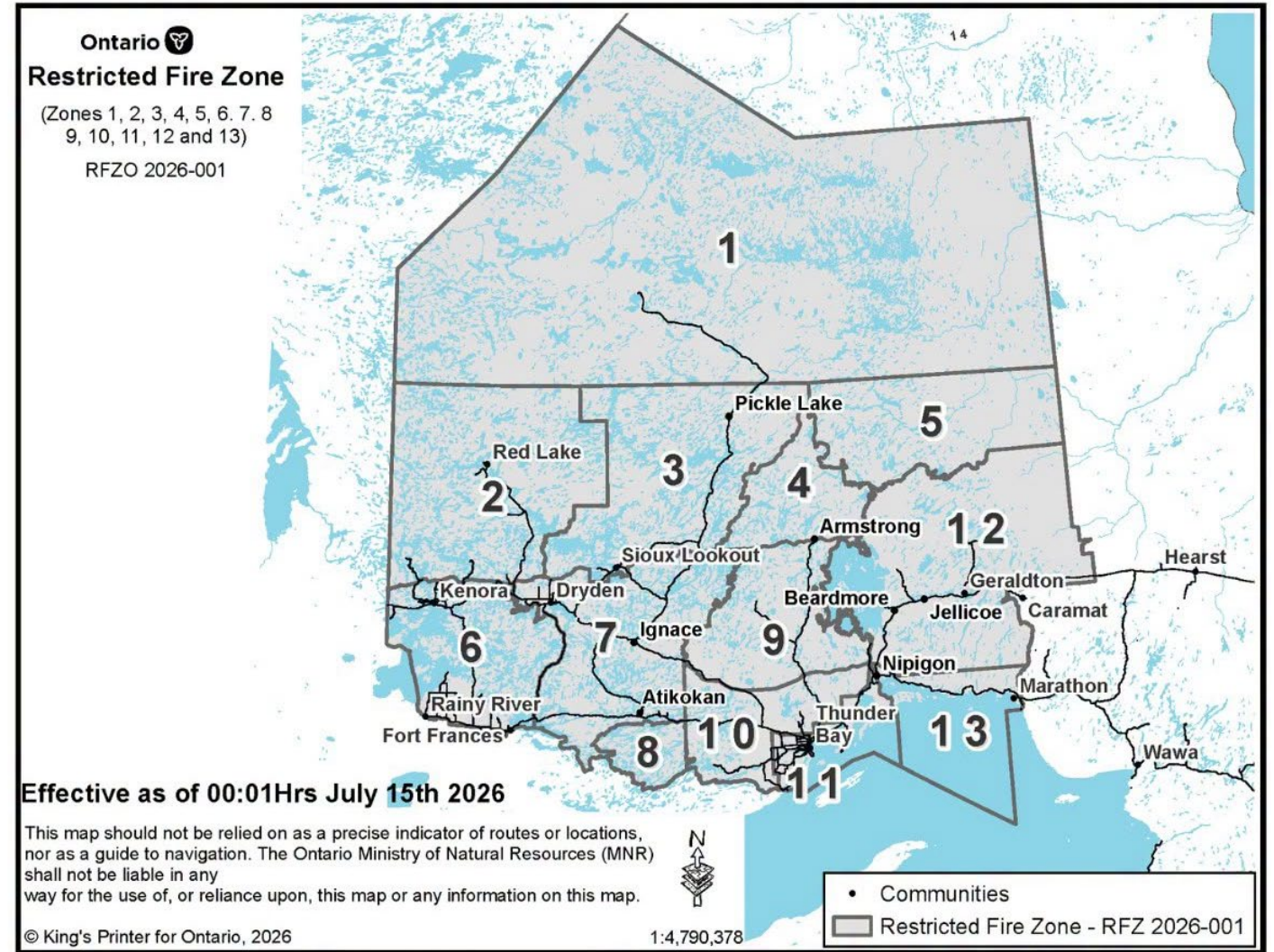
- Travel and use of certain roads and trails are prohibited unless authorized by a permit to engage in specified activities issued by the MNR.
- Use and occupation of Crown land identified on the map is prohibited unless authorized by a permit to engage in specified activities issued by the MNR.



Current Fire Season Situation - Restricted Fire Zone (RFZ)

(As of July 16, 2026)

- An RFZ restricts the use of all open outdoor fires in a specific area of the province.
- It is a temporary measure put in place to prevent human-caused fires when the fire hazard is extreme or when firefighting resources are limited.
- Having an RFZ in place allows the Ministry to temporarily prevent human-caused fires, decreasing the pressure that these preventable new fire starts could cause on our response system.



Current Fire Season Situation – Evacuations

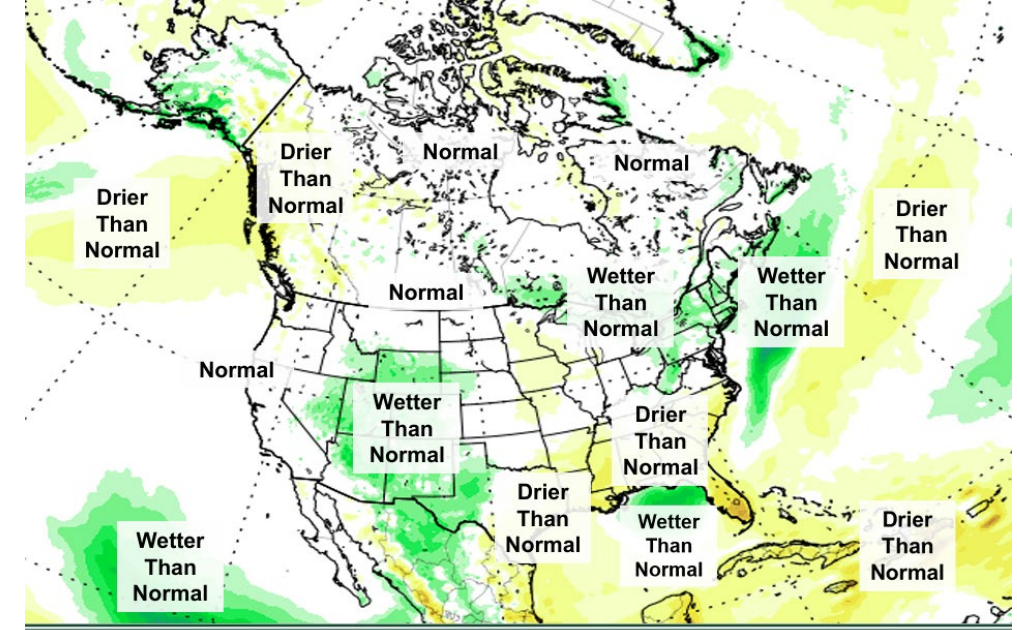
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Evacuations		
Armstrong	DRY013	Evacuation operations began on July 14, 2026 and all residents are now safely out of the community.
Cat Lake First Nation	Several fires in the area	Evacuation flights ongoing July 15 th and 16 th .
Collins	THU036	Completed a self-evacuation.
Gakijiwanong Anishinaabe Nation	THUMB Fire (originated in Minnesota)	Completed a precautionary self-evacuation.
Gull Bay First Nation	THU036	Mandatory evacuation (Chief and Council).
McDowell Lake First Nation	RED023/RED024	Completed a self-evacuation.
Whitesands First Nation	DRY013	Mandatory evacuation (Chief and Council).

General Weather Outlook

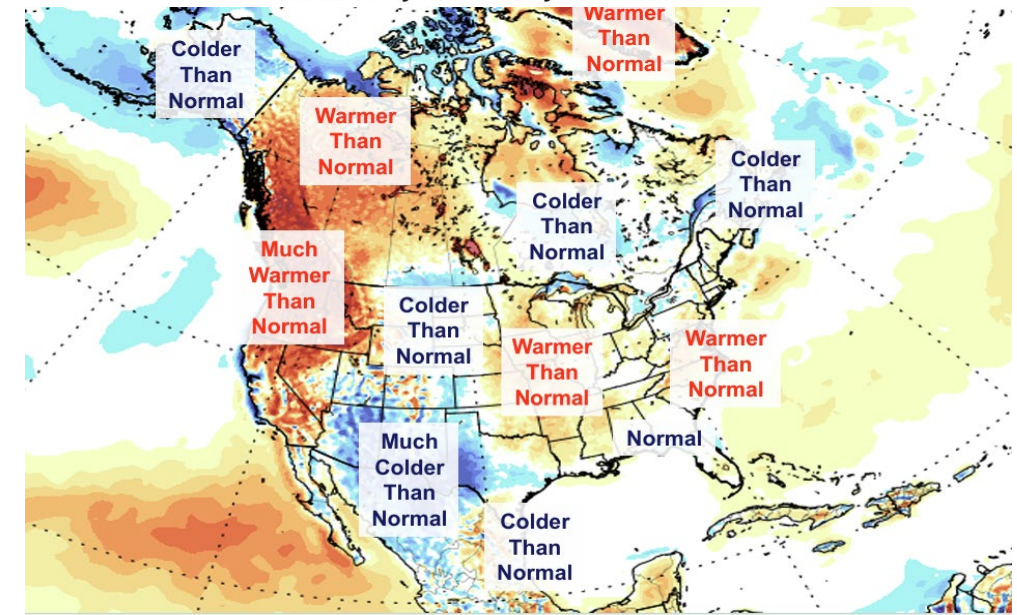
(As of July 14, 2026)

- Above average confidence (80%) in the 5-10 day forecasts.
- Northwesterly influence will bring colder temperatures throughout the western part of the province.
- Higher than normal precipitation anticipated in the southerly parts of the Northwest Region



4-10 Day Precipitation Anomaly Patterns

valid: July 17 – July 23, 2026



6-10 Day Temperature Anomaly Patterns

valid: July 19 – July 23, 2026



Current and 3-5 Day Weather Outlook *(As of July 16, 2026)*

Current NER:

- Moderate winds and little cloud coverage expected over the course of the day in the region.
- Winds will be mainly northwesterly at 10-20km/h, most gusts in the range of 35-50km/h.
- Daytime highs will be between 20°C and 25°.

Current NWR:

- A ridge of high-pressure will continue to sit over the eastern half of the region, providing stabler atmospheric conditions. Winds will be light to moderate, but skies will continue to have smoke from nearby wildfires and air quality conditions will continue to be poor.
- Pop-up isolated thunderstorms may be possible for the southwestern half of the region throughout the day.
- Wind speeds will be mainly between 1-10 km/h with gusts in the range of 15 to 25 km/h, potentially reaching towards 35-40km/h around Dryden.
- Daytime highs will be between 25°C and 30°C.

3-5 Day Outlook:

- Friday: The northeast shoreline of Lake Superior could possibly see widespread rain with an onshore flow, up to 20-25 mm in total. A low-pressure system developing over central Minnesota will bring widespread showers and overcast skies to most of the southern half of the northwest region. 10-15 mm of total rain is possible, with convective cells potentially reaching up to 20-25 mm for some isolated areas.
- Saturday: A low-pressure system is forecasted to bring widespread rainfall across the south and northeast. Embedded, isolated thunderstorms may be possible in the southwest with heaviest accumulation likely in the Ottawa Valley and areas along the Quebec border. The shorelines of Lake Huron may also see up to 20-25 mm in total. Clear skies and lighter winds expected in the northwest.
- Sunday: A high pressure ridge will sit over much of the south and northeast bringing clear skies and light to moderate winds in these areas. The Far Northwest may see isolated showers and isolated thunderstorms of up to 10-15mm.

Wildland Fire Outlook *(As of July 14, 2026)*

- Forecast confidence of 60% for the 11-15 day period.
- Troughing pattern aloft for the eastern half of the province while the west will maintain mostly zonal with a northwesterly influence bringing colder temperatures.
- Slightly wetter conditions than normal before precipitation evens out in the latter half of the 15-day outlook.

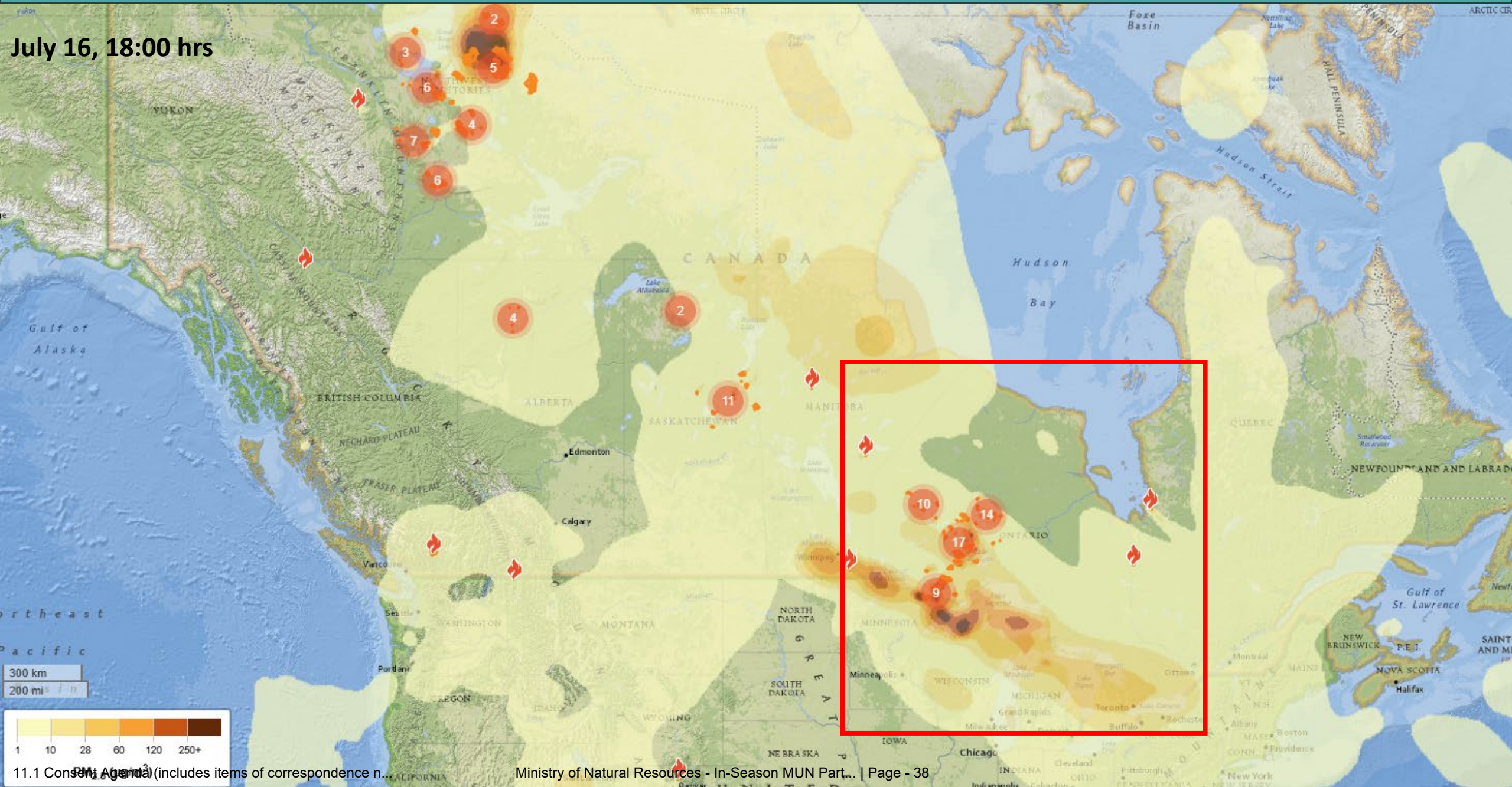


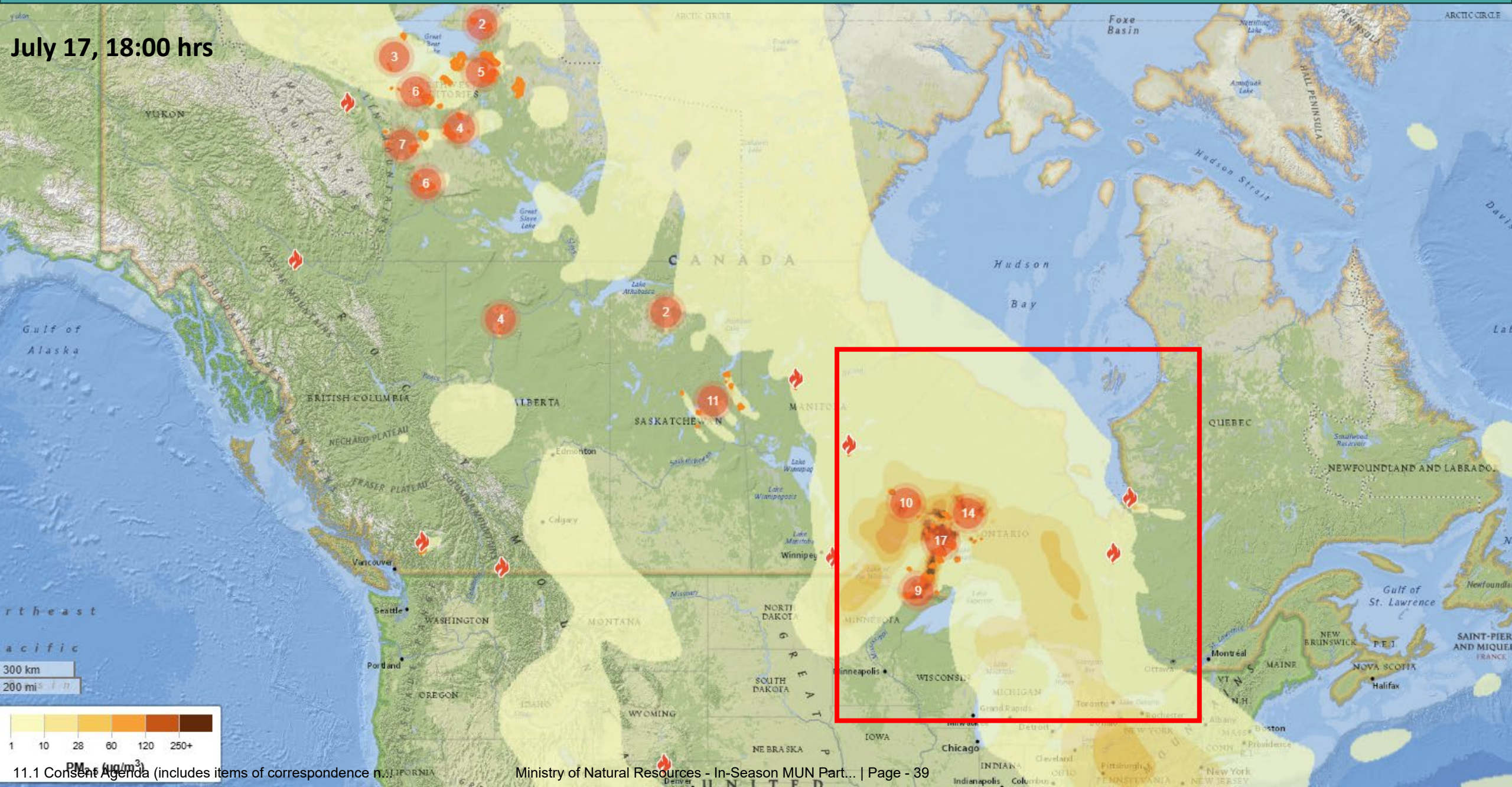
11-15 Day Temperature Anomaly Patterns

valid: July 24 – July 28, 2026



July 16, 18:00 hrs





Preparedness and Planning Next Steps

Overall Focus:

- ✓ Reviewing all incident reports for safety trends.
- ✓ Actively monitoring weather to predict fire activity, occurrences and behaviour across the province.
- ✓ Mobilizing resources and personnel as required to ensure appropriate response capabilities to meet the forecasted conditions.
- ✓ Modeling and forecasting fire growth projections.
- ✓ Actively personnel forecasting to account for availability, days off, priority actions.
- ✓ Exploring and acquiring additional resources to support capacity (mutual aid agreements, contracted support, emergency fire fighting hires, etc.). This includes exploring national and international resources.
- ✓ Replenishing inventory levels and ensuring fire suppression equipment is serviceable.
- ✓ Conducting regular maintenance on all aircraft.
- ✓ Utilizing legislative and regulatory authorities as required.

Preparedness and Planning Next Steps

✓ **MNR Priorities**

- Safety, Initial Attack, Protection of Communities and Infrastructure

✓ **Fire Management Strategies and Tactics:**

- Incident Management Team (IMT) alerts/deployments
- Appropriate response and adaptive strategies (e.g., ignition, values protection, aggressive initial attack)
- Fire prioritization

✓ **Emergency Response Actions (as required)**

- Emergency Area Orders & Implementation Orders
- Evacuations
- NOTAM's (airspace restrictions)

✓ **Prevention and Mitigation Actions:**

- FireSmart - Resources for reducing the risk to your home and property
- Fire prevention, understanding fire danger and use of fire (Outdoor Fires Regulation compliance)

Thank you for joining today!



Appendices – General Information

Municipal Partners Information and Updates



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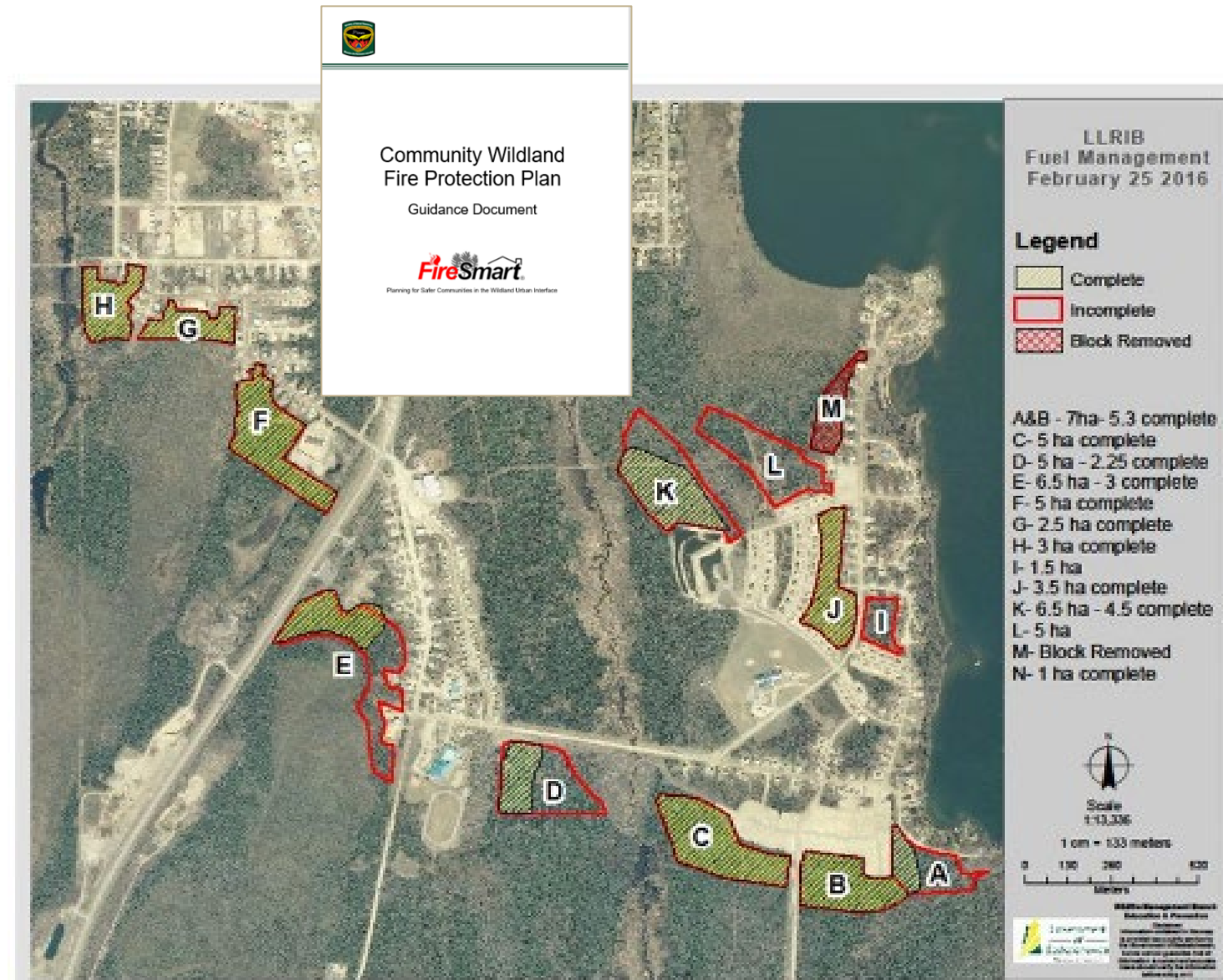
Programs and Resources:

- [Wildfire Community Preparedness Day](#)
- [Neighborhood Recognition Program](#)
- [Brochures, Factsheets and Guides](#)



Community Wildland Fire Protection Plans

- Emergency Planning is a key principle of the FireSmart program;
 - Includes the development of Community Wildland Fire Protection Plans (CWPP).
- CWPPs identify and assess vulnerabilities, and risks to communities.
- Key Components:
 - Identify stakeholders,
 - Community Description,
 - Community hazard identification and risk assessment (HIRA),
 - Wildland fire hazard forest map,
 - Prevention and Mitigation planning and strategies, and,
 - Wildland Fire Response Planning.



Community Wildland Fire Protection Planning Grant - Transfer Payment Program

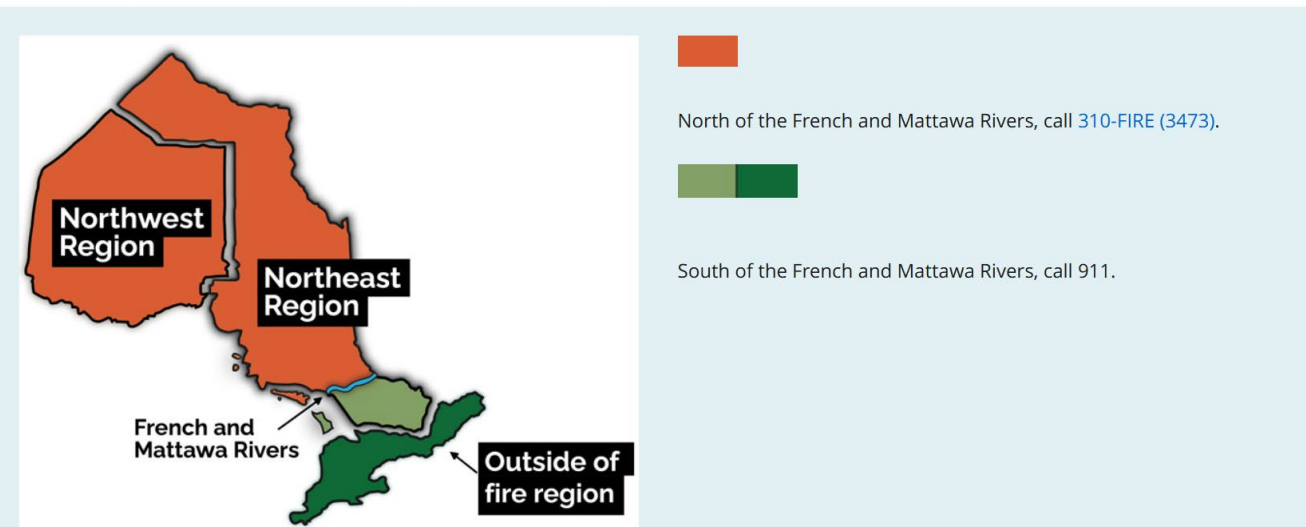
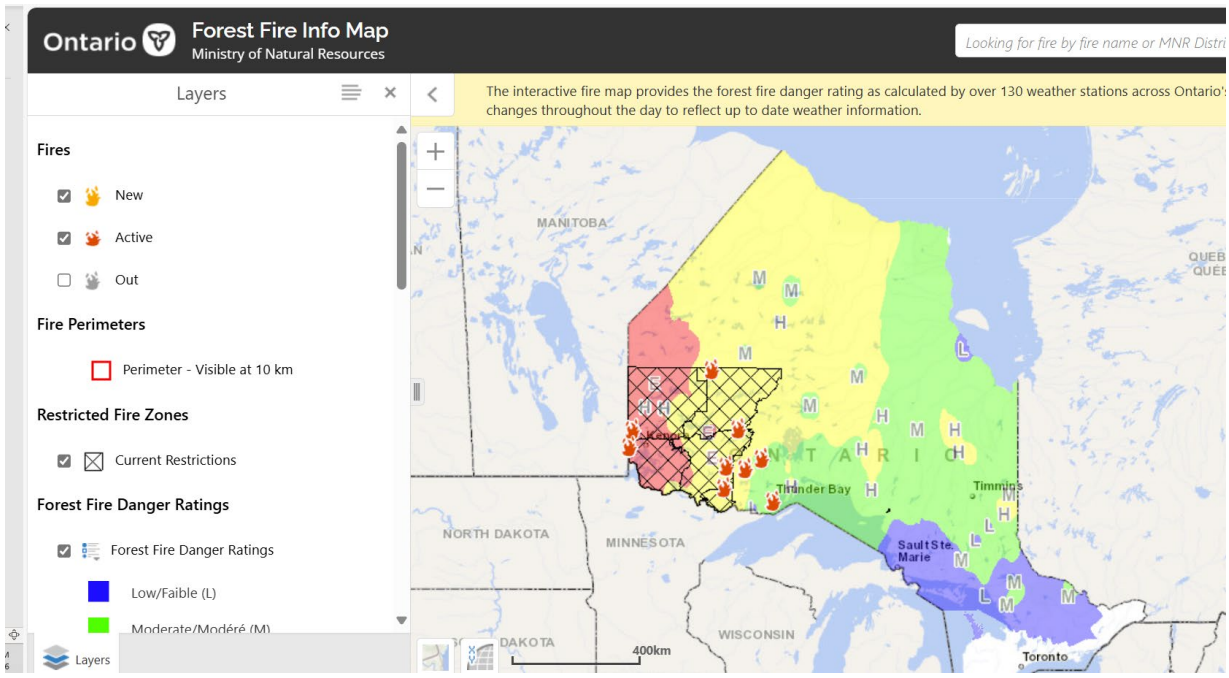
- Limited funding opportunity for organized municipalities within the legislated fire region to support the development of CWPPs, fire hazard maps, and mitigation strategies.
- All organized municipalities within the fire region are eligible and invited to apply;
 - Previously closed/invitational,
 - Applications are open annually from April to September.
- Recipients receive \$15,000 over 2-year term*
- Since the 2016, 31 Municipalities have successfully completed the grant program;
 - 11 plans are currently in progress of being developed.

CWPP Implementation Grant

- ***Invite only*** – limited funding to help municipalities implement their approved CWPPs previously developed and approved through our CWPP Grant program.
- Approved applications must implement actions and strategies identified in the approved CWPP (education, prevention, preparedness, small scale vegetation/fuel management)

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Wildland Fire Daily Information Sources



- Forest Fire Information Map and Website – [Ontario.ca/forestfire](https://www.ontario.ca/forestfire)**
 - General information updates and wildland fire season status summaries can be found at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/forest-fires>.
 - Stay informed of the location, size, and status of all active wildland fires.
 - Also shows extinguished fires, existing fire perimeters, the current restrictions (e.g., restricted fire zone), the current forest fire danger ratings, 24-hour weather observations, and boundaries of the fire management areas, etc.
- Daily Fire Situation Updates (AFFES)**
 - End of day fire situation reports from Northwest and Northeast Region – daily fire situation summary emailed to AFFES' media outlet contacts to provide the most up to date information for the next operational period.
 - Contact AFFES.communications@ontario.ca to request being added to the mailing list

Smoke Information – General Predictions and Health Information

- [Smoke Forecast - FireSmoke.ca](https://www.fire-smoke.ca/)
- [FireWork: National Wildfire Smoke Model - Environment Canada \(weather.gc.ca\)](https://www.environment.gc.ca/ceaweb/eng/forecast/index.asp)
- [Air Quality Health Index \(weather.gc.ca\)](https://www.weather.gc.ca/health/index.asp)
- [Forest Fire Smoke and Your Health - Emergency Management Branch - Ministry Programs - Public Information - MOHLTC \(gov.on.ca\)](https://www.ontario.ca/page/forest-fire-smoke-and-your-health-emergency-management-branch-ministry-programs-public-information-mohlrc)

AFFES Social Media Presence

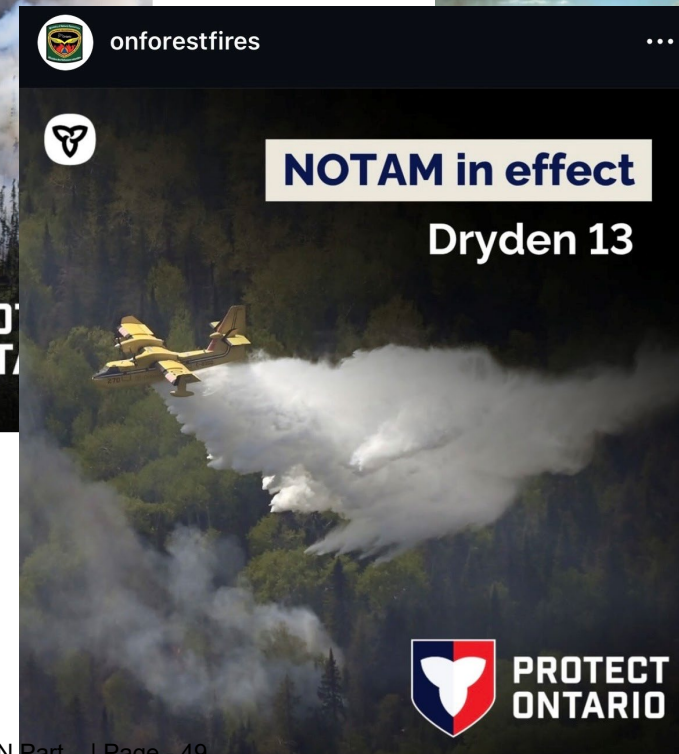


- AFFES utilizes its Twitter page to provide updates and key information throughout the wildland fire season.

Facebook: @ONforestfires
Instagram: @ONforestfires
X: @ONforestfires

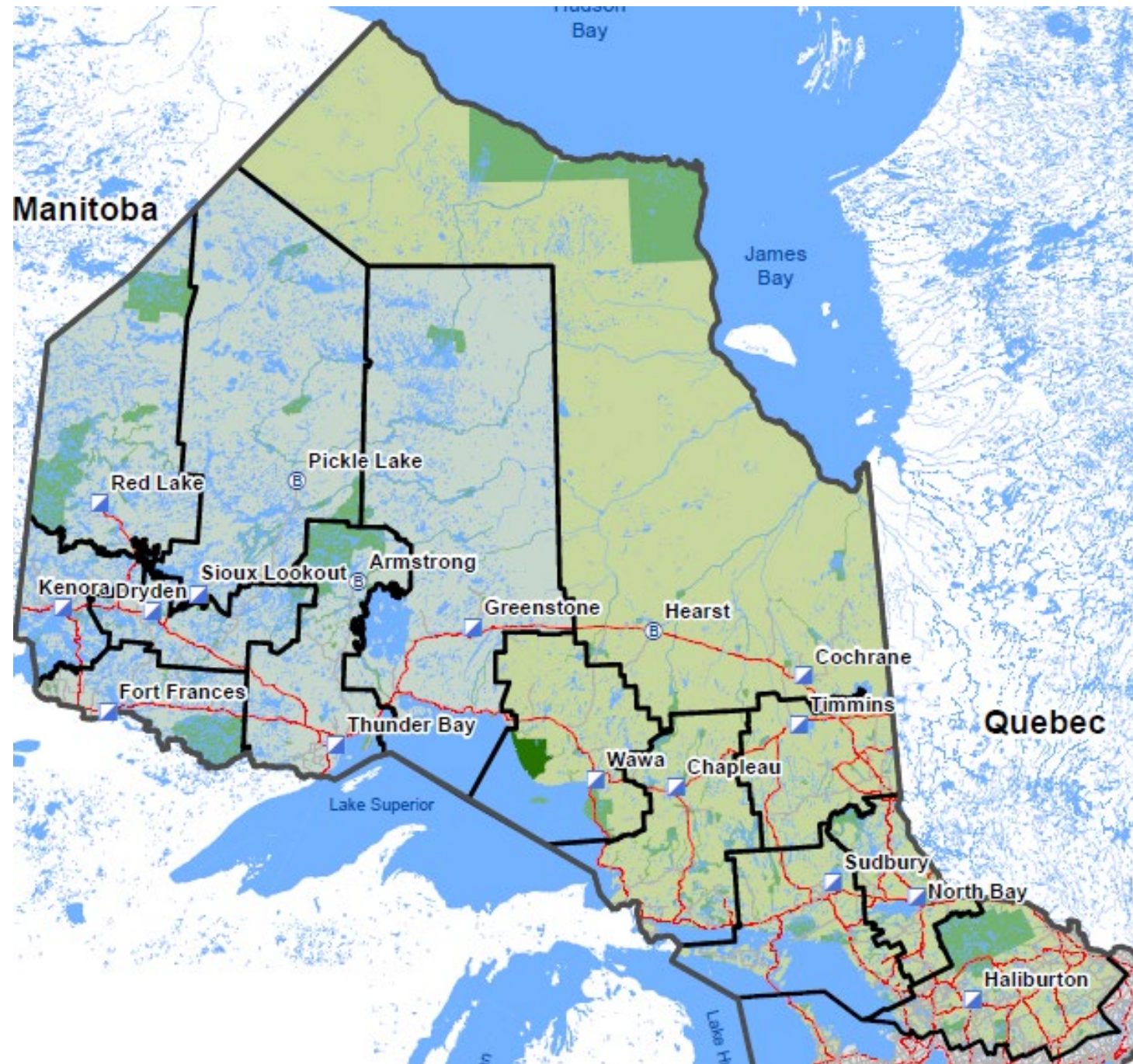
- Additionally, the Ministry social media pages may provide updates and information.

Facebook: @ONresources
Instagram: @ONresources



Fire Management Areas

- The 14 fire management areas are divided into 2 fire regions:
- Northwest Region:
 - Red Lake (RED)
 - Kenora (KEN)
 - Fort Frances (FOR)
 - Dryden (DRY)
 - Sioux Lookout (SLK)
 - Thunder Bay (THU)
 - Greenstone (GRE)
- Northeast Region:
 - Wawa (WAW)
 - Cochrane (COC)
 - Chapleau (CHA)
 - Timmins (TIM)
 - Sudbury (SUD)
 - North Bay (NOR)
 - Haliburton (HAL)



Northwest Fire Management Headquarter Contact Information

Dryden Fire Management Headquarters, MNR Box 850, Dryden, ON P8N 2Z5 Phone: 807-937-7350 Fax: 807-937-7349	Fort Frances Fire Management Headquarters, MNR 22 Scott Street, Fort Frances, ON P9A 1J4 Phone: 807-274-8643 Fax: 807-274-5553	Greenstone Fire Management Headquarters, MNR P.O. Box 640, Geraldton, ON POT 1M0 Phone: 807-854-0558 Fax: 807-854-1788	Kenora Fire Management Headquarters, MNR P.O. Box 5080, Kenora, ON P9N 3X9 Phone: 807-548-1919 Fax: 807-548-5412
Red Lake Fire Management Headquarters, MNR P.O. Box 5003, Red Lake, ON POV 2M0 Phone: 807-727-2000 Fax: 807-727-3182	Sioux Lookout Fire Management Headquarters, MNR P.O. Box 309, Sioux Lookout, ON P8T 1A6 Phone: 807-737-1145 Fax: 807-737-3530	Thunder Bay Fire Management Headquarters, MNR 1580 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay, ON P7K 1A6 Phone: 807-476-2200 Fax: 807-476-2312	

Northeast Fire Management Headquarter Contact Information

Chapleau Fire Management Headquarters, MNR 190-192 Cherry Street, Chapleau, ON P0M 1K0 Phone: 705-864-1710 Fax: 705-864-1376	Cochrane Fire Management Headquarters, MNR Box 730, 2 Third Avenue, Cochrane, ON P0L 1C0 Phone: 705-272-7141 Fax: 705-272-7140	Haliburton Fire Management Headquarters, MNR 1204 Stanhope Airport Road, Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1 Phone: 705-754-1902 Fax: 705-754-3297	North Bay Fire Management Headquarters, MNR 40 Voodoo Crescent, North Bay, ON P1C 0B7 Phone: 705-475-5551 Fax: 705-475-5559
Sudbury Fire Management Headquarters, MNR 6150 Skyline Drive, Postal Bag 500, Garson, ON P3L 1W3 Phone: 705-564-6083 Fax: 705-564-6033	Timmins Fire Management Fire Management Headquarters, MNR Ontario Government Complex, Highway 101 East, P.O. Bag 3090, South Porcupine, ON P0N 1H0 Phone: 705-235-1300 Fax: 705-235-1373	Wawa Fire Management Fire Management Headquarters, MNR Box 1160, Highway 101, Wawa, ON P0S 1K0 Phone: 705-856-2396 Fax: 705-856-4849	

Fire Season Communications/Information Contacts Structure



FireSmart Program

[Ontario.ca/firesmart](https://ontario.ca/firesmart)
www.firesmartcanada.ca



**Wildland fire prevention
(campfires, ATV safety,
fireworks, etc.)**

[Ontario.ca/fireprevention](https://ontario.ca/fireprevention)



**Outdoor Fire Rules and
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<https://www.ontario.ca/page/outdoor-fire-rules-and-permits>



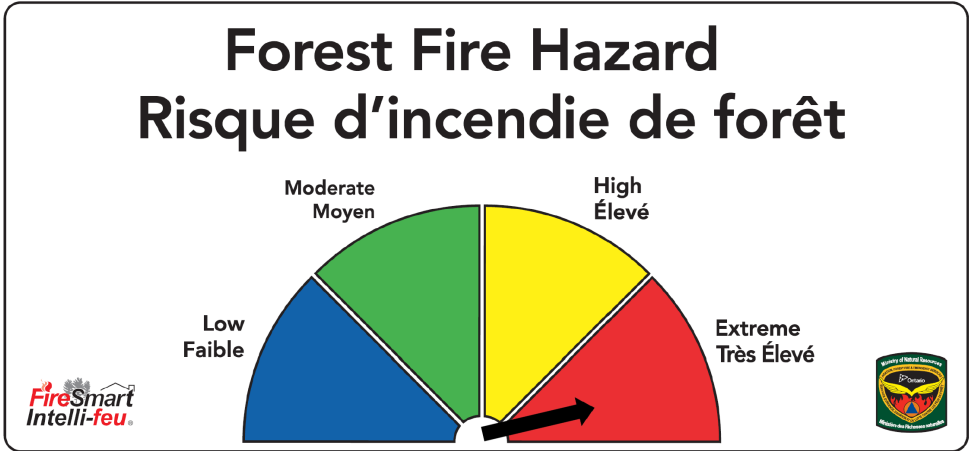
**Outdoor Fire Restrictions
(Restricted Fire Zones, the
law, penalties)**

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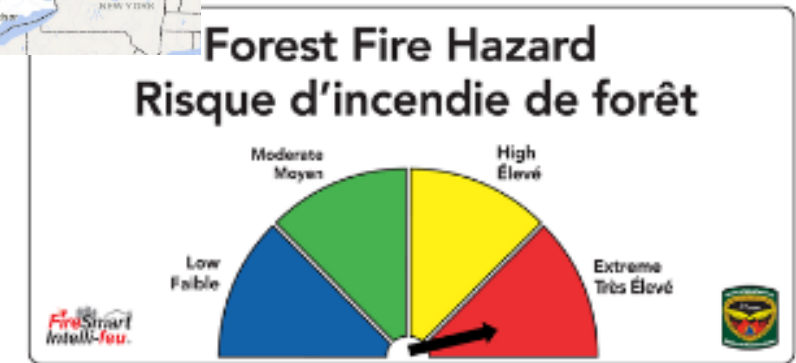
**Drone/RPAS, Restricted
Airspace and Waterbomber
Safety**

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/drones-waterbombers-restricted-airspace-during-forest-fires>



Wildland Fire Prevention

- **Restricted Fire Zones**
 - Temporary measure under the Forest Fires Prevention Act
 - Open air fires like campfires are restricted, with exceptions for cooking and warmth meeting prescriptions under the Outdoor Fires Regulation
- **Local fire bans**
 - Imposed by organized municipalities or Office of the Fire Marshal (in UT's)
 - Can be in place at the same time as RFZ
 - Must meet or exceed provisions set out in FFPA and O.Reg 207/96
- **Fire Hazard**
 - A general indicator of the condition of the forest in an area, how easily a fire could start, and how intense or fast a fire could spread if it started.
 - Important to maintain currency on Municipal hazard or danger rating signage
- **Fire prevention Communications**
 - Fireworks – not restricted under RFZ
 - FFPA provisions – restricting fireworks in or within 300 metres of forest area
 - Starting a fire from unextinguished hot residue can be charged under the Act & pay for cost of suppression
 - Municipal by laws and burn bans can allow for the restriction fireworks



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Public Safety Communications

STAY CLEAR OF WATERBOMBERS



When waterbombers approach a body of water, move close to the shore so they can perform their scoop safely.

A water bomber will not scoop from a lake or river if encroaching watercraft pose a safety hazard.

Help fight forest fires by staying clear of waterbombers!

See all active Ontario forest fires at ontario.ca/forestfire, or learn more about us at ontario.ca/AFFES.

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DRONE FREE ZONE



DO NOT fly drones within 3 km of a forest fire area.

You can put the safety and lives of pilots, firefighters and emergency workers at risk. It's dangerous and illegal.

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NOTICE TO AIRMEN

RESTRICTED AIRSPACE AROUND FOREST FIRES



Notice to Airmen. Section 601.15 of the Canadian Aviation Regulations (CARs) states that the airspace around forest fires is restricted to forest fire suppression aircraft only.

It is unlawful to operate any aircraft over a forest fire or within 5 NM / 10 km of a wildland fire at an altitude less than 3000 ft AGL. This includes private planes and UAVs.

Aircraft could interfere with low flying water bombers or helicopters and endanger the safety of pilots and crew.

Pilots are reminded that NOTAMS concerning forest fires can be found in the FIR (Flight Information Region) section when flight planning.

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Fire Stages of Control

Stages of Control

describing fire suppression



Not Under Control

A wildland fire that either has not yet been suppressed to the point where it is being held, or a wildland fire not responding or only responding on a limited basis to suppression action, such that perimeter spread is not being contained.



Being Held

A wildland fire that indicates, with currently committed resources, sufficient suppression action has been taken so that the fire is not likely to spread beyond existent or predetermined control boundaries under prevailing or forecasted conditions.



Under Control

A wildland fire that has received sufficient suppression action to ensure no further spread of the fire.



Out

A wildland fire that is extinguished is called out.



Being Observed

A wildland fire that is being monitored to allow the natural ecological benefits of wildland fires to take place as they would in the natural environment without human intervention.





What the PEOC does

- **Staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year**
- Coordinates provincial supports and resources for the response to community emergencies and incidents, including evacuations.
- Can assist in facilitating the support to any requests for assistance from a community in response to an emergency or incident

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July 17, 2026

Attention: The United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria

SUBJECT: Follow Up: Notice of Termination: Municipal Forest Fire Management Agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR)

In follow up to my letter, sent on April 10, 2026, providing you with notice of termination of the municipal forest fire management agreement between the MNR and the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria, I am reaching out to provide additional information in response including the planned timelines for a new agreement template option.

Forest fire management agreements set out response roles and compensation rates between partners when providing fire suppression support. Municipalities that are parties to these agreements must have a fire department that meets the training, capacity, and availability requirements as set out in the terms and conditions of the agreement.

Each year, the ministry reviews each of our agreements, confirming agreement details, suppression rates, and whether each party continues to meet all terms and conditions of the agreement. For municipalities with forest fire management agreements up for renewal, or requiring changes, within the specified year, the Ministry also consults these municipalities to review the response areas (Crown Protection Areas, and Municipal Protection Areas) and discusses the development of new agreements or renewal of existing ones.

During this year's annual review, your municipality was identified as either not meeting the required municipal fire department capacity or relying on neighboring municipalities for fire response support in a manner that does not meet the terms and conditions of the agreement. As a result, the agreement was terminated.

The Ministry remains committed to protecting public safety and supporting municipalities across Ontario during wildland fire events, regardless of whether an agreement is in place. Additionally, I want to reiterate that the Ministry remains responsible for and will continue to respond to all fires on Crown land, in areas with or without an agreement, at no cost to the municipality.

For the 2026 fire season and until a new agreement is in place, the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria will operate under the same approach as other municipalities that do not have an agreement, a model under which many municipalities continue to receive Ministry support. In this context, municipalities may continue to request fire response support from the Ministry as needed in the absence of an agreement.

If assistance is required on municipal lands, the Ministry will work with the municipality to provide support and may recover suppression costs from the municipality. Fire management services provided by the Ministry would not be subject to the rates and fees previously set out in the

agreement. The Ministry will use discretion when determining how much of the ministry's fire suppression cost it would seek to recover from a municipality, taking into account the terms of the previous agreement, the specific circumstances of the response, and potential financial impacts on the municipality. The Ministry will consult with the municipality in advance of issuing any invoice. The municipality may also be eligible for Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance funding from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH).

Additionally, I wanted to let you know that the Ministry is currently exploring options to develop a new agreement that would allow municipalities to satisfy the terms and conditions by relying on capacity from partner municipal fire departments. We are aiming to have this alternate agreement template available by Fall 2026 and will reach out at that time to share any new information and address any questions you may have as part of this process moving forward.

We appreciate your municipality's continued commitment to supporting your community and contributing to wildland fire response efforts.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please contact Darnell Gilbert, A/Fire Management Supervisor at darnell.gilbert@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



Chris Cuthbertson
Director
Aviation, Forest Fire and Emergency Services

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- Mike Pistilli, A/Integrated Services Section Manager
- Sarah Allen, Provincial Coordinator – Mitigation and Partnerships Unit
- Darnell Gilbert, Haliburton A/Fire Management Supervisor
- Chelsea Osesky, Mitigation and Partnerships Lead

Expressions of Interest to Host a Taste of the Valley Event in 2027 or 2028 are now being accepted.

Taste of the Valley events continue to be a huge draw for locals and visitors alike, and are a fantastic venue for a community to show its support for local farm, food and artisanal entrepreneurs who invest time and energy into locally grown, produced and handmade products.

Originally introduced in October 2007 in Cobden, by the County of Renfrew's Economic Development Division, the Taste of the Valley event series has grown and expanded to include multiple dates and locations across Renfrew County. The purpose of the Taste of the Valley events are to promote locally grown, produced and created products and support the businesses that make them.



Recognizing the important role these events play in community economic development, as well as growing interest from other communities, hosting guidelines were revised in 2023 to provide more opportunities across the region. Changes included the addition of a holiday event in December, limiting the series to 5 events per year and holding all events on a Saturday from 10am to 3pm. These changes proved to be successful with increased average attendance at all events and a growing number of vendor applications.

Looking ahead, the County of Renfrew is seeking expressions of interest from municipalities to co-host an event in 2027 or 2028, based on the following schedule and criteria.

- **Three (3) events held between the last weekend in July and September 30th.**
- **One (1) even held on the first Saturday after Thanksgiving in Cobden (Whitewater Township).**
- **One (1) Holiday edition held on the Second Saturday in December.**
 - **All events are to be held on a Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm.**

The County of Renfrew's Economic Development Division will continue to be the lead organizer of the event, in partnership with the host municipality. The following guidelines outline the responsibilities and expectations of the County of Renfrew, as the lead organizer, and the Host Community, as the organizing partner.

County of Renfrew (Lead Organizer)

- The County of Renfrew Economic Development Division will be the lead organizer for the Taste of the Valley event series, including:
 - Determining dates and locations, as per Expressions of Interests received from municipal partners.
 - Developing vendor guidelines, processing vendor applications, fees and payments, including cancellations and refunds.
 - Assigning vendor booth locations.

- Working with the Renfrew County & District Health Unit (RCDHU) to determine and implement health and safety guidelines, including vendor approvals, etc.
- Maintaining and updating the Taste of the Valley website (www.totv.ca).
- Leading all marketing, promotional and media relations efforts, including the development of logos, graphics and promotional materials. Press releases issued by the County of Renfrew will include quotes from Host Community Partner, when applicable. Host Community Partner logos will be included on marketing and promotional materials, when applicable.
- Provide a maximum contribution of \$500 to each host community for local entertainment.
- Providing two complimentary booths (20 feet in space) to the Host Community to promote municipal services/events and/or for use by a local service club/organization.
- Development of a Risk Management Plan, in collaboration with the Host Community.

Host Community (Organizing Partner)

- The Host Community must be an engaged and active partner in assisting with the delivery of the event and agree to the following responsibilities and expectations, including:
 - Vendor Space
 - **Space requirements for the three fall events held between end of July and October.**
Provision of an outdoor site to hold the event (at no charge). Site requirements include:
 - Flat/level outdoor area that can accommodate a minimum of 10,000 - 15,000 sq. ft. for booths (minimum of 60 booths at 10' x 10' each) with 10' aisles.
 - **If available (but not mandatory), the provision of indoor space, for events held between the end of July and mid-October, is welcomed to allow for additional vendors.**
 - Minimum requirements: 3,000 sq. ft. (minimum of 25 booths at 8' x 6' each with 8' aisles)
 - **Space requirements for the Holiday edition held on the second Saturday in December.**
Site requirements include:
 - Indoor space: minimum of 5,000 sq. ft. Capacity to accommodate a minimum of 50 booths measuring 8' x 6' each with 10' aisles.
 - Flat/level outdoor area that can accommodate a minimum of 2,500 sq. ft. for booths. Capacity to accommodate a minimum of 15 booths measuring 10' x 10' each with 10' aisles.
 - **Access to the site must be available from 6 am to 5 pm for set-up and tear-down. If indoor space is provided, access the night before for set up is required.**
 - Dedicated vendor parking area either behind their booths or in a nearby dedicated lot. Parking must be capable of accommodating a minimum of 60 vehicles (or the number of proposed booth spaces). The ability to park directly behind booths is preferred.
 - Consumer parking capable of accommodating a minimum of 80 vehicles at a time with dedicated accessible parking.

- Access to a minimum of six (6) electricity hook-ups for vendors. Identify the number of plugs available and the amperage per plug. Identify if 20 or 30 amp power is available on site.
- Accessible public washrooms on-site capable of handling large crowds.
- Dependable cellular service on-site (mandatory), and reliable Wi-Fi for use by vendors (Wi-Fi desirable but not mandatory).
- ATM on-site or brought to the site.
- Provision, installation & removal of picnic tables and/or seating for consumers.
- Provision, management and maintenance of garbage and recycling bins during the event.
- Provision, installation and removal of crowd control/traffic barriers.
- Access to the site from 6am to 5pm, which includes set-up and tear-down.
- Provision of a dedicated staff person to assist the Lead Organizer with event planning, including but not limited to site plan layout and logistics, marketing, on-site support during the event, including set-up and tear-down, etc.
- Provision of additional staff or volunteer group support on the day of the event to assist with parking and crowd control, vendor set-up and tear-down, signage installation, etc.
- Securing local entertainment, based on approval by the Lead Organizer. Entertainment is for ambiance and must not overshadow the event. Suggested entertainment: unplugged musicians, buskers, artists, storytellers, etc. Entertainment costs over and above \$500 are at the responsibility of the Host Community.
- Promotion of the event via municipal signage (if applicable).
- Promotion of the event via municipal and/or community social media channels.
- Assist the Lead Organizer with the development of a Risk Management Plan.

Municipalities interested in hosting a Taste of the Valley event in 2027 or 2028 must submit a formal written Expression of Interest to the County of Renfrew Economic Development Division, via email to ovedinfo@countyofrenfrew.on.ca by 4:00 pm, Friday, September 4, 2026. Expressions of interest must include the following information:

- ✓ Confirmation that the Host Community will adhere to the hosting guidelines as stipulated herein.
- ✓ Proposed site map showing vendor booth area, parking areas (vendors & consumers) and access points (entry/exit).
- ✓ Proposed parking control measures (such as volunteers, signage, traffic attendants, or other parking management strategies) must be clearly identified and outlined in the application.
- ✓ Proposed hosting dates, indicating the year (2027 or 2028) and ranked top 3 preferred dates on a Saturday, between the last weekend in July and September 30th and/or the second Saturday in December, avoiding holiday weekends. Only one event per municipality per two-year cycle will be awarded.
- ✓ Identification of any added value support for the event, over and above the hosting guidelines (i.e., additional marketing/promotional support, entertainment, etc).

- ✓ Identification of community volunteer partnerships in hosting the event (i.e. farmers' market, service clubs, etc.) and how your community proposes to support and/or enhance the Taste of the Valley experience.

Questions related to hosting guidelines, expectations or submitting an Expression of Interest can be addressed to ovedinfo@countyofrenfrew.on.ca. At the discretion of the County of Renfrew, questions and answers related to the submission of Expressions of Interest may be shared with all municipal partners.

We look forward to receiving your Expression of Interest to host a Taste of the Valley event within your community.

Best Regards,

Scott Hamilton
Economic Development Coordinator

2026 Wildland Fire Season

In-Season Situational Awareness Briefing for Municipal Partners



July 23, 2026

Purpose and Agenda Outline



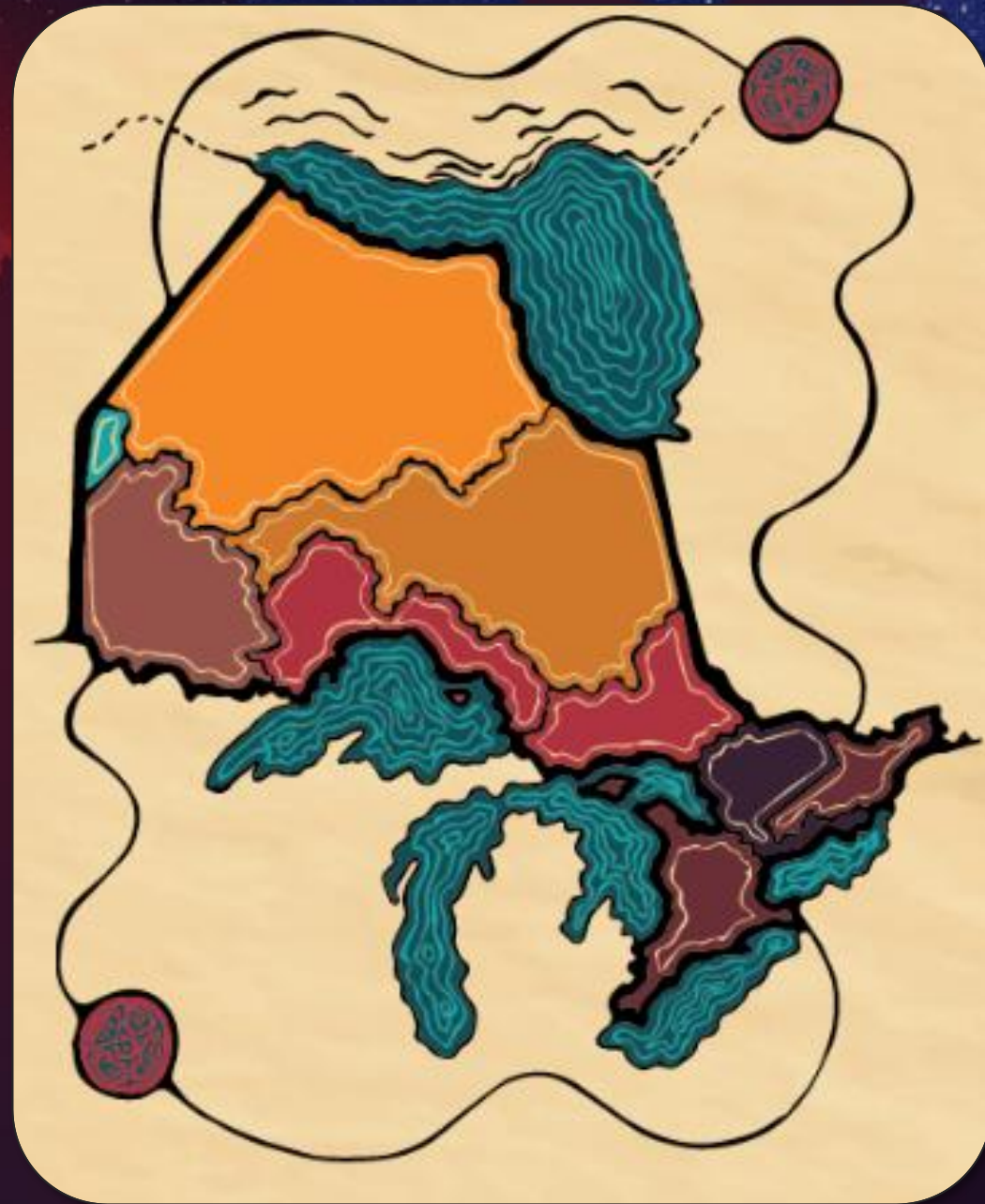
To provide:

- An overview on the current Ontario Wildland Fire Season for situational awareness.
- Information sources to support ongoing situation awareness.
- Messaging for the audience to consider in their own respective preparedness activities.

Information presented will include:

1. Current Fire Situation
 - Number of active fires and location
 - Number of hectares burning
 - Resources Summary
 - Minister's Orders (EAO, IO, RFZ)
2. Updated Weather and Fire Outlook
3. Preparedness and Planned Next Steps
4. Appendices (Information Sources/Resources)

Land acknowledgement



Treaty Map of Ontario Source:
[NAN Inquest Panels Electronic Book Version \(adobe.com\)](#)

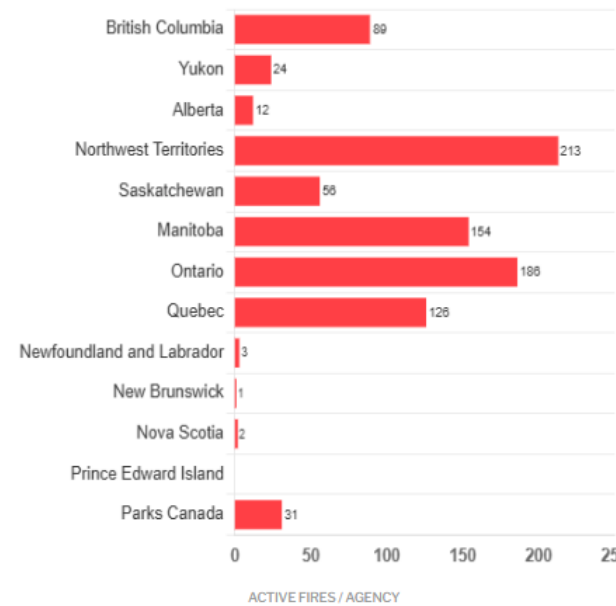
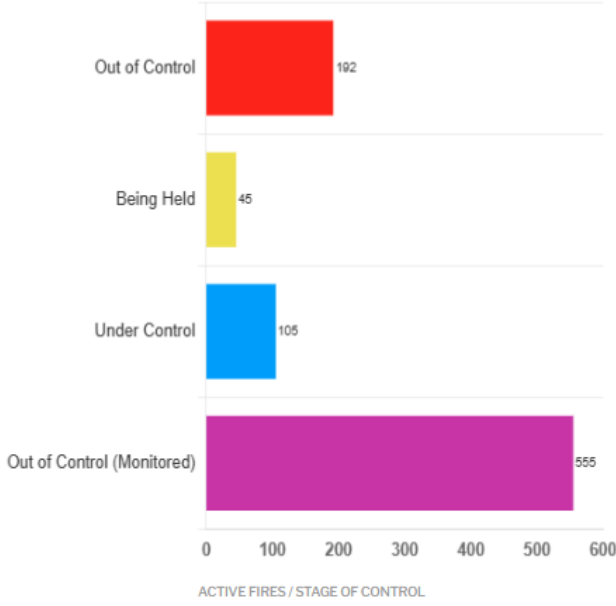
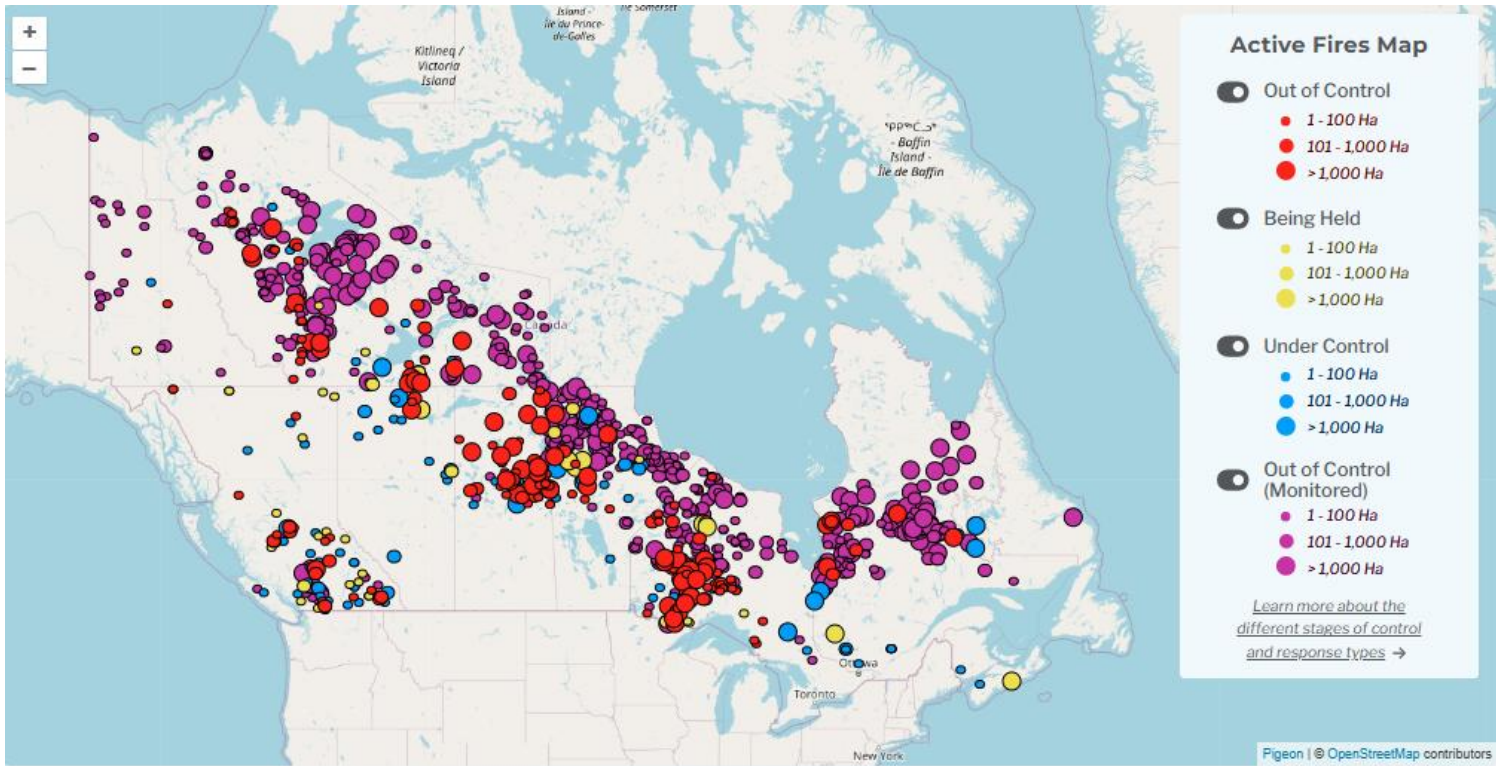
2026 Wildland Fire Season

In Season Situational Awareness Briefing

- These briefings are focused on delivering general wildland fire situational awareness information and to open a two-way form of communication between the Ministry and those impacted by wildland fires.
- The briefings are not designed for urgent, emergency decision-making or to determine courses of action (strategies and tactics) related to safety.
- Information for decision-making is provided through regular established planning venues (e.g., community level, joint command, Ministry and partner decision-making tables). Information is being provided for industry awareness and consideration in prevention and preparedness operations.
- During the fire season, AFFES will manage the frequency and content of in-year briefings according to the level of fire hazard and/or AFFES/MNR Level of Fire Preparedness.
- As the fire situation is highly dynamic, briefing information provided as well as information provided through sources/links may not be the most current information.



Current Fire Season Situation – National *(as of July 23, 2026)*



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NATIONAL
PREPAREDNESS LEVEL

Wildland fire activity is significant within one or more jurisdictions.
The demand for mobilization of firefighters and equipment from other jurisdictions is high.
[Learn more about the NPL →](#)

July 22, 2026
NATIONAL FIRE
SITUATION REPORT

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NEW FIRES TODAY

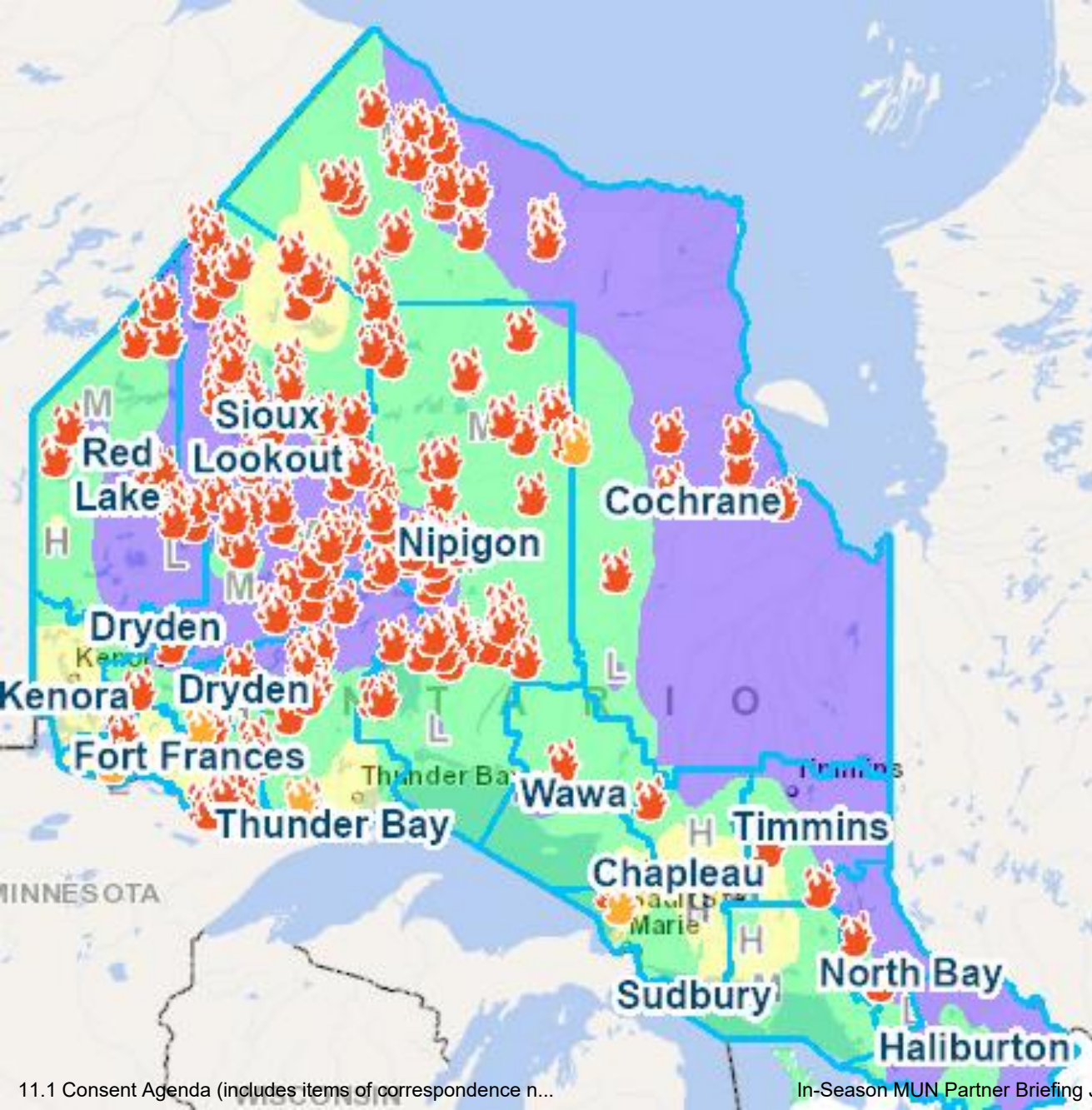
897
ACTIVE FIRES

3,989
YTD FIRES

3.3M
AREA BURNED YTD (HA)

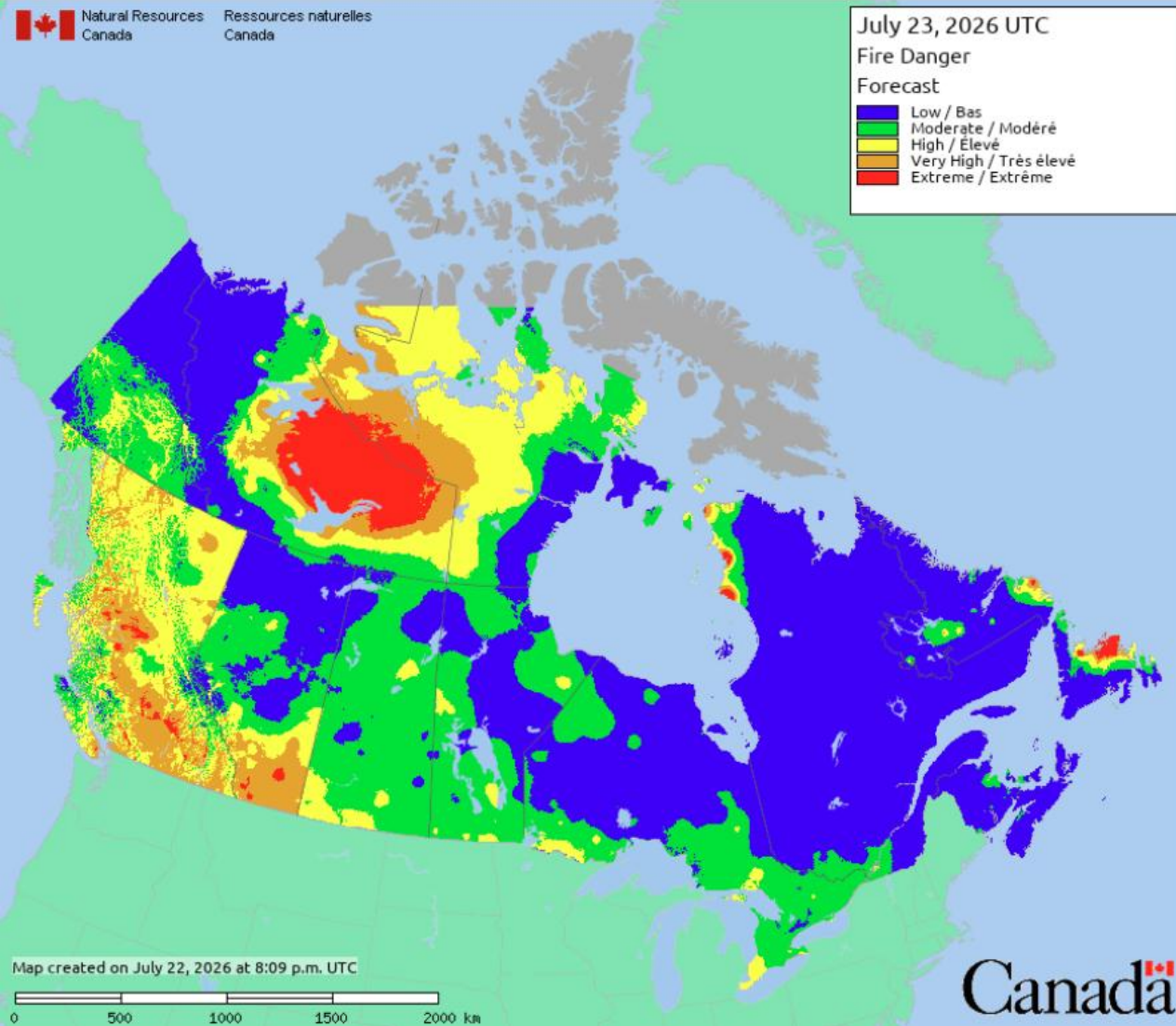
CIFFC is at Preparedness Level 4 – Ontario is at Preparedness Level 4



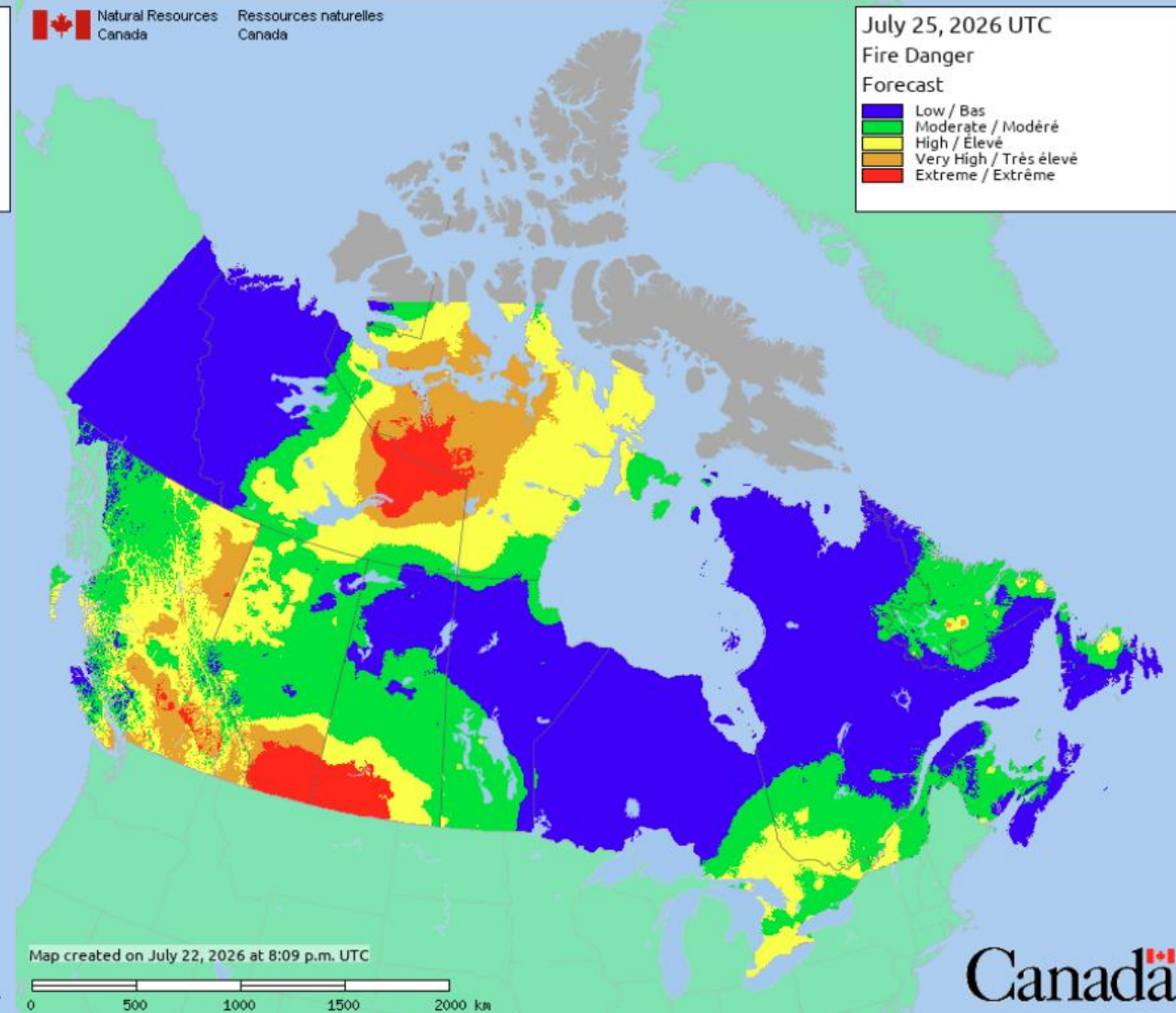


The Northwest Region will see mainly low to moderate fire hazard conditions today, with isolated pockets of high hazard along the Minnesota and Manitoba borders. The Northeast Region will also remain largely low to moderate, though some stations in the Sudbury and Chapleau areas are forecasting high hazard.

National Fire Danger Outlook (NRCAN)



July 23, 2026



July 25, 2026



Current Fire Season Situation

(As of July 23, 2026 @ 08:00 hrs)

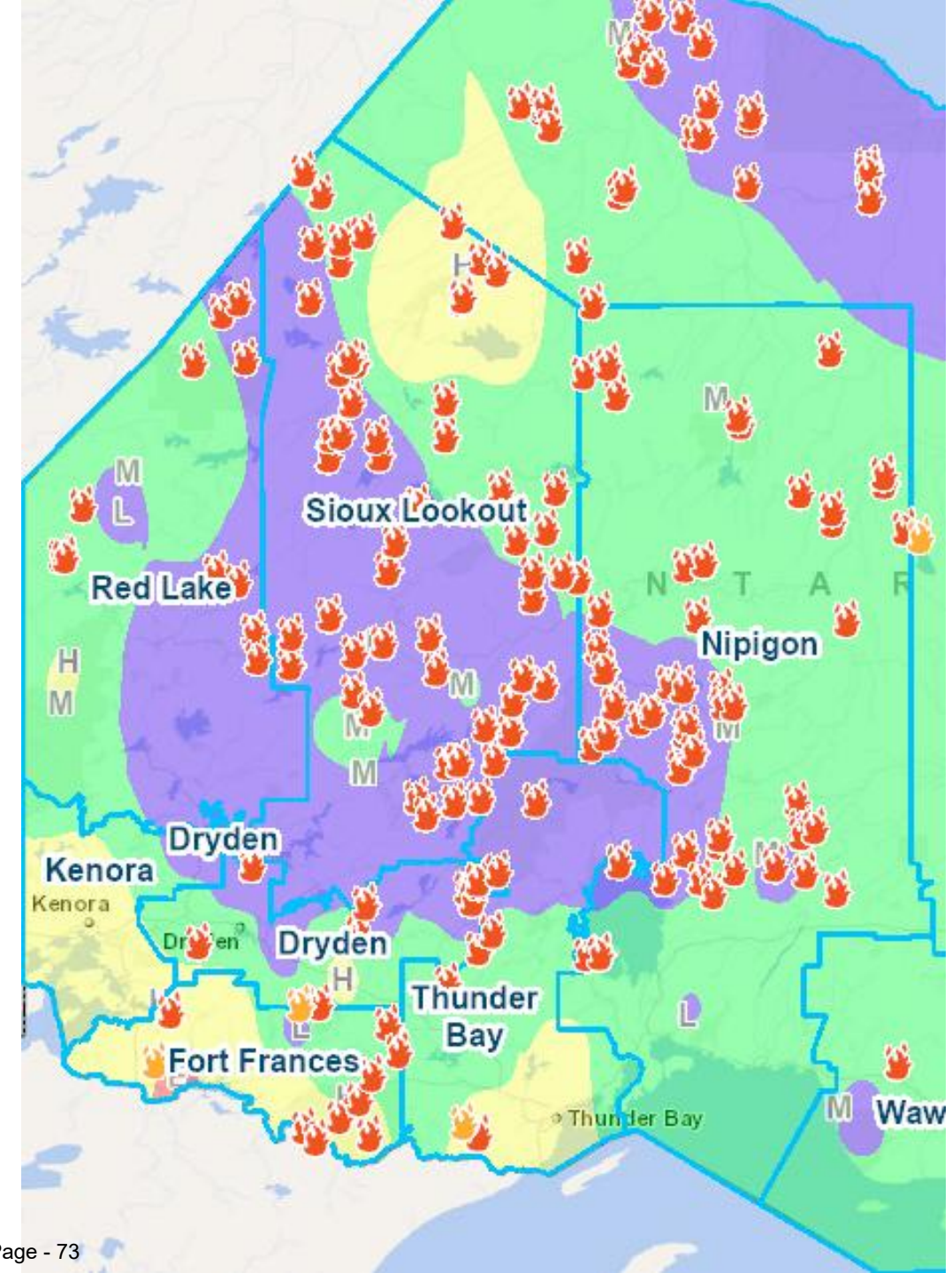
2026 Wildland Fire Information	West	East	Total
New Fires Yesterday	5	3	8
Active Fires Today	142	40	182
Total Fires to Date	388	197	585
Total Hectares Burned to Date	728,741.6	10,868.5	739,610.1
Historical Wildland Fire Information	Last Year (2025)	10-year Average	
Total to Date	379	375	
Total Hectares Burned to Date	531,852.3	186,653.9	



Northwest Region

(As of July 23, 2026 @ 08:00 hrs)

There are 142 active fires in the Northwest Region. 35 fires are not under control, 6 fires are being held, 11 are under control and 90 are being observed.



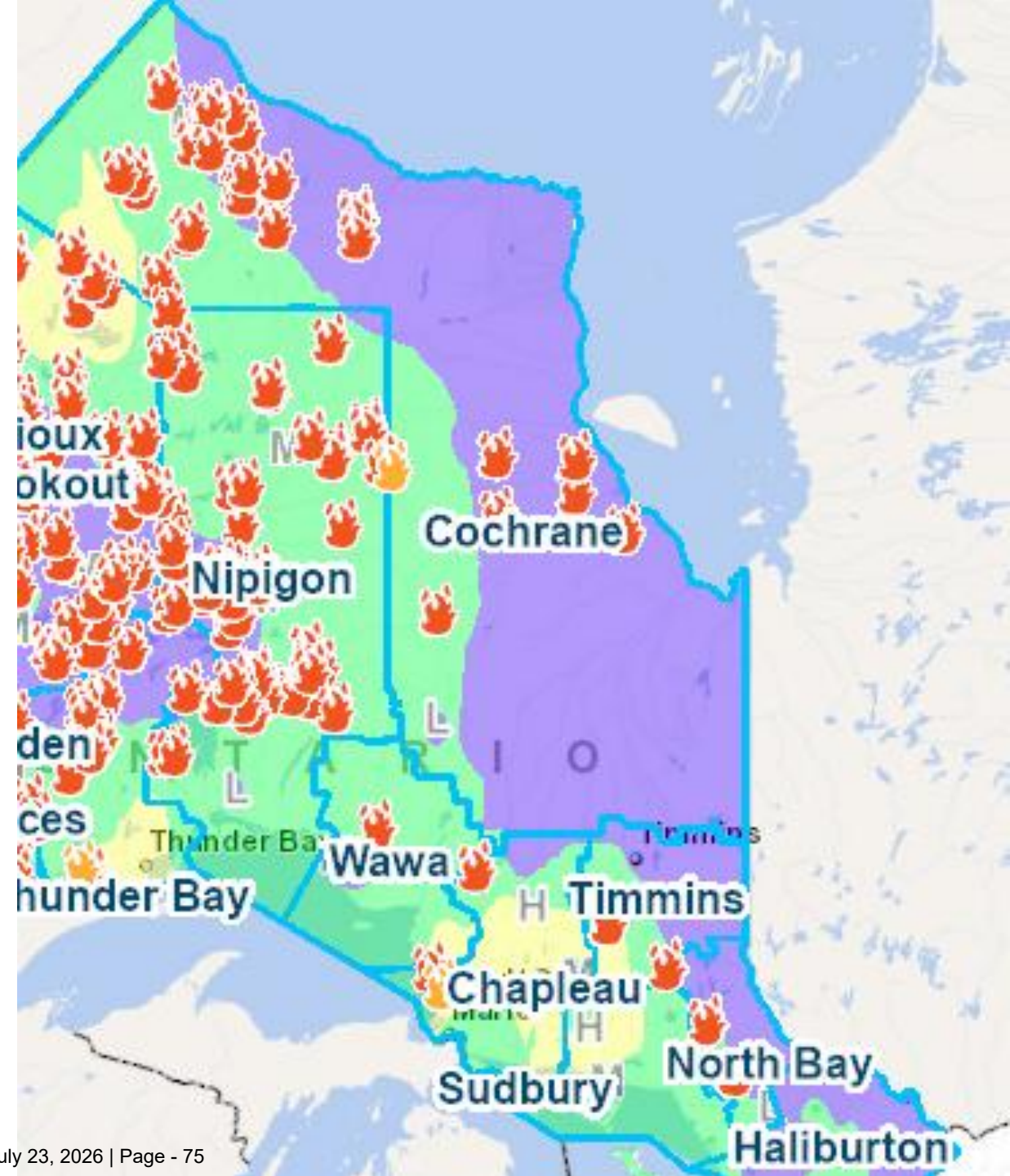
Northwest Region – Fires of Note *(as of July 23)*

Fire	Location (approx.)	Size (ha)	Status	Comments/Description/Update
FOR14	5 km southwest of Highway 17 and 6.5km south of Upsala.	51,806	Not Under Control (NUC)	Crews continue to establish hose lines and identify hotspots on the fire. Low fire behavior was observed yesterday on the fire after recent rainfall. Crews are being supported by helicopter bucket machines. An Incident Management Team is established (FOR14, FOR15, FOR38 Cluster).
FOR15	2km south of Highway 11 burning in Quetico Provincial Park	42,279	NUC	Incoming crews are establishing helipads and hose lines on the north end of the fire supported by helicopter bucket machines. Low Fire behavior was observed yesterday. An Incident Management Team is established (FOR14, FOR15, FOR38 Cluster).
THU036 (DRY013)	Armstrong/ Whitesand First Nation/ Obonga Lake Junction	315,431	NUC	Values protection activities continued in the communities of Armstrong, Whitesand First Nation, and Obonga Lake Junction. Crews continued to work alongside heavy equipment to create fuel breaks on southern portions of the fire. Helicopter bucket machines are suppressing priority areas on the fire. An Incident Management Team is established.
SLK072	Cat Lake First Nation	23,597	NUC	The fire was recently remapped. Fire Ranger crews are making good progress on suppression efforts supported by bucketing helicopters targeting hotspots. Values protection is up and running in the community and cabins in close proximity to the fire. Hydro One has replaced burnt poles along the Cat Lake hydro line and will be energizing the line today.

Northeast Region

(As of July 23, 2026 @ 08:00 hrs)

At the time of this update there are 40 active fires in the Northeast Region. 3 fires are not under control, 2 fire is being held, 2 are under control and 33 are being observed.



Current Fire Season Situation - Resources

(As of July 23, 2026 @ 08:00 hrs)

2026 Wildland Fire Resource	West	East	Total
Resources Committed	76 crews 46 aircraft	9 crews 1 aircraft	85 crews 47 aircraft
Resources Available	23 crews 34 aircraft	29 crews 23 aircraft	52 crews 57 aircraft

**7 additional aircraft are on hire in the Northwest to support infrared scanning, crew transport, and values protection.*

Contract Fire Crews Type 2	
West	East
15 Committed	None
Incident Management Teams (Type 1)	
Yanni Team	On Alert
Brown Team	No Alert
<i>Horan Team</i>	<i>Committed</i>
<i>Perin/Elliott Team</i>	<i>Committed</i>

Current Fire Season Situation - Resources

(As of July 23, 2026)

Out of Provinces Resources Imported to Ontario			
From	Personnel	Equipment	Aircraft
Alberta	1 – Task Force Leader 2 – 4 p. WUI Crews 1 – Agency Representative 1 – Structural Protection Specialist 1 – Air Attack Officer 1 – Helicopter Coordinator 1 – Helicopter Coordinator (trainee) 1 – 18 p. Incident Management Team	2 – Wildland Fire Engines 2 – Values Protection Units 100 – Mark 3 Pumps	2 – CL215T's (Air Tankers) 1 – Birddog 6 – 802's (Air Tankers) 1 – Intermediate Helicopter 2 – Heavy Helicopters
New Brunswick	1 – Fire Investigator 1 – Division Supervisor		
Yukon	1 – Ignition Specialist 1 – Dispenser Operator		
Canadian Forestry Service	1 – Fire Behaviour Analyst		
Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre	1 – CIFFC Representative	1 – Forward Attack Tanker Base	2 – Q400 (Air Tanker) 1 – Birddog 2 – Heavy Helicopters

Current Fire Season Situation - Resources

(As of July 23, 2026)

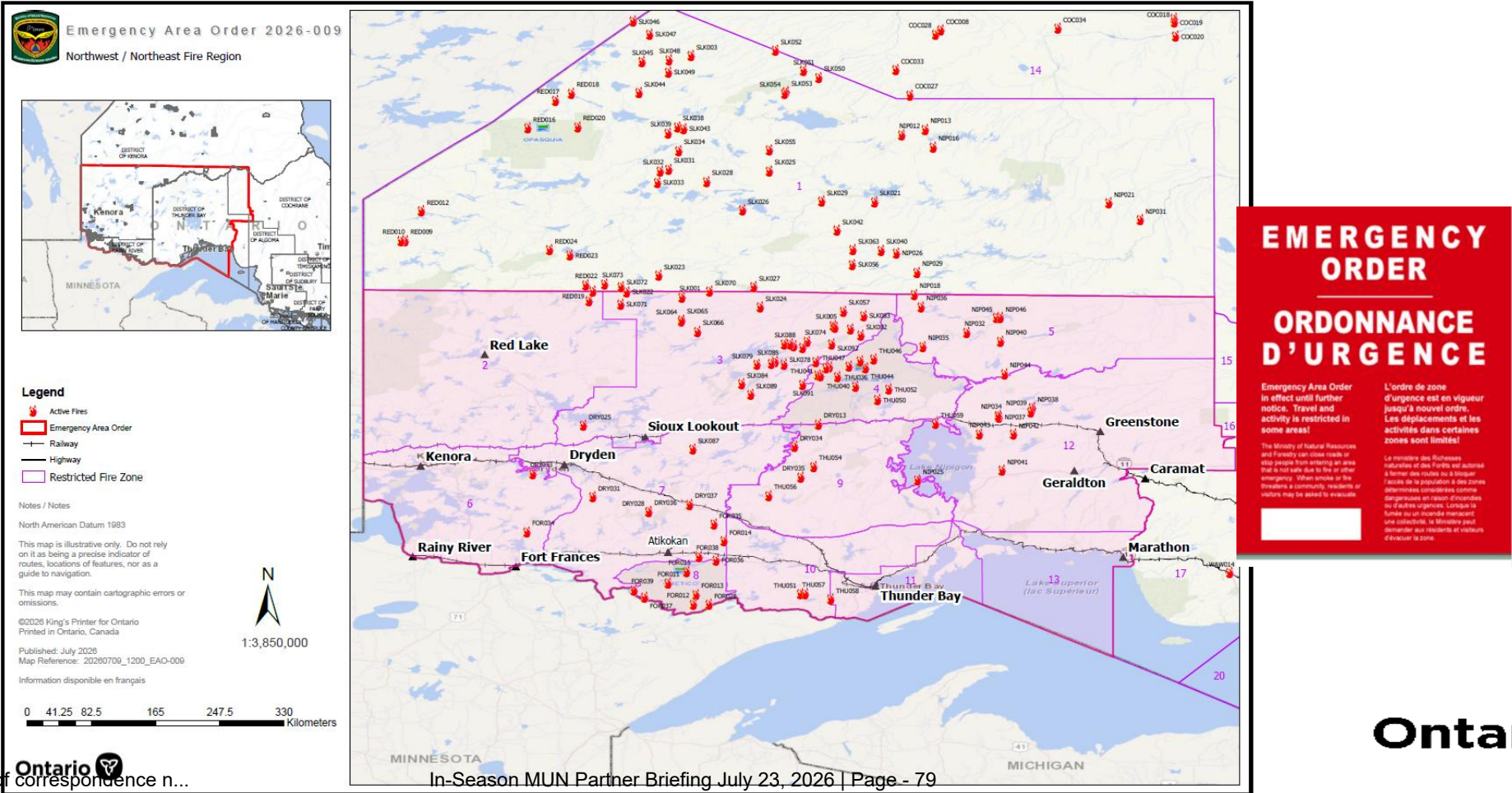
Planned Resource Imports to Ontario

From	Personnel	Equipment	Aircraft
Mexico (travel date July 28)	5 – 20 person Type 1 Crews 1 – Senior Agency Representatives 3 – Agency Representatives		

Current Fire Season Situation – Emergency Orders and Implementation Orders

(As of July 23, 2026)

Current Orders	Location / Fires	As of Date	Comments/Description
EAO 2026-009	RFZ Boundaries of Zones 2-13	July 15, 2026	An expanded Emergency Area Order, including the areas of previous EAOs 2026-005 and 2026-006, is in effect due to multiple large wildland fires affecting the area.

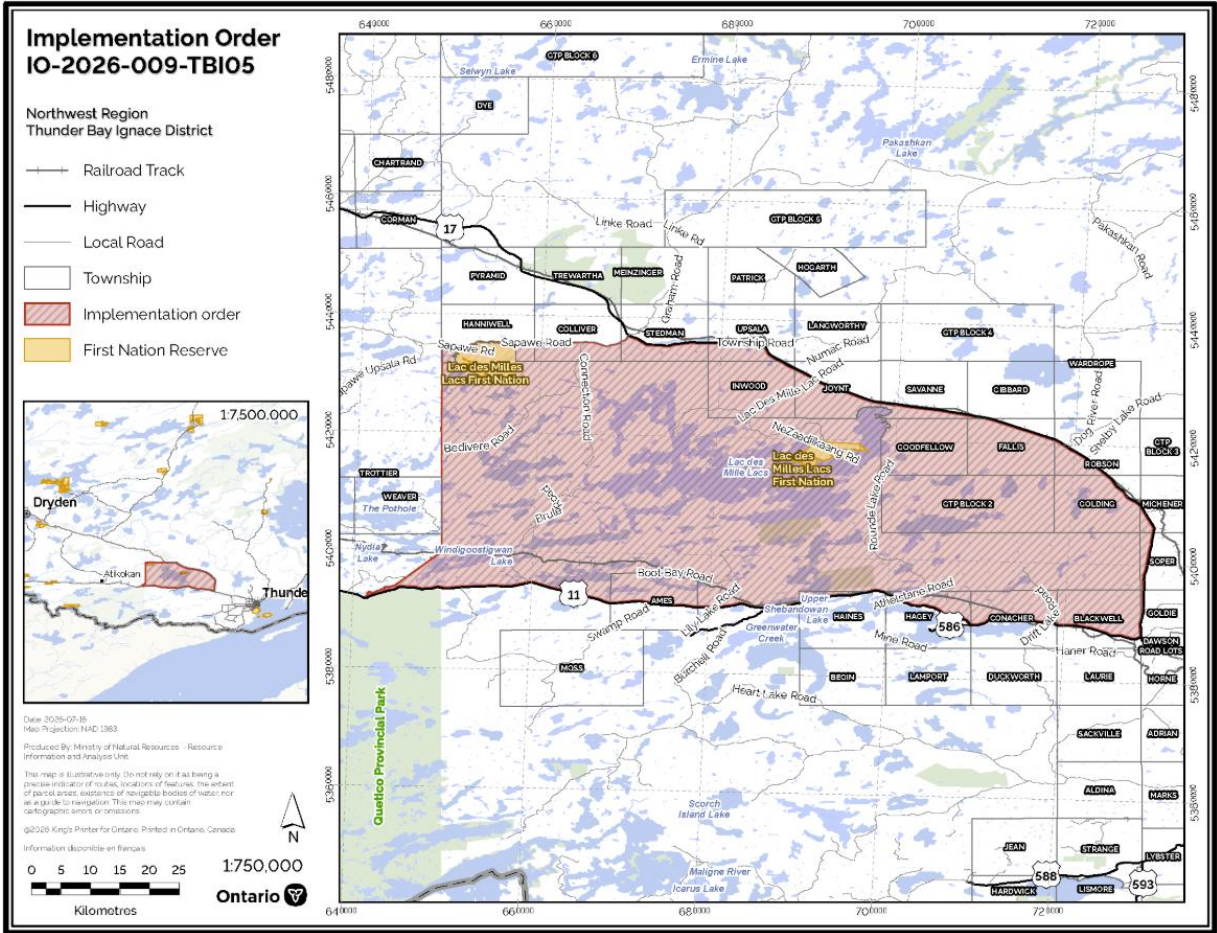


Current Fire Season Situation - Emergency Orders and Implementation Orders

(As of July 23, 2026)

Current Orders	Location / Fires	As of Date	Comments/Description
IO 2026-009-TBIO5	Thunder Bay/Ignace District	July 17, 2026	An Implementation Order is in effect under the EAO 2026-009 to restrict access in and around Fort Frances 14.

- Travel and use of certain roads and trails are prohibited unless authorized by a permit to engage in specified activities issued by the MNR.
- Use and occupation of Crown land identified on the map is prohibited unless authorized by a permit to engage in specified activities issued by the MNR.

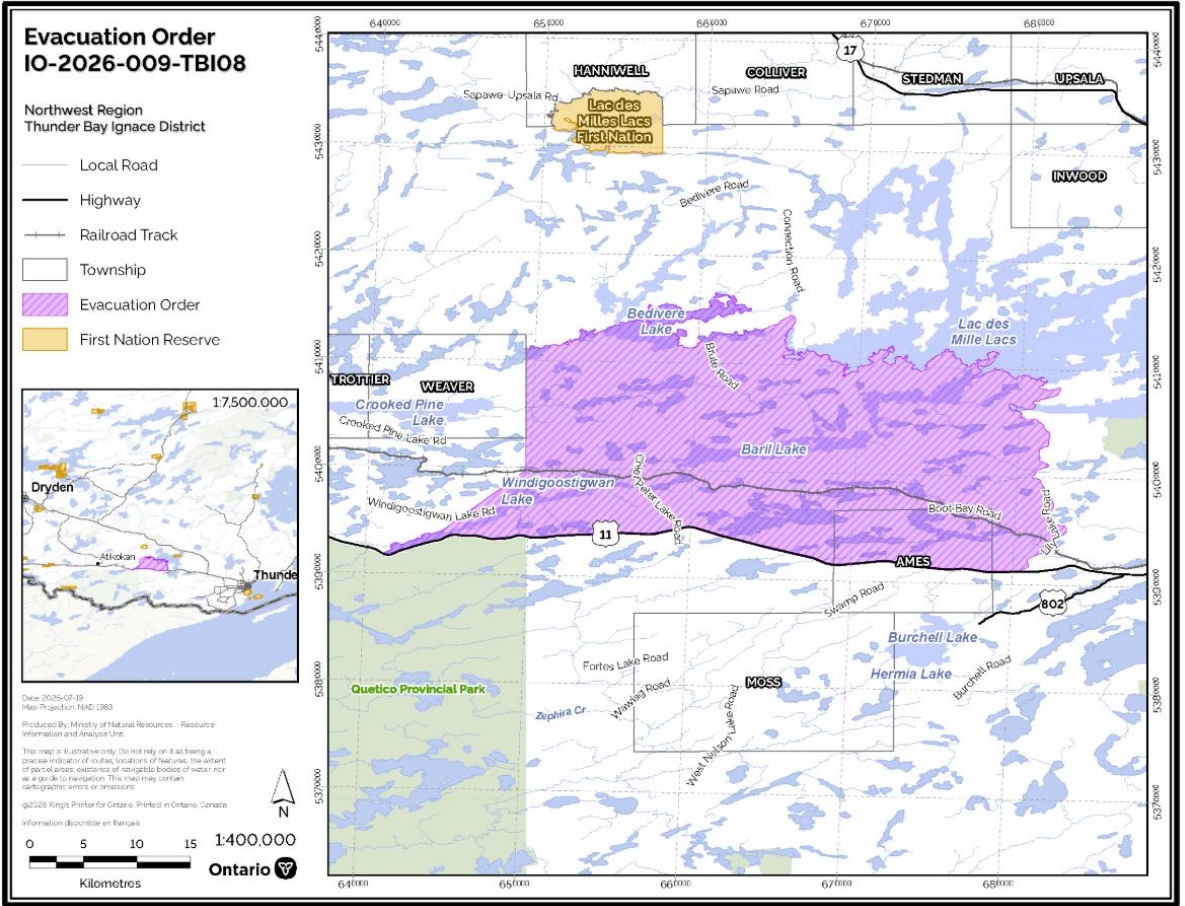


Current Fire Season Situation - Emergency Orders and Implementation Orders

(As of July 23, 2026)

Current Orders	Location / Fires	As of Date	Comments/Description
IO 2026-009-TBIO8	Thunder Bay/Ignace District	July 17, 2026	An Implementation Order is in effect under the EAO 2026-009 to immediately evacuate in and around Fort Frances 14.

- All persons must immediately evacuate the indicated area unless authorized by an exemption permit issued by the Ministry of Natural Resources.
- All persons are prohibited from entering the indicated area unless authorized by an exemption permit issued by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

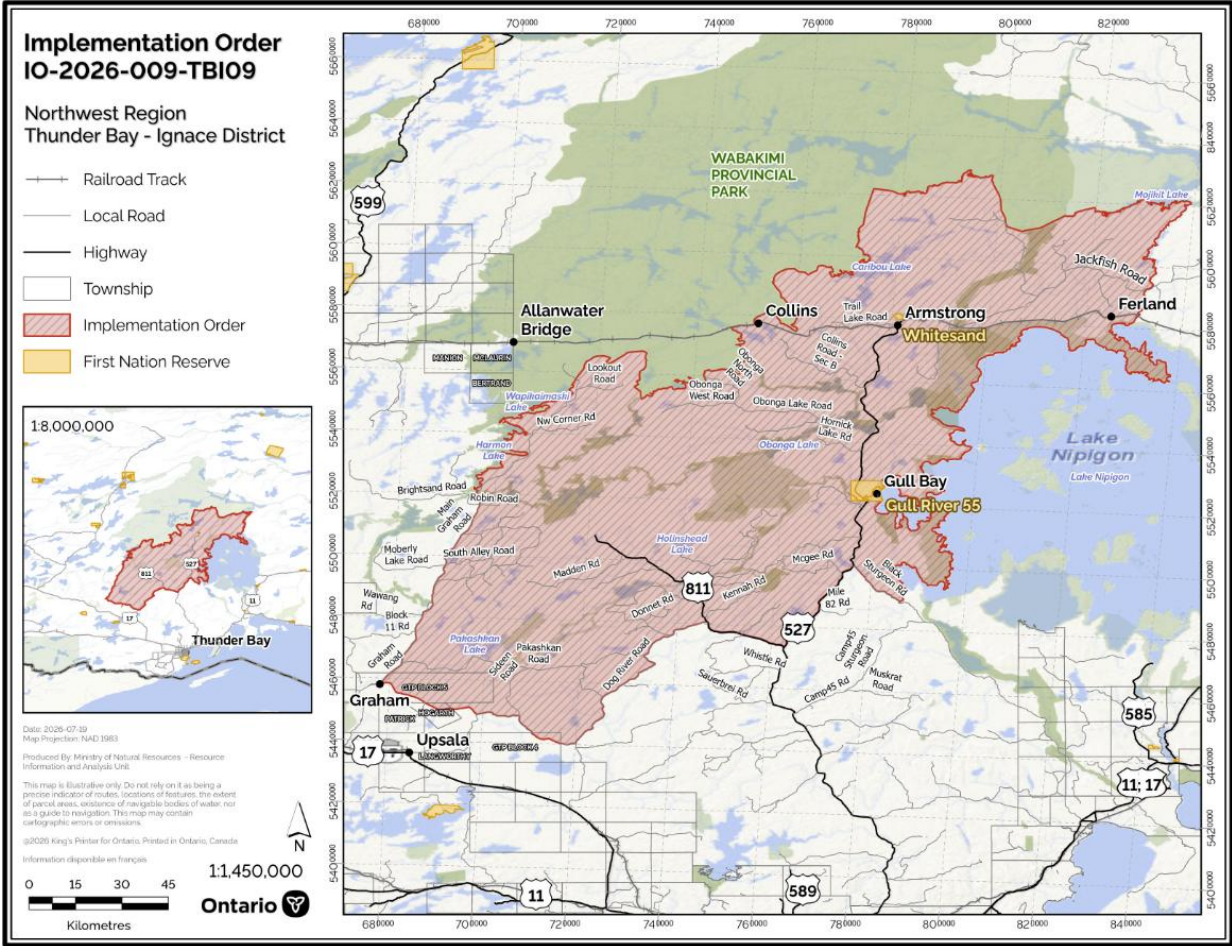


Current Fire Season Situation - Emergency Orders and Implementation Orders

(As of July 23, 2026)

Current Orders	Location / Fires	As of Date	Comments/Description
IO 2026-009-TBIO9	Thunder Bay/Ignace District	July 20, 2026	An Implementation Order is in effect under the EAO 2026-009 for the purposes of public safety and fire suppression around several large fires in the area.

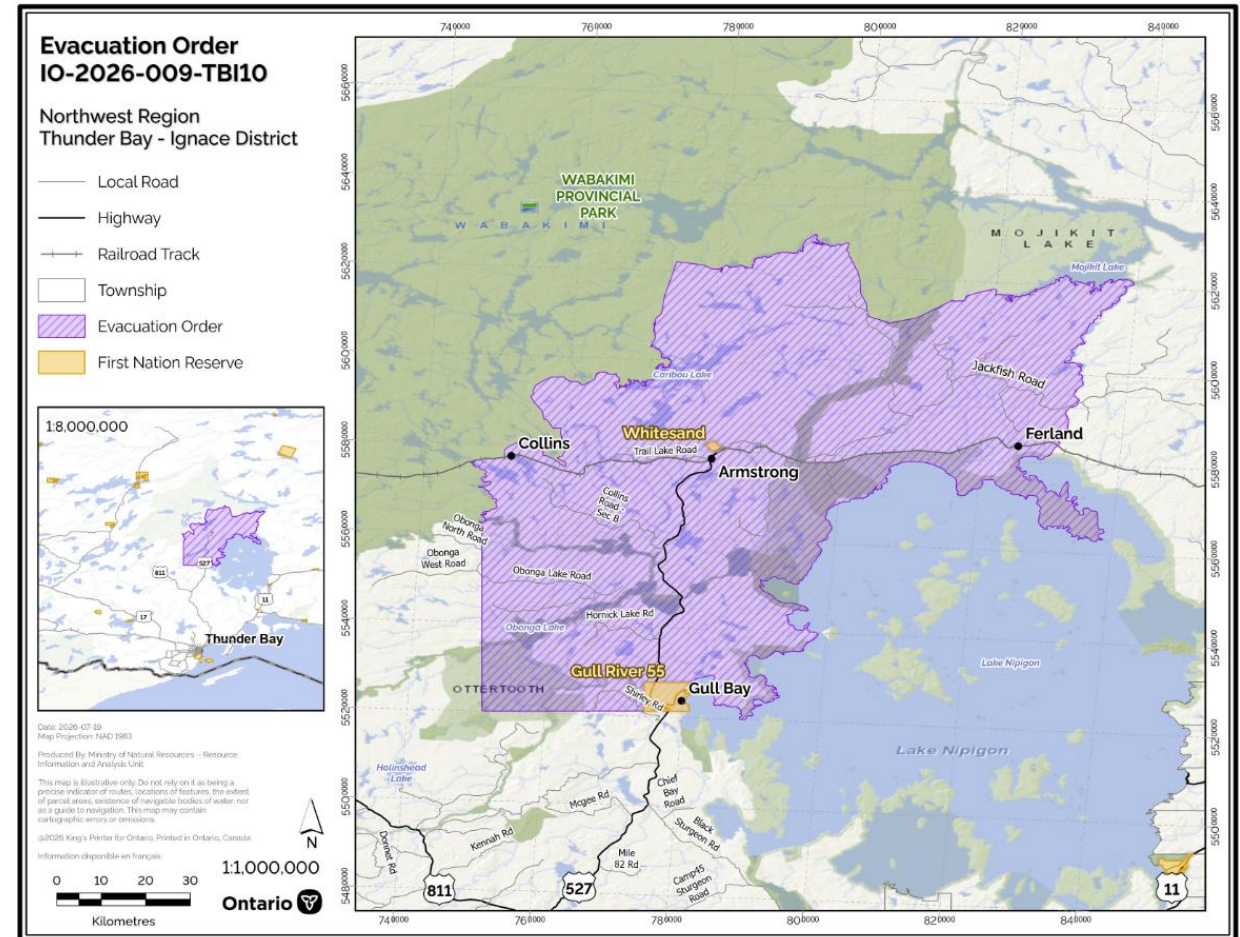
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(As of July 23, 2026)

Current Orders	Location / Fires	As of Date	Comments/Description
IO 2026-009-TBI10	Thunder Bay/Ignace District	July 20, 2026	An Implementation Order is in effect under the EAO 2026-009 to immediately evacuate the area in and around several fires.

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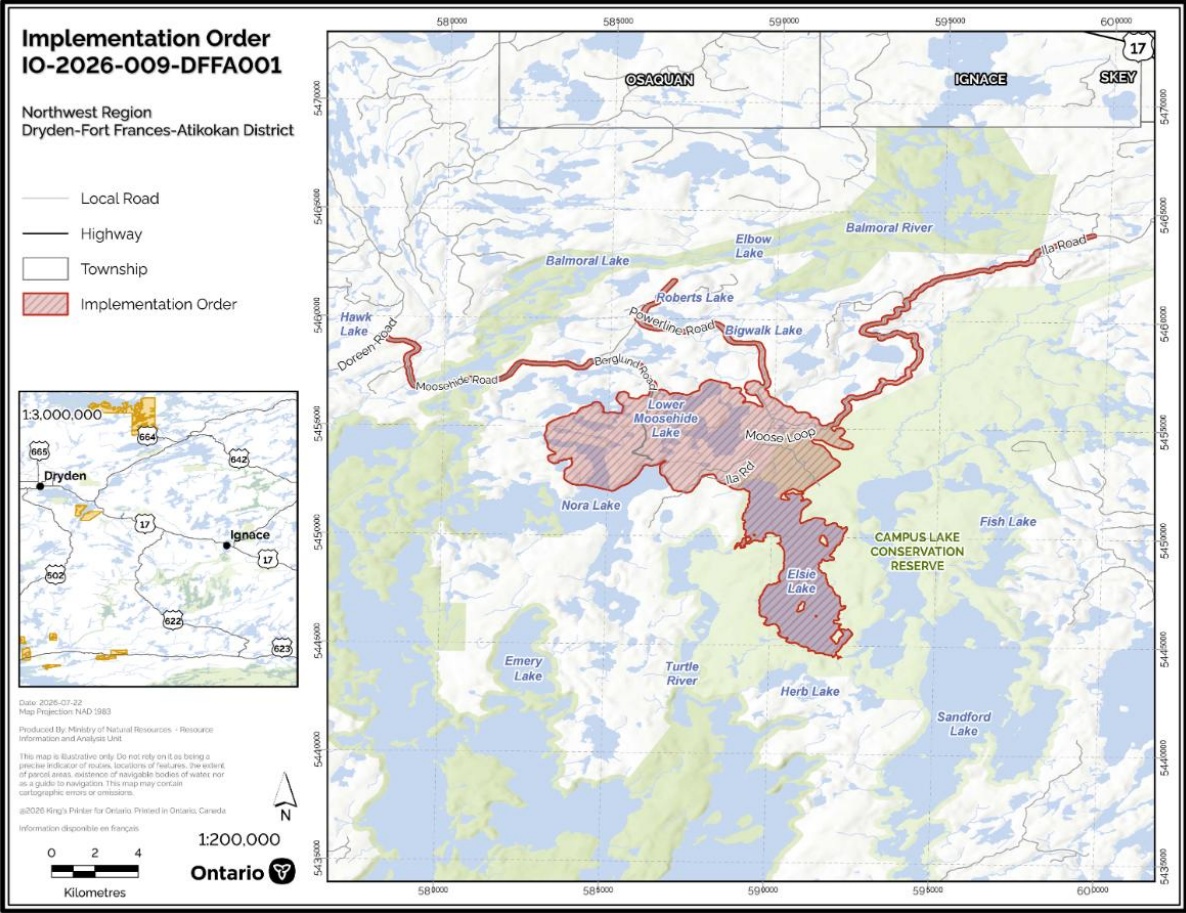


Current Fire Season Situation - Emergency Orders and Implementation Orders

(As of July 23, 2026)

Current Orders	Location / Fires	As of Date	Comments/Description
IO 2026-009-DFFA001	Dryden - Fort Frances - Atikokan District	July 22, 2026	An Evacuation Order is in effect under the EAO 2026-009 to immediately evacuate and restrict access in and around Dryden 36.

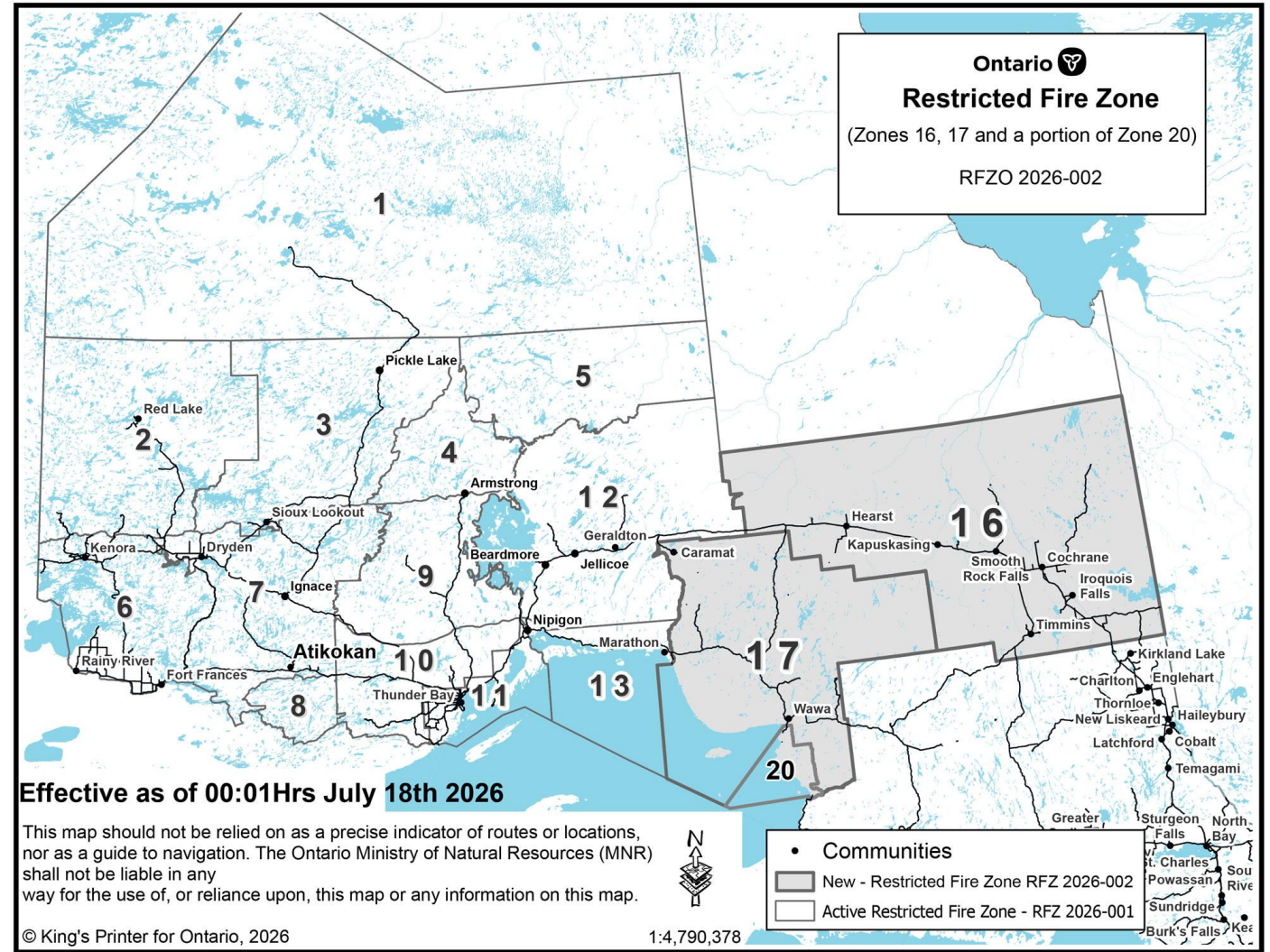
- All persons must immediately evacuate the indicated area unless authorized by an exemption permit issued by the Ministry of Natural Resources.
- All persons are prohibited from entering the indicated area unless authorized by an exemption permit issued by the Ministry of Natural Resources.



Current Fire Season Situation - Restricted Fire Zone (RFZ)

(As of July 23, 2026)

- An RFZ restricts the use of all open outdoor fires in a specific area of the province.
- It is a temporary measure put in place to prevent human-caused fires when the fire hazard is extreme or when firefighting resources are limited.
- Having an RFZ in place allows the Ministry to temporarily prevent human-caused fires, decreasing the pressure that these preventable new fire starts could cause on our response system.



Current Fire Season Situation – Evacuations

(as of July 23, 2026)

Evacuations		
Armstrong	DRY013 (THU036)	Due to the proximity of fires in the area, the unorganized community of Armstrong has completed a full evacuation.
Cat Lake First Nation	Sioux Lookout District Fires	Due to nearby wildland fires, the community requested assistance to evacuate. Evacuation flights took place from July 15–18, 2026. All community members have now been evacuated.
Namaygoosisagagun First Nation (Collins)	THU036 (DRY013)	Due to the proximity of fires in the area, the First Nation community of Collins has completed a self-evacuation.
Gakijiwanong Anishinaabe Nation	FOR008/FOR039 (THUMB Fire in Minnessota)	Due to the proximity of fires in the area, one of which originated in Minnesota, the community completed an evacuation.
Gull Bay First Nation	THU036	Due to the proximity of fires in the area, the Chief issued a mandatory evacuation for all community residents on July 14, 2026. The community members have self-evacuated.

Current Fire Season Situation – Evacuations

(as of July 23, 2026)

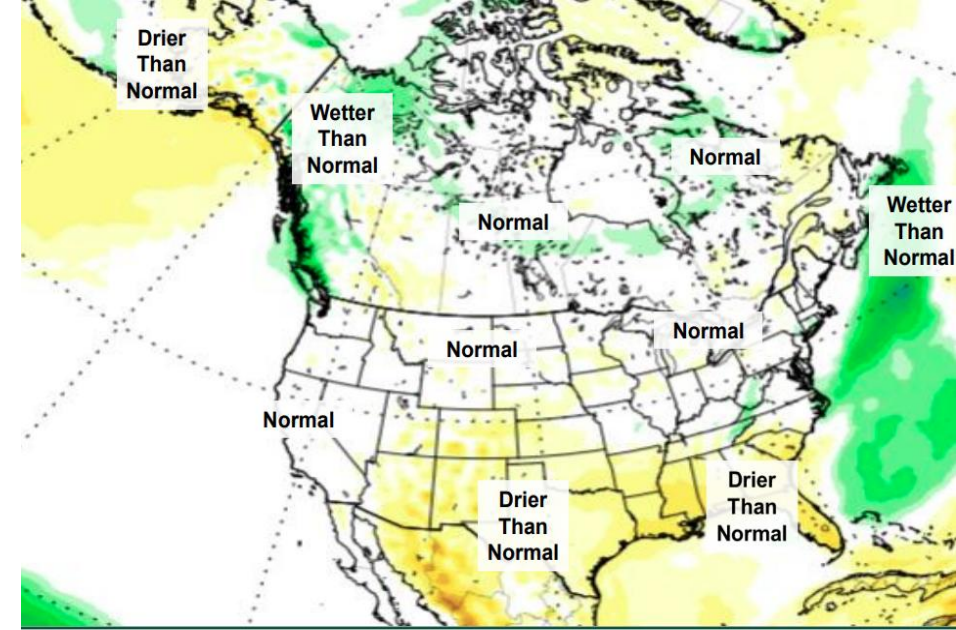
Evacuations		
McDowell Lake First Nation	REDO23/REDO24	Due to the proximity of fires in the area, has completed a self-evacuation.
Whitesands First Nation	DRY013 (THU036)	Due to the proximity of fires in the area, the Chief issued a mandatory evacuation order for all community members on the morning of July 14, 2026. The community has now completed their evacuation.
Eabametoong First Nation	Nipigon District Fires	Due to the proximity of several fires in the area, the community requested assistance with the evacuation. On July 18, 2026, evacuation began and is now completed,
Mishkeegogamang First Nation	Sioux Lookout District Fires	Due to the proximity of fires in the area, the community requested assistance with the evacuation. Evacuation was completed as of July 20, 2026.
Neskantaga First Nation	Nipigon District Fires	Due to the proximity of fires in the area, the community requested assistance with a phased evacuation of community members. Evacuation flights are complete as of July 21, 2026. No further requests for MNR assistance have been received at this time.

General Weather Outlook (5-15 Days)

(As of July 21, 2026)

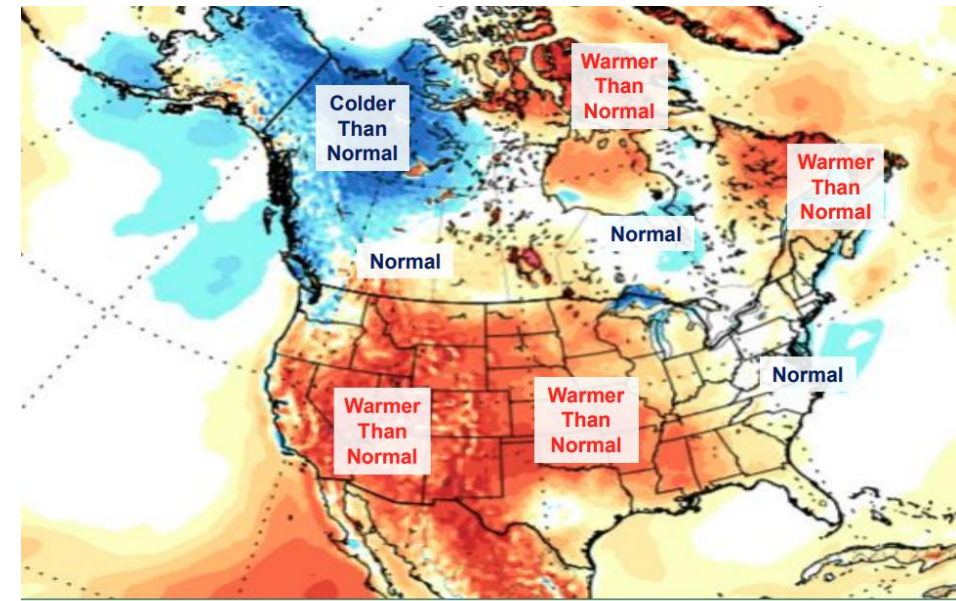
For the period of July 26, 2026, to August 5, 2026:

- As the upper ridge breaks down and the pattern changes to zonal over Ontario, we can expect the end of July and early August to bring near seasonal temperatures and rainfall.
- Western Canada will trend from cooler than normal temperatures for the end of July to more seasonal temperatures in early August along with season precipitation.
- The Maritimes will see wetter than normal conditions continue for the outlook period along with warmer than normal conditions.



4-10 Day Precipitation Anomaly Patterns

valid: July 24 – July 31, 2026



6-10 Day Temperature Anomaly Patterns

valid: July 26 – July 29, 2026



Current and 3-5 Day Weather Outlook

(As of July 23, 2026)

Northeast Region:

- Showers along with thunderstorms as a west to east frontal system holds across the north holding clouds and precipitation from Attawapiskat to Timmins into Quebec.
- Precipitation amounts range from as little as a trace in western areas upwards of 20mm for areas in the vicinity of the Quebec border. Southwesterly winds 15 to 25km/h gusts to near 50km/h continue across the north causing RH values to rise into the 60% plus range under the developing cloud deck.
- To the south mainly sunny skies with southwesterly winds as a well-developed ridge of high-pressure will drop RH values into the 20 to 40% range. Temperatures range from 10°C along James Bay border rising to the low 20s south of Timmins.
- **South:** Sunny and dry as a weak high-pressure system lies along the lower Great Lakes. Southwesterly winds 15 to 25km/h gusting to 35 to 40km/h will drop RH values in the 20 to 40% range for the day and will see temperatures in the mid 20°C for the south.

Northwest Region:

- A ridge of high-pressure will continue to sit over the eastern half of the region, providing stabler atmospheric conditions. Winds will be light to moderate, but skies will continue to have smoke from nearby wildfires and air quality conditions will continue to be poor.
- Pop-up isolated thunderstorms may be possible for the southwestern half of the region throughout the day.
- Wind speeds will be mainly between 1-10 km/h with gusts in the range of 15 to 25 km/h, potentially reaching towards 35-40km/h around Dryden.
- Daytime highs will be between 25°C and 30°C.

Current and 3-5 Day Weather Outlook

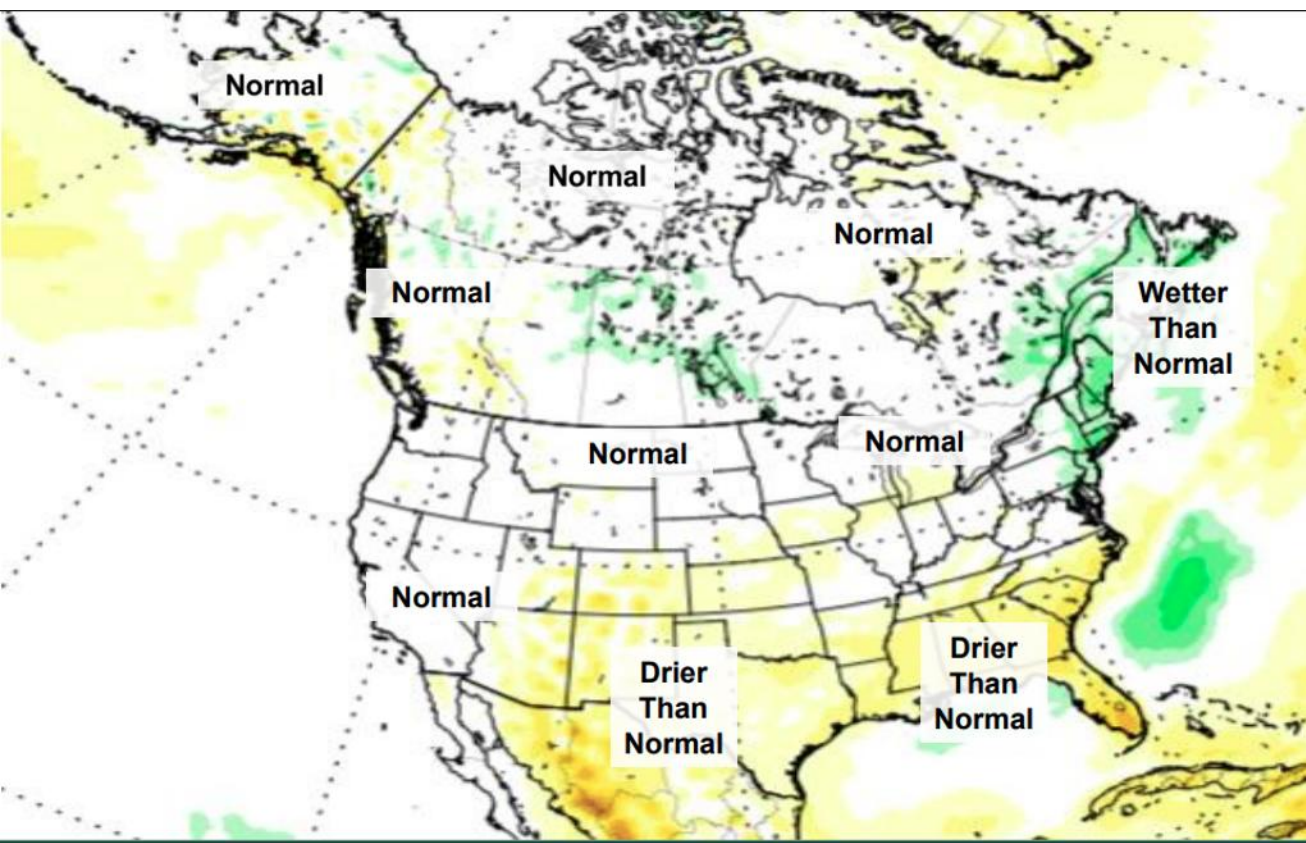
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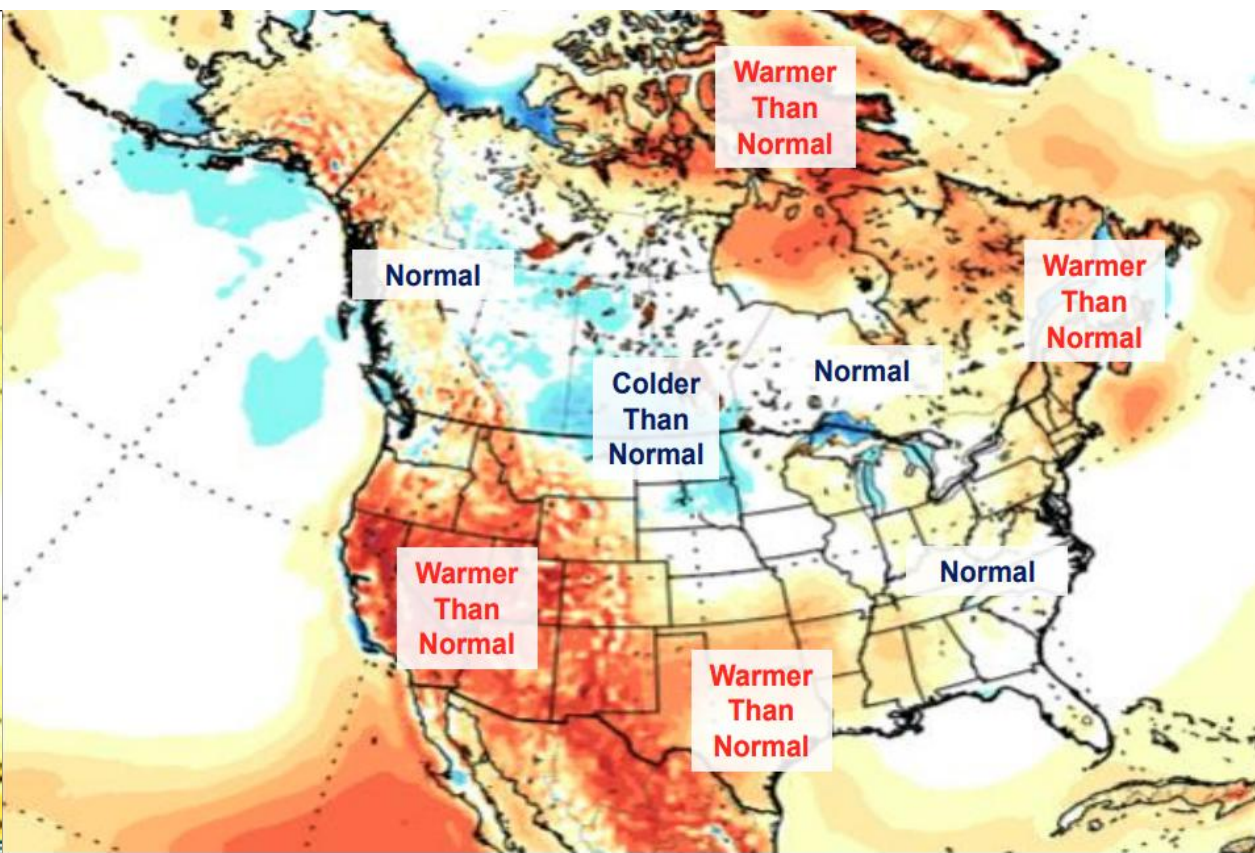
- **Friday:** sees areas from Red Lake eastwards to the Quebec border under developing cloud with showers and a risk of thunderstorms as a west to east frontal system passes across northern areas and begins to change orientation to more north to south overnight. Precipitation amounts will range from 2 to 5mm for most areas with spots in the 10 to 15mm range possible along the frontal zone. Winds will increase out of the southwest 20 to 30km/h gusts to 50km/h quite possible.
- **Saturday:** cloud envelops the province once again bringing showers and a risk of thunderstorms from Thunder Bay eastwards to the Quebec border. Moderate southwesterly winds 25 to 30km/h gusts to 45km/h rotate and slowly change direction to westerly behind the wave. Once again, the general precipitation ranges from a few mm to upwards of 7mm but there is potential for higher amounts in the warm sector from thunderstorms. Temperatures range from 10°C in the north rising to the 20 to 25°C range in the central and south.
- **Sunday:** sees a weak high-pressure system develop between the departing frontal wave and yet another disturbance out of the west. The day will start off with showers under the cloud deck and will change to a risk of a thunderstorm. Winds shift from the northwest to the north as the ridge slowly departs and is replaced by the new low. Temperatures remain locked in the 20 to 25°C range.

Wildland Fire Outlook

(As of July 23, 2026)



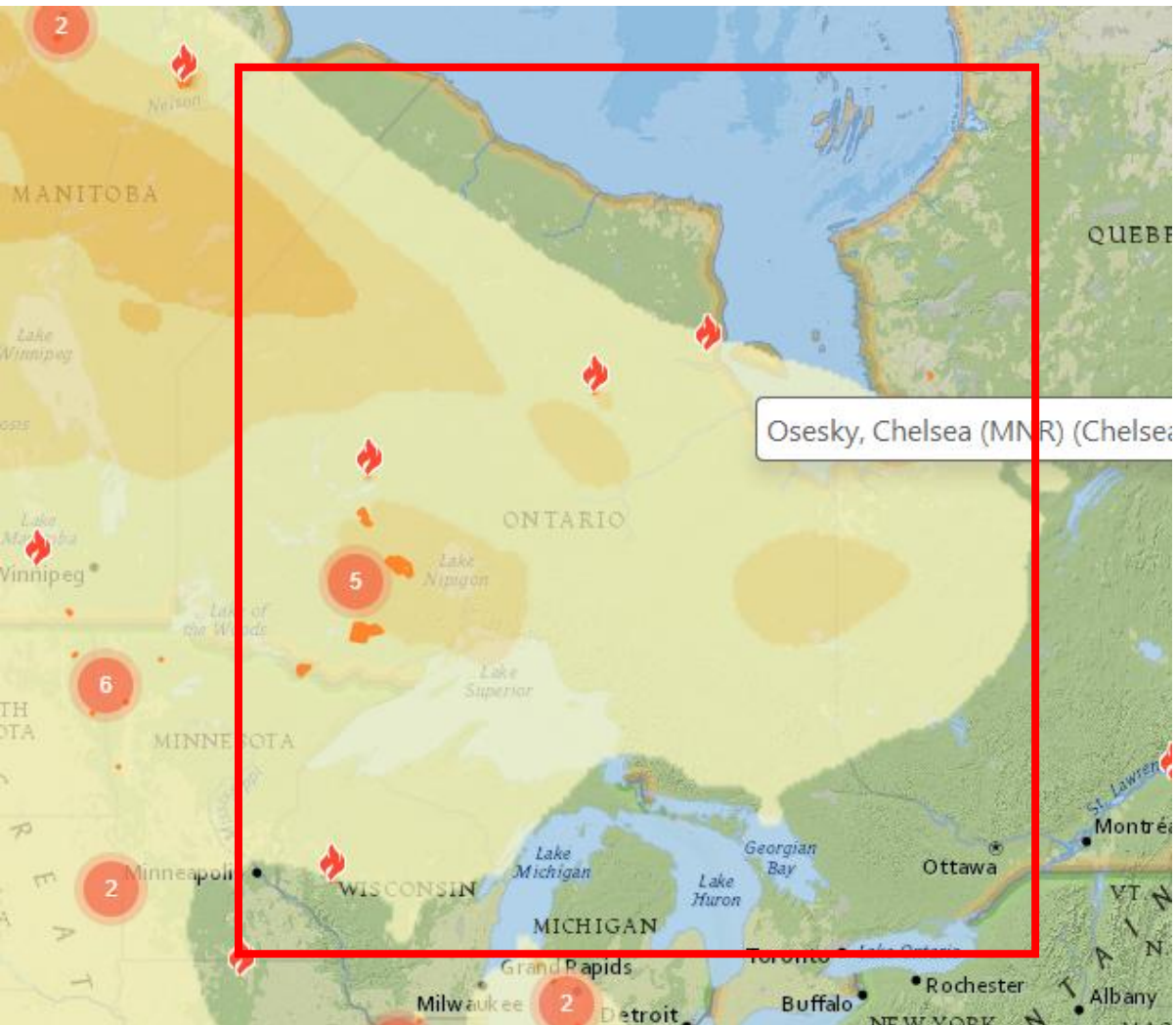
9-15 Day Precipitation Anomaly Patterns
valid: July 29 – Aug.5 , 2026



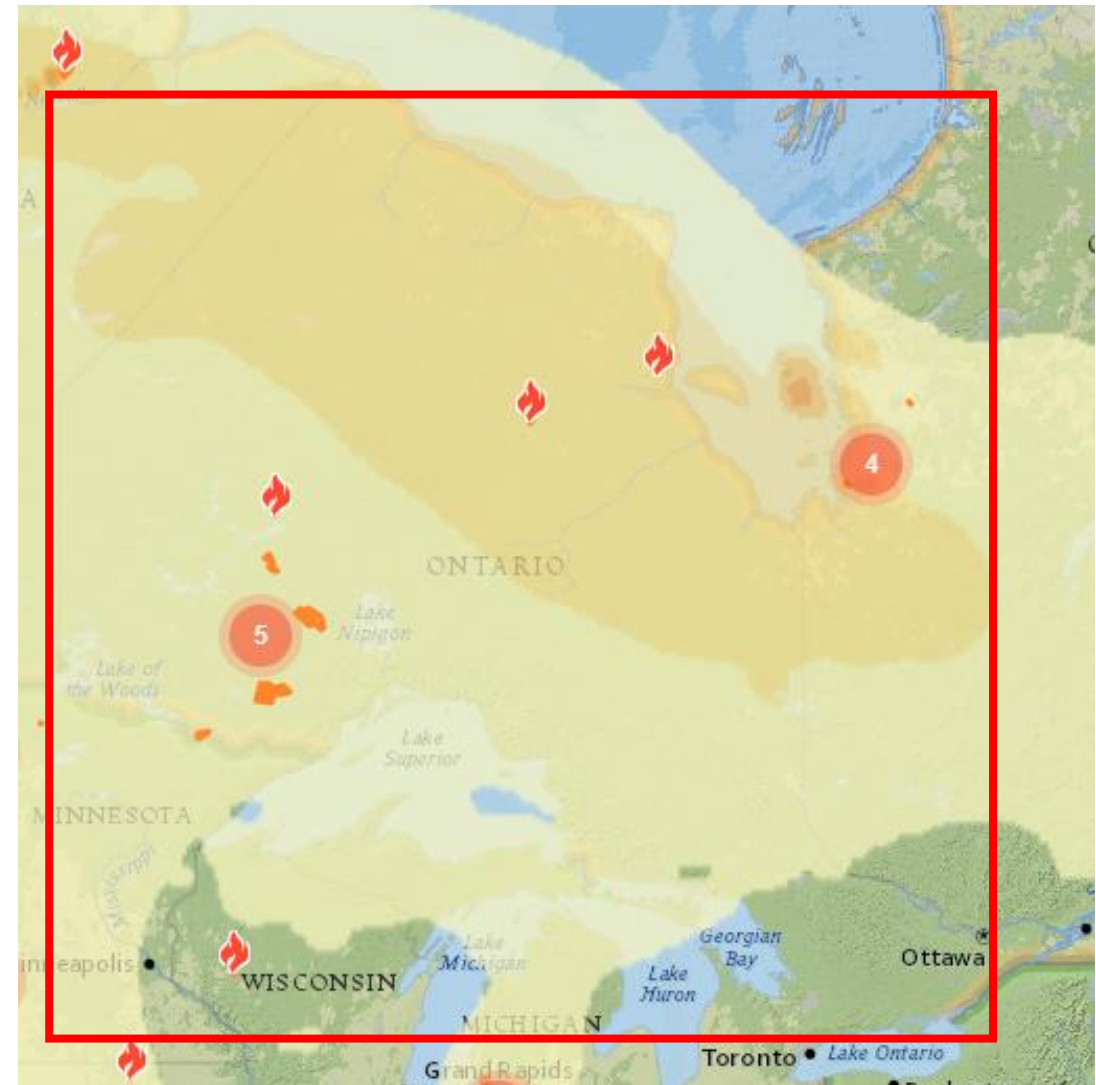
11-15 Day Temperature Anomaly Patterns
valid: Aug.1 – Aug.5, 2026



July 23, 18:00 hrs



July 24, 12:00 hrs



Preparedness and Planning Next Steps

✓ **MNR Priorities**

- Public Safety, Protection of Communities and Infrastructure

✓ **Fire Management Strategies and Tactics:**

- Initial Attack
- Community and Structure Protection
- Assessing opportunities for aerial ignition
- Use of Heavy Equipment to support fire suppression.
- Fire prioritization
- Incident Management Team (IMT) alerts/deployments
- Appropriate response and adaptive strategies (e.g., ignition, values protection, aggressive initial attack)
- Resource prioritization, and requests

✓ **Emergency Response Actions (as required)**

- Emergency Area Orders & Implementation Orders
- Evacuations
- NOTAM's (airspace restrictions)

✓ **Prevention and Mitigation Actions:**

- FireSmart - Resources for reducing the risk to your home and property
- Fire prevention, understanding fire danger and use of fire (Outdoor Fires Regulation compliance)

To ensure public safety we urge residents and visitors to Ontario to stay informed of the ongoing fire situation, including travel and access restrictions in place in some parts of the province.

When making plans to venture into forested areas please visit [Ontario.ca/fireupdates](https://ontario.ca/fireupdates), to view maps and for information about current forest fire activity, forest fire danger, and fire restrictions across the province.

For non-emergency questions about current wildland fires, evacuations, community support, or available resources, please contact 211. You can contact 211 through phone, text message, or by visiting <https://211north.ca/northern-ontario-wildfires/>, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Thank you for joining today!

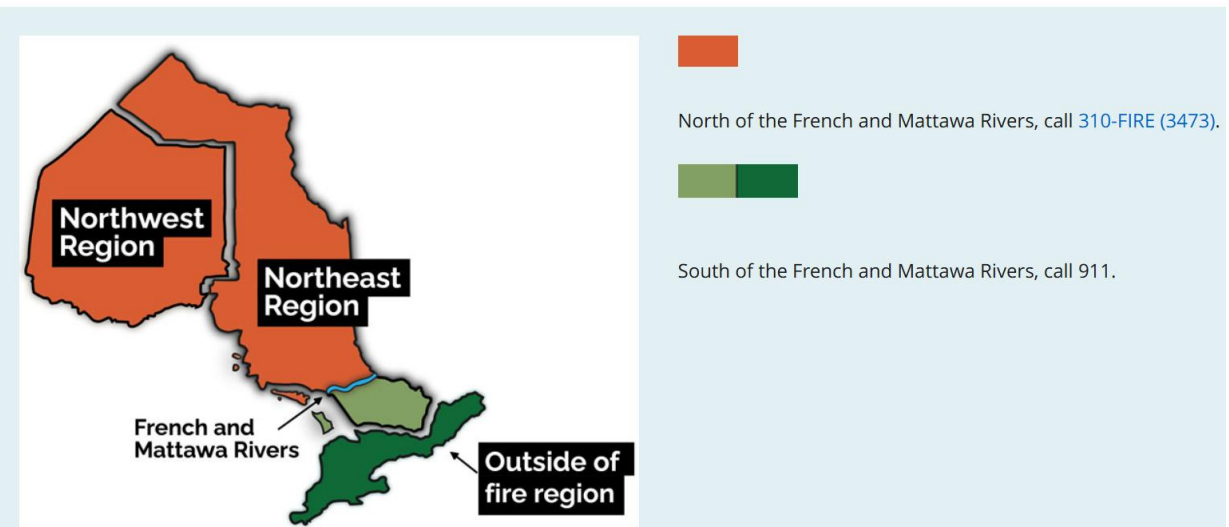
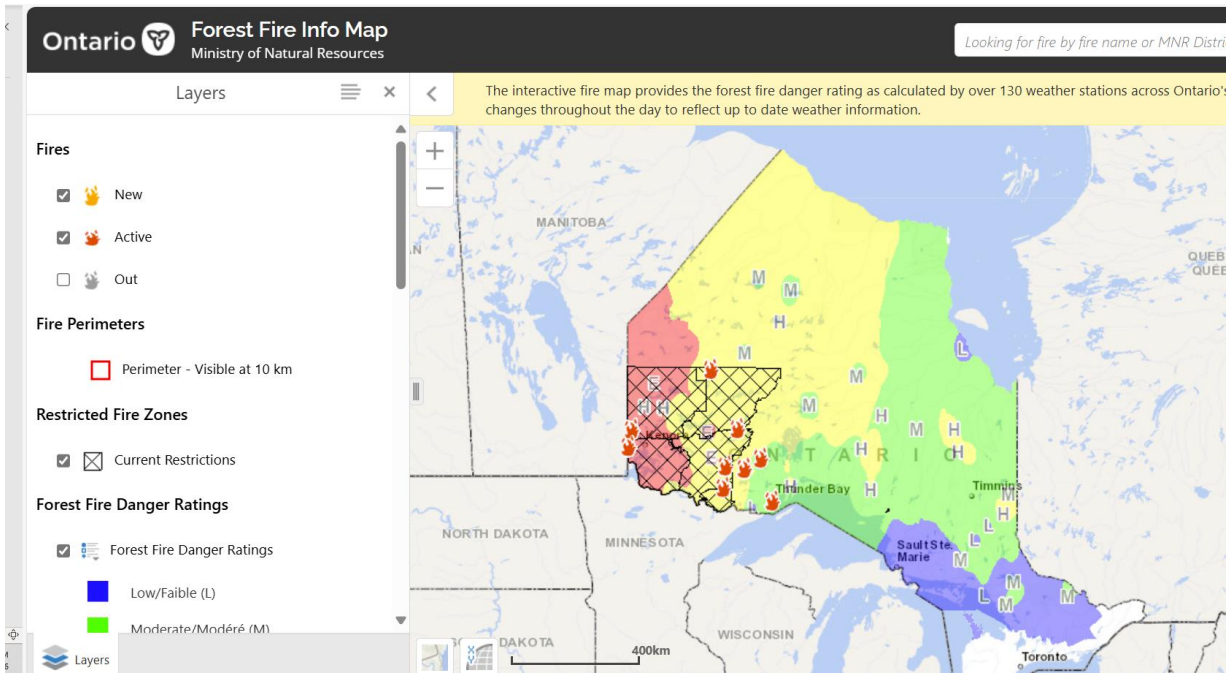


Appendices



Wildland Fire Information Sources

Wildland Fire Daily Information Sources

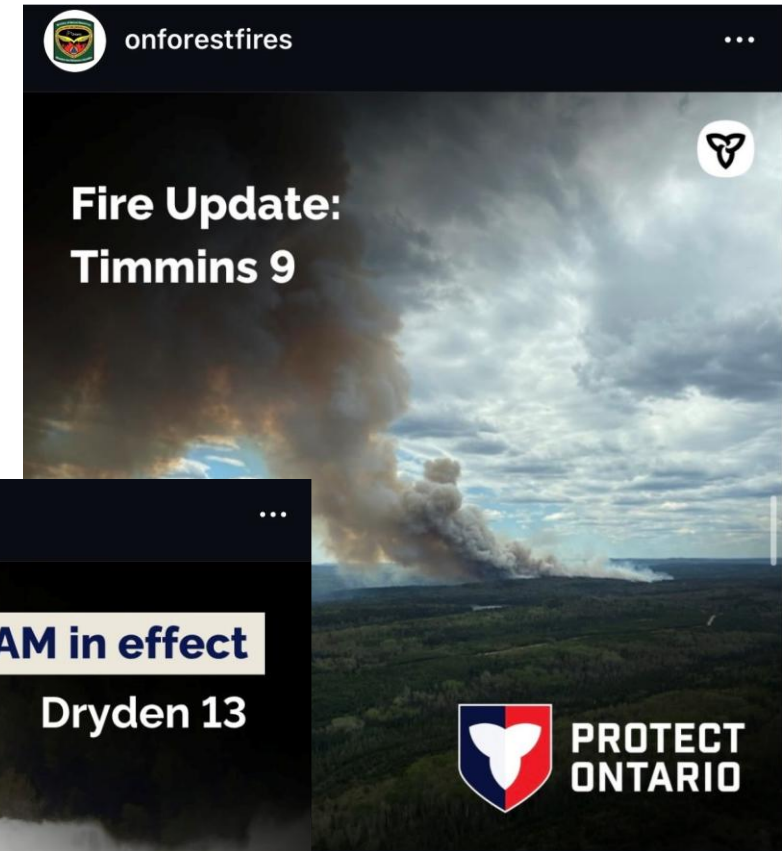
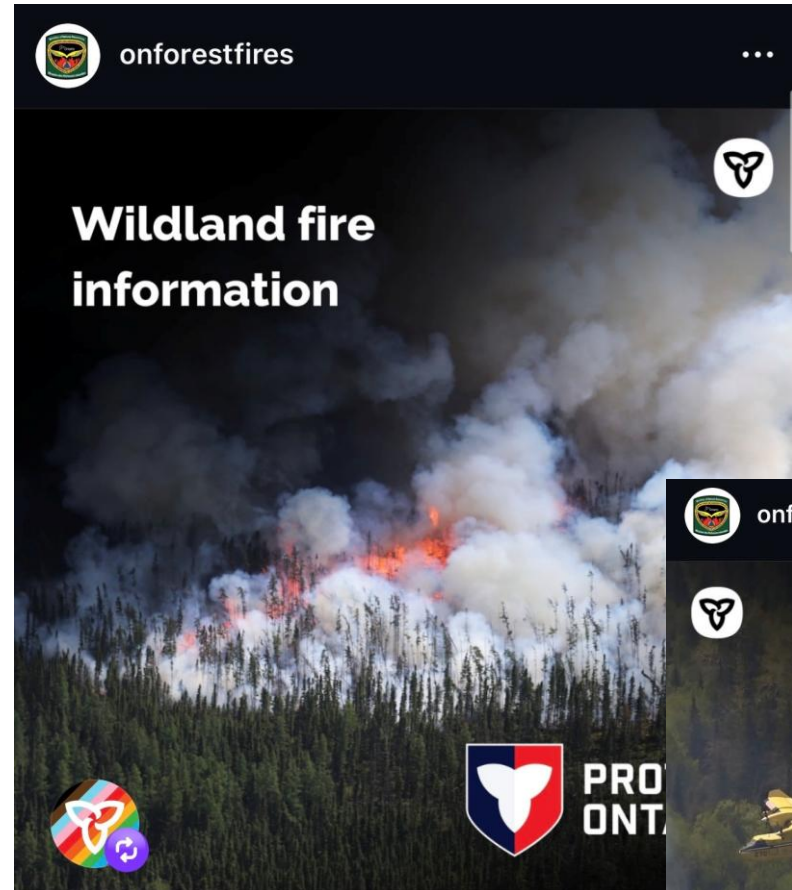


- Forest Fire Information Map and Website – [Ontario.ca/forestfire](https://www.ontario.ca/page/forest-fires)**
 - General information updates and wildland fire season status summaries can be found at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/forest-fires>.
 - Stay informed of the location, size, and status of all active wildland fires.
 - Also shows extinguished fires, existing fire perimeters, the current restrictions (e.g., restricted fire zone), the current forest fire danger ratings, 24-hour weather observations, and boundaries of the fire management areas, etc.
- Daily Fire Situation Updates (AFFES)**
 - End of day fire situation reports from Northwest and Northeast Region – daily fire situation summary emailed to AFFES' media outlet contacts to provide the most up to date information for the next operational period.
 - Contact AFFES.communications@ontario.ca to request being added to the mailing list
- Smoke Information – General Predictions and Health Information**
 - [Smoke Forecast - FireSmoke.ca](https://www.fire-smoke.ca)
 - [FireWork: National Wildfire Smoke Model - Environment Canada \(weather.gc.ca\)](https://weather.gc.ca/firework/)
 - [Air Quality Health Index \(weather.gc.ca\)](https://weather.gc.ca/airquality/)
 - [Forest Fire Smoke and Your Health - Emergency Management Branch - Ministry Programs - Public Information - MOHLTC \(gov.on.ca\)](https://www.ontario.ca/page/forest-fire-smoke-and-your-health)

AFFES Social Media Presence



- AFFES utilizes its social media pages to provide updates and key information throughout the wildland fire season.
Facebook: @ONforestfires
Instagram: @ONforestfires
X: @ONforestfires
- Additionally, the Ministry social media pages may provide updates and information.
Facebook: @ONresources
Instagram: @ONresources



Contacts

Wildland Fire Reporting



North of the French and Mattawa Rivers, call [310-FIRE \(3473\)](tel:310-FIRE).



South of the French and Mattawa Rivers, call 911.

What to Report:

- Location
- Flame height
- What is burning
- Fire size

Northwest Fire Management Headquarter Contact Information

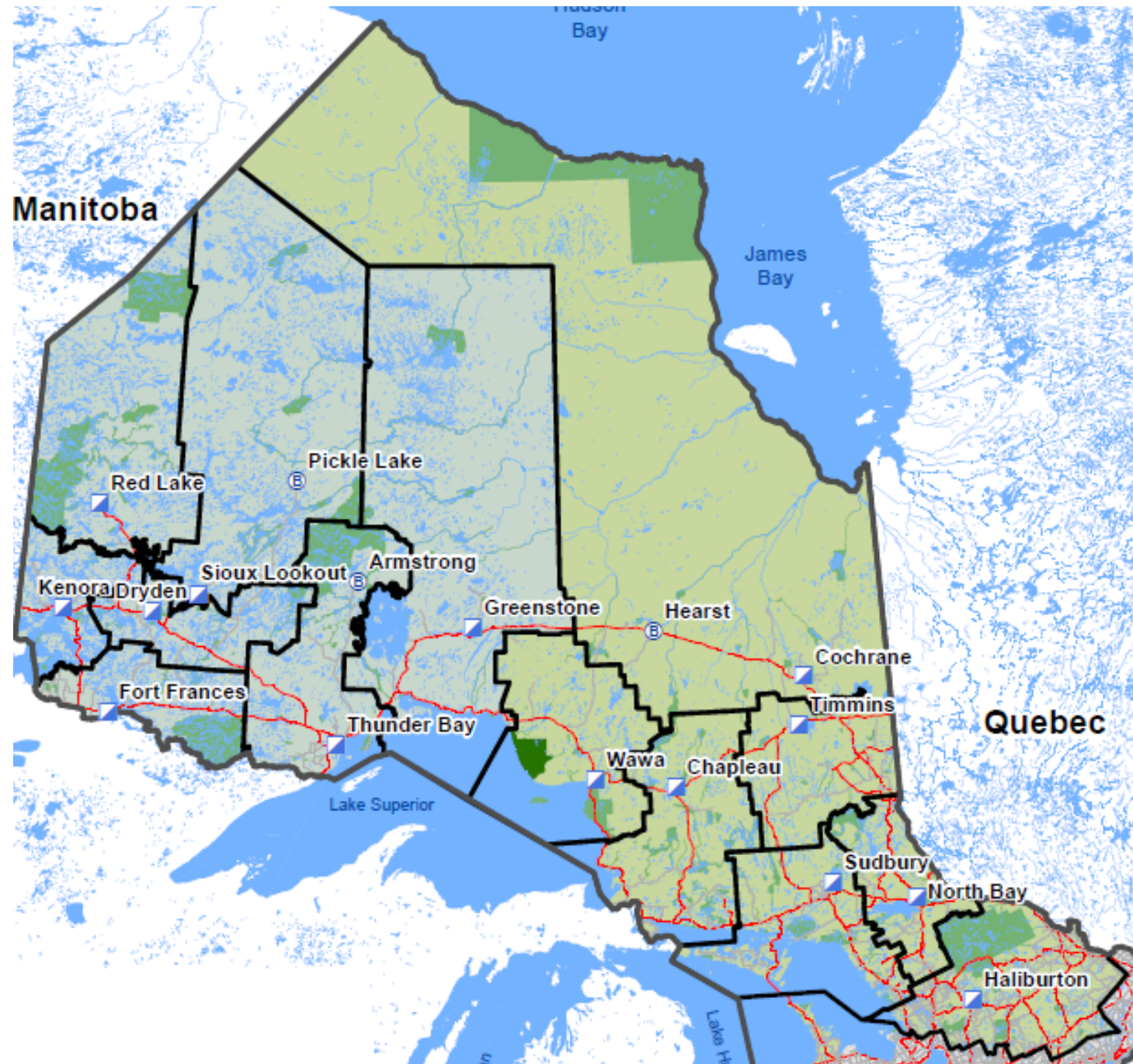
Dryden Fire Management Headquarters, MNR Box 850, Dryden, ON P8N 2Z5 Phone: 807-937-7350 Fax: 807-937-7349	Fort Frances Fire Management Headquarters, MNR 22 Scott Street, Fort Frances, ON P9A 1J4 Phone: 807-274-8643 Fax: 807-274-5553	Greenstone Fire Management Headquarters, MNR P.O. Box 640, Geraldton, ON P0T 1M0 Phone: 807-854-0558 Fax: 807-854-1788	Kenora Fire Management Headquarters, MNR P.O. Box 5080, Kenora, ON P9N 3X9 Phone: 807-548-1919 Fax: 807-548-5412
Red Lake Fire Management Headquarters, MNR P.O. Box 5003, Red Lake, ON P0V 2M0 Phone: 807-727-2000 Fax: 807-727-3182	Sioux Lookout Fire Management Headquarters, MNR P.O. Box 309, Sioux Lookout, ON P8T 1A6 Phone: 807-737-1145 Fax: 807-737-3530	Thunder Bay Fire Management Headquarters, MNR 1580 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay, ON P7K 1A6 Phone: 807-476-2200 Fax: 807-476-2312	

Northeast Fire Management Headquarter Contact Information

Chapleau Fire Management Headquarters, MNR 190-192 Cherry Street, Chapleau, ON POM 1K0 Phone: 705-864-1710 Fax: 705-864-1376	Cochrane Fire Management Headquarters, MNR Box 730, 2 Third Avenue, Cochrane, ON POL 1C0 Phone: 705-272-7141 Fax: 705-272-7140	Haliburton Fire Management Headquarters, MNR 1204 Stanhope Airport Road, Algonquin Highlands, ON KOM 1J1 Phone: 705-754-1902 Fax: 705-754-3297	North Bay Fire Management Headquarters, MNR 40 Voodoo Crescent, North Bay, ON P1C 0B7 Phone: 705-475-5551 Fax: 705-475-5559
Sudbury Fire Management Headquarters, MNR 6150 Skyline Drive, Postal Bag 500, Garson, ON P3L 1W3 Phone: 705-564-6083 Fax: 705-564-6033	Timmins Fire Management Fire Management Headquarters, MNR Ontario Government Complex, Highway 101 East, P.O. Bag 3090, South Porcupine, ON PON 1H0 Phone: 705-235-1300 Fax: 705-235-1373	Wawa Fire Management Fire Management Headquarters, MNR Box 1160, Highway 101, Wawa, ON POS 1K0 Phone: 705-856-2396 Fax: 705-856-4849	

Fire Management Areas

- The 14 fire management areas are divided into two fire regions:
- Northwest Region:
 - Red Lake (RED)
 - Kenora (KEN)
 - Fort Frances (FOR)
 - Dryden (DRY)
 - Sioux Lookout (SLK)
 - Thunder Bay (THU)
 - Greenstone (GRE)
- Northeast Region:
 - Wawa (WAW)
 - Cochrane (COC)
 - Chapleau (CHA)
 - Timmins (TIM)
 - Sudbury (SUD)
 - North Bay (NOR)
 - Haliburton (HAL)



What the PEOC does

- **Staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year**
- Coordinates provincial supports and resources for the response to community emergencies and incidents, including evacuations.
- Can assist in facilitating the support to any requests for assistance from a community in response to an emergency or incident

Contact Us



peocdo01@ontario.ca



416-314-0472 or toll free: 1-866-314-0472

Wildland Fire Prevention and Mitigation Sources



FireSmart Program

Ontario Wildland Fire Prevention and Compliance Contacts



Contact Information – Prevention and Compliance

Lori Skitt

A/ Provincial Coordinator – Prevention and Prescribed Burning

Lori.skitt@ontario.ca

Jeff Anderson

A/ Team Lead - Prevention and Compliance

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Zoe Cauchon

A/ Fire Prevention and Education Program Advisor

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Paul Chandler

Northwest Region Prevention and Compliance Specialist

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Adam Peck

A/ Northeast Region Prevention and Compliance Specialist

adam.peck@ontario.ca

Ontario Wildland Fire Mitigation and FireSmart Contacts



Contact Information	
FireSmart Program, Community Wildland Fire Protection Plans	affes.mitigation@ontario.ca
Forest Fire Suppression Agreements, interagency training, fire advisory services, partnerships	Local Fire Management Supervisors: https://www.ontario.ca/page/fire-management-offices
Wildland fire outreach and education	affes.outreach@ontario.ca

Prevention and Mitigation

- **Restricted Fire Zones (RFZ)**

- Temporary measure under the [Wildland Fire Management Act](#) (WFMA).
- Open air fires like campfires are restricted, with exceptions for cooking and warmth meeting prescriptions under [Ontario Regulation 43/26](#).
- Active restrictions can be viewed at [Ontario.ca/fireupdates](#)

- **Local Fire Bans**

- Imposed by organized municipalities or Office of the Fire Marshal (in UT's).
- Can be in place at the same time as an RFZ.
- Must meet or exceed provisions set out in WFMA and O.Reg 43/26.

- **Fire Hazard**

- A general indicator of the condition of the forest in an area, how easily a fire could start, and how intense or fast a fire could spread if it started.
- Important to maintain currency on Municipal hazard or danger rating signage.

- **Fire Prevention Communications**

- Fireworks – not restricted under an RFZ.
 - The WFMA states, "No person who discharges a firearm, a flare, fireworks or explosives in or within 300 metres of a wildland area shall leave any residue from the discharge unextinguished"
 - Starting a fire from unextinguished residue can be charged under the Act and pay for cost of suppression.
 - Municipal by laws and burn bans can allow for the restriction of fireworks.



Wildland Fire Mitigation – FireSmart Program

- FireSmart is a national program administered by FireSmart Canada through the Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre (CIFFC), founded over 20 years ago under Partners in Protection.
- Ontario adopted the FireSmart Program in 2004 as part of its wildland fire management program.
- FireSmart focuses on the wildland urban interface, and helps homeowners, neighborhoods and communities to reduce their wildland fire risk, and increasing their wildland fire resilience.
- **Key Concepts:**
 - Seven disciplines:
 - Education, Emergency Planning, Vegetation Management, Legislation, Development, Interagency Cooperation, and Cross training.
 - Home Ignition Zones:
 - Immediate Zone
 - Intermediate Zone
 - Extended Zone
- **Getting Started:**
 - [FireSmart Begins at Home Guide](#)
 - [FireSmart 101](#)
 - FireSmart Begins at Home app
- **Programs and Resources:**
 - [Wildfire Community Preparedness Day](#)
 - [Neighborhood Recognition Program](#)
 - [Brochures, Factsheets and Guides](#)



Community Wildland Fire Protection Planning Grant

*Ontario FireSmart Communities Initiative Grant



- CWPPs identify and assess vulnerabilities, and risks to communities, by;
 - Conducting a community hazard identification and risk assessment (HIRA),
 - Developing a Forest Hazard Map for Wildland Fire Hazards (fire hazard map),
 - Creating mitigation strategies, and,
 - Planning for wildland fire response.
- Supports communities/emergency and fire agencies in identifying what areas of their community could be impacted by wildland fire.
- Guides the implementation of proactive risk reduction measures in communities.
- Transfer Payment Program (2016-2018 program) established in 2015.
 - Funding opportunity for organized municipalities within the legislated fire region to support the development of CWPPs, fire hazard maps, and mitigation strategies.
 - Applications are open annually from April to September.
 - All organized municipalities within the fire region are eligible and invited to apply.
 - Recipient communities receive \$15,000 over 2-year term



Community Wildland Fire Protection Planning Guide

Includes the Community Wildland Fire Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment

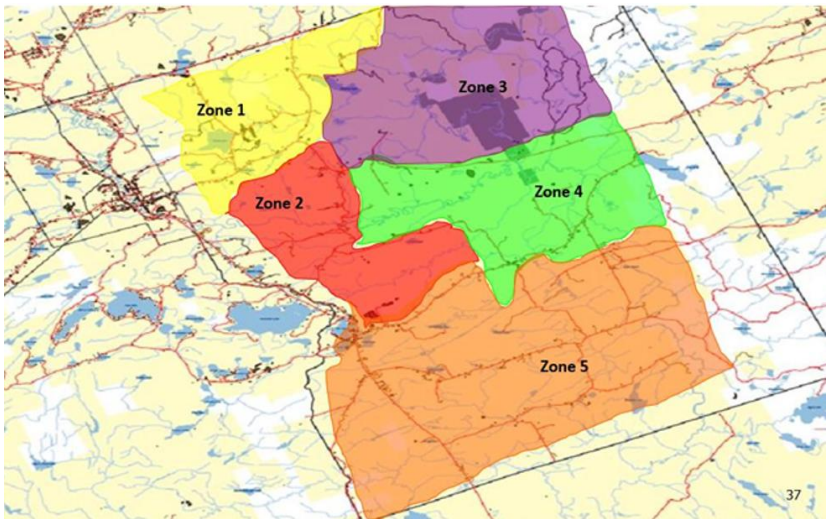


Ontario FireSmart Communities Implementation Grant

*Community Wildland Fire Preparedness Implementation Grant



- Program is currently focussed on municipalities who previously created approved CWPPs;
 - Recipient communities receive up to \$150,000 over 2-year term,
 - Targeted at four recipients annually, and,
 - Currently invite only.
- To be eligible municipalities must have:
 - An approved CWPP created through the pre-existing TP program,
 - Council and Fire Department endorsement/support, and,
 - Proposal has to align with recommendations/strategies from their CWPP.
- Funding can be used to support a broad range of activities including, education, prevention/mitigation, fuel management, FireSmart and preparedness.



Response Zone	Fuel Type Hazard (Tool - Step 1)	Community Value (Tool - Step 2)	Fire Severity Rating (Tool - Step 3)	Probability of Ignition (Tool - Step 4)	Risk Assessment (Tool - Step 5)
1	High	High	Critical	Occasional*	High
2	Low	High	Marginal	Occasional*	Moderate
3	Low	Med	Marginal	Occasional*	Moderate
4	Low	Med	Marginal	Occasional*	Moderate
5	High	High	Critical	Occasional*	High



General

Public Safety Communications

STAY CLEAR OF WATERBOMBERS



When waterbombers approach a body of water, move close to the shore so they can perform their scoop safely.

A water bomber will not scoop from a lake or river if encroaching watercraft pose a safety hazard.

Help fight forest fires by staying clear of waterbombers!

See all active Ontario forest fires at ontario.ca/forestfire, or learn more about us at ontario.ca/AFFES.

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DRONE FREE ZONE



DO NOT fly drones within 3 km of a forest fire area.

You can put the safety and lives of pilots, firefighters and emergency workers at risk. It's dangerous and illegal.

Stay clear of forest fires!

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NOTICE TO AIRMEN

RESTRICTED AIRSPACE AROUND FOREST FIRES



Notice to Airmen. Section 601.15 of the Canadian Aviation Regulations (CARs) states that the airspace around forest fires is restricted to forest fire suppression aircraft only.

It is unlawful to operate any aircraft over a forest fire or within 5 NM / 10 km of a wildland fire at an altitude less than 3000 ft AGL. This includes private planes and UAVs.

Aircraft could interfere with low flying water bombers or helicopters and endanger the safety of pilots and crew.

Pilots are reminded that NOTAMS concerning forest fires can be found in the FIR (Flight Information Region) section when flight planning.

See all active Ontario forest fires at ontario.ca/forestfire, or learn more about us at ontario.ca/AFFES.

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Fire Stages of Control

Stages of Control

describing fire suppression



Not Under Control

A wildland fire that either has not yet been suppressed to the point where it is being held, or a wildland fire not responding or only responding on a limited basis to suppression action, such that perimeter spread is not being contained.



Being Held

A wildland fire that indicates, with currently committed resources, sufficient suppression action has been taken so that the fire is not likely to spread beyond existent or predetermined control boundaries under prevailing or forecasted conditions.



Under Control

A wildland fire that has received sufficient suppression action to ensure no further spread of the fire.



Out

A wildland fire that is extinguished is called out.



Being Observed

A wildland fire that is being monitored to allow the natural ecological benefits of wildland fires to take place as they would in the natural environment without human intervention.



National and Provincial Preparedness Levels

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVELS

National Preparedness Levels (NPL) describe the wildland fire situation and the availability of firefighting resources in Canada.

NPL CONSIDERS:

- Availability of and demand for firefighters or equipment
- Current environmental conditions
- Potential for new wildland fires
- Current active wildland fires

NPL 1

Wildland fire activity is minimal, and most jurisdictions experience light/moderate wildland fire danger. The demand for firefighters and equipment from other jurisdictions is light.

NPL 2

Wildland fire activity is increasing within one or more jurisdictions. The demand for mobilization of firefighters and equipment from other jurisdictions is light.

NPL 3

Wildland fire activity is increasing within one or more jurisdictions. The demand for mobilization of firefighters and equipment from other jurisdictions is moderate.

NPL 4

Wildland fire activity is significant within one or more jurisdictions. The demand for mobilization of firefighters and equipment from other jurisdictions is high.

NPL 5

Wildland fire activity is significant within one or more jurisdictions. Firefighters and equipment in every jurisdiction in Canada is put to use, and international help has been requested.



CANADIAN INTERAGENCY FOREST FIRE CENTRE INC.
CENTRE INTERSERVICES DES FEUX DE FORÊT DU CANADA INC.

	Provincial Escalation Levels				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Fire Hazard	Low	Low-Mod	Mod-High	High-Extreme	Extreme
Current Fire Load	Low	Low-Mod	Mod-High	High	High-Extreme
Anticipated Fire Load (7 days)	Low	Moderate	High	High-Heavy	Heavy
Resource Levels	Adequate	Adequate	Assistance May Be Required	Assistance Required	Assistance Required
Ability to respond to resource requests	Excellent	Good	Mod-Poor	Poor-Nil	Nil
Potential to request resources from CIFFC	Nil	Nil	Possible	Likely	Certain



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August 5, 2026

County of Renfrew
9 International Drive
Pembroke, ON K8A 6W5

RE: Request to Remove Off-Road Motorcycle vehicles from the Algonquin Trail

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on August 5th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Township of Laurentian Valley.

Resolution No: 2026-08-05-07
Moved by: Councillor Banks
Seconded by: Councillor Quade

"Be It resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Township of Laurentian Valley resolution regarding the Request to Remove Off-Road Motorcycle vehicles from the Algonquin Trail.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to County of Renfrew municipalities."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



June 18, 2026

Warden Jennifer Murphy
County of Renfrew
9 International Drive
Pembroke, ON K8A 6W5

Dear Ms. Murphy,

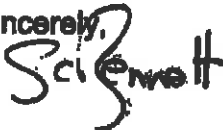
RE: Request to Remove Off-Road Motorcycle vehicles from the Algonquin Trail

Please find enclosed a resolution passed by Township of Laurentian Valley Council at its Regular Council meeting of June 16, 2026 regarding the prohibition of off-road motorcycle vehicles along the Trail.

Township of Laurentian Valley Council respectfully requests that this matter be considered and that the necessary amendments be made to the applicable by-laws governing the use of the Trail.

As sections of the Trail are situated within the Township, Council is concerned that the use of off-road motorcycles adversely affects public safety and diminishes the enjoyment of the Trail for other users. In addition, these vehicles generate excessive noise levels and have proven to be difficult to effectively patrol and regulate, including the closed hours of the trail. Furthermore, such use can contribute to trail deterioration and damage, resulting in increased maintenance and repair costs.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,


Steve Bennett
Mayor, Township of Laurentian Valley

Encl. Township of Laurentian Valley Resolution No. RM26-06-082

cc: Craig Kelley, CAO/Deputy Clerk, County of Renfrew
Jason Davis, Director of Development and Property, County of Renfrew
Taylor Hanrath, Manager of Capital Works, County of Renfrew
County of Renfrew Municipalities

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Corporation of the Township of Laurentian Valley

Council Resolution Form

Moved By: Councillor Wren

Seconded By: Councillor Gauthier

OFF ROAD MOTORCYCLE VEHICLES

The Township of Laurentian Valley request the County of Renfrew prohibit the off-road motorcycle vehicles from traveling on the Algonquin trail; and that the motion be circulated to County of Renfrew Municipalities.

Carried: X Defeated: _____ Withdrawn: _____

Declaration of Interest: _____ Recorded Vote: _____

	Yea	Voting	Nay
		S. Bennett	
		K. Watt	
		J. Gauthier-Kuehl	
		W. Hewitt	
		B. Hugg	
		B. King	
		A. Wren	

Mayor: 

Date: June 16, 2026

Motion #: RM26-06-082

THE CORPORATION OF THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF HEAD, CLARA AND MARIA

BYLAW NUMBER 2026-13

BEING A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH A HALL RENTAL POLICY

Legal Authority

Scope of Powers

Section 407 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, ("*Municipal Act*") as amended, provides authority for a municipality to authorize the Treasurer to borrow from time to time, such sums as the Council considers necessary to meet, until taxes are collected and other revenues are received, the current expenditures of the Municipality for the year.

The total amount which may be borrowed from all sources at any one time to meet the current expenditures of the Municipality, except with the approval of the Ontario Land Tribunal, is limited by Section 407 of the *Municipal Act*.

Until the budget is adopted for imposing rates for the current year, the limits upon borrowing shall be calculated using the estimates of the Municipality as set out in the budget adopted for the previous year.

Powers of a Natural Person

Section 9 of the *Municipal Act* provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act.

Powers Exercised by Council

Section 5 (1) of the *Municipal Act* provides that the powers of a municipality shall be exercised by its Council.

Powers Exercised by By-law

Section 5(3) of the *Municipal Act* provides that a municipal power, including a municipality's capacity, rights, powers and privileges under section 9, shall be exercised by bylaw unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise.

Preamble

Council for the Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria
("Council")

Decision

Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria deems it in the best interest of the Corporation to adopt an updated hall rental policy for the Township.

Direction

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria directs as follows:

1. That Schedule A attached hereto forms part of this bylaw.
2. That the Municipal Administrator or designate is hereby directed to establish the administrative procedures, forms, agreements, checklists, and records necessary to administer Municipal Hall rentals in accordance with the Hall Rental Policy.
3. That all previous bylaws, or parts thereof, that are inconsistent with the provisions of this bylaw are hereby repealed and replaced.
4. This bylaw shall take effect on the final day of passing.

Read and adopted by Resolution 2026-070 this 8th day of August 2026.

Mayor

Clerk

Schedule A to Bylaw 2026-13

Municipal Hall Rental Policy

Council Direction to Staff

This policy provides Council's direction for the rental and use of the Municipal Hall and associated facilities. It authorizes staff to manage rentals in a manner that is:

- Fair and transparent
- Compliant with applicable legislation
- Financially responsible
- Supportive of community needs

Council retains the authority to approve exceptions, agreements, or memorandums of understanding (MOUs) that supersede this policy.

1. Rental Eligibility

Staff may approve rentals to individuals, groups, organizations, or businesses provided:

- The renter is 18 years or older.
- If alcohol is served, the renter must be 25 years or older and provide all required permits and insurance.
- The rental purpose is safe, lawful, and aligned with municipal interests.
- Events involving youth are supervised by a responsible adult.

Council may refuse or cancel bookings if municipal priorities require use of the hall.

2. Booking Requirements

All rentals must include:

- A completed rental agreement, and application form along with all applicable checklists including the hall condition checklist and acknowledgement of the rental rules.
- Full payment of fees and deposits at the time of booking.
- Proof of insurance (minimum \$5 million liability) and any required permits (e.g., liquor license, food handling).
- A pre-event inspection by the renter to identify any existing damage, or missing items, e.g. adequate paper products in the washrooms.

Renters are expected to comply with all applicable laws and regulations regarding food handling and liquor service. Required permits must be submitted prior to the event.

The Municipality can offer event insurance for purchase. Renters may opt to buy this coverage through the Municipality as part of the booking process.

3. Fees and Deposits

Council shall adopt a Schedule of Fees and Deposits, reviewed annually. Staff shall:

- Collect an administration fee for all bookings.

- This fee is non-refundable if the renter cancels.
- It is refundable if the Municipality cancels the booking.
- Collect a deposit at the time of booking that includes coverage for fob access, potential damage, and cleaning requirements.
- All or part of the deposit may be refunded at the discretion of the Municipal Administrator or designate, following a post-event inspection.
- Refunds are subject to cancellation timelines and inspection outcomes.
- Disputed or exceptional cases shall be referred to Council.

No booking shall be confirmed without full payment of the required fees and deposit.

4. Facility Access via Fobs

- i. Renters shall be issued a fob for building access.
- ii. Fobs must be picked up during regular municipal office hours.
- iii. Fobs will be programmed to work only during the approved rental period.
- iv. Renters are responsible for returning fobs promptly after their event.
- v. Lost or unreturned fobs may result in additional charges.

5. Use of Facility

Renters must:

- Comply with all municipal rules and regulations.
- Supervise all participants and ensure respectful conduct.
- Return the facility to the required standard of cleanliness or pay to have it cleaned to the required standard.
- Remove all garbage and recyclables.
- Avoid using any materials (e.g., tape, nails, staples) that may damage surfaces.
- Not exceed the maximum occupancy as set out in the rental agreement.

Smoking/Vaping is prohibited inside and within 20 metres of the facility.

Only service animals are permitted indoors.

6. Municipal Oversight

Authorized municipal staff may enter the facility at any time during a rental to ensure compliance.

7. Liability and Indemnity

The Municipality is not responsible for:

- Loss, theft, or damage to personal property.
- Injury to persons using the hall.

Renters shall indemnify and hold harmless the Municipality from all claims arising from their use of the facility.

8. Staff Responsibilities

Staff are directed to:

- Maintain standard rental agreements, forms, and checklists.

- Develop administrative guidelines including:
 - i. Cancellation rules.
 - ii. Key/fob access procedures.
 - iii. Cleaning standards.
 - iv. Security requirements.
 - v. Maintain documentation of the hall's condition before and after each rental to ensure adherence to this policy and support decisions regarding deposit refunds.
 - vi. Implement a consistent process for inspections and deposit returns.
 - vii. Track rentals, fees, and compliance.

9. Refund Criteria for Deposits

Deposit refunds, which may include fob, damage, and cleaning components, are issued at the discretion of Council based on documented inspection records. Staff must maintain clear and dated documentation of the hall's condition before and after each rental to support refund decisions.

Refunds may be issued in full, in part, or withheld entirely depending on the following criteria:

- Full refund: Hall is returned in clean condition, no damage, fob returned on time.
- Partial refund: Minor cleaning required, fob returned late, or minor damage documented.
- No refund: Significant damage, cleaning not completed, fob lost or not returned.

Council will consider staff documentation and may request additional information from the renter before making a final decision.

10. Annual Reporting Requirements

Staff shall prepare and submit an annual report to Council summarizing the administration of Municipal Hall rentals. This report shall include:

- Total number of rentals and rental hours.
- Types of use (e.g., private events, community meetings, non-profit activities).
- Summary of complaints, infractions, or incidents.
- Fees collected and refunds issued.
- Fob returns and any access issues.
- Observations on hall condition and maintenance needs.
- Recommendations for policy updates or operational improvements.

This report supports transparency, accountability, and continuous improvement in the management of municipal facilities.

11. Review and Updates

Council shall review this policy every five years, or sooner if required by legislation, operational needs, or community feedback.

THE CORPORATION OF THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF HEAD, CLARA AND MARIA

BYLAW NUMBER 2026-14

BEING A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH A VOLUNTEER POLICY

Legal Authority

Scope of Powers

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Preamble

Council for the Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria ("Council") acknowledges the important role volunteers play in supporting the Municipality.

Clear expectations help ensure volunteers are supported and municipal interests are protected.

Decision

Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria deems it in the best interest of the Corporation to adopt a volunteer policy for the Township.

Direction

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria directs as follows:

1. That Schedule A attached hereto forms part of this bylaw.
2. That the Municipal Administrator or designate is hereby authorized to approve volunteers in accordance with this policy.
3. That the Clerk or designate shall:
 - maintain a register of approved volunteers;
 - develop and maintain the forms required to administer this policy;
 - provide volunteer information to the Municipality's insurer or insurance provider as required; and
 - retain volunteer records in accordance with the Municipality's records retention by-law.
4. That all previous bylaws, or parts thereof, that are inconsistent with the provisions of this bylaw are hereby repealed and replaced.
5. This bylaw shall take effect on the final day of passing.

Read and adopted by Resolution 2026-071 this 8th day of August 2026.

Mayor

Clerk

Schedule A to Bylaw 2026-14

Municipal Volunteer Engagement Policy

Council Direction to Staff

This policy provides Council's direction for the engagement and oversight of volunteers participating in municipal programs, services, and initiatives. It authorizes staff to manage volunteer involvement in a manner that is:

- Transparent and inclusive
- Compliant with applicable legislation and municipal policies
- Respectful of volunteer contributions
- Protective of municipal interests and public safety

This policy may be augmented or superseded by Council-approved exceptions, agreements, or memorandums of understanding (MOUs), including those pertaining to strategic partnerships, special projects, or unique volunteer arrangements.

Council retains the authority to approve such exceptions and to amend this policy as required to reflect evolving community needs or legislative changes.

1. Volunteer Eligibility

Staff may approve volunteer participation for individuals or groups provided:

- The volunteer is 14 years or older (parental consent required under 18).
- The volunteer role is safe, lawful, and aligned with municipal interests.
- Volunteers working with vulnerable populations must pass screening requirements.
- Council members volunteering must report to designated municipal staff and not act independently.

Council may restrict or revoke volunteer roles if municipal priorities or risks warrant such action.

High school students completing their 40-hour community involvement requirement under the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) may be exempt from standard volunteer application procedures, provided:

- i. The activity is pre-approved by the student's school principal or designate.
- ii. The student submits a signed Community Involvement Record form.
- iii. The activity is supervised by municipal staff and aligns with safe, lawful, and appropriate volunteer roles.
- iv. The student is not assigned duties requiring specialized training or exposure to hazardous materials or equipment.

2. Volunteer Requirements

All volunteers must:

- Complete a Volunteer Application and Agreement.

- Provide any required documentation (e.g., criminal record check, references).
- Attend orientation and training sessions as directed.
- Sign a Code of Conduct and Confidentiality Agreement.
- Comply with all municipal policies, including health and safety protocols.

Council members who volunteer must:

- Declare any potential conflicts of interest.
- Report to the staff member responsible for the work for supervision and coordination.
- When participating in collaborative governance activities approved by Council or requested by staff, Council members are not required to complete a Volunteer Application or other forms. These activities are considered part of their official duties and are protected under Section 448 of the Municipal Act.
- Ensure their volunteer activities do not overlap with their elected duties.

3. Supervision & Volunteer Management

Employees/Statutory Officers shall:

- i. Assign volunteers to defined roles with clear responsibilities.
- ii. Designate a Supervisor for each volunteer or group.
- iii. Maintain volunteer records and monitor performance.
- iv. Ensure Council volunteers are supervised like any other volunteer.
- v. Volunteers shall not represent themselves as municipal employees.

4. Insurance and Liability

Volunteers are covered under the Municipality's general liability insurance when acting within the scope of their approved role.

The Municipality is not responsible for:

- Personal injury or property loss outside of approved activities.
- Actions taken by volunteers outside of assigned duties.

Volunteers shall indemnify and hold harmless the Municipality from claims arising from unauthorized conduct.

5. Conduct and Confidentiality

Volunteers must:

- Treat staff, Council, other volunteers, and the public with respect.
- Maintain confidentiality of municipal information.
- Avoid any behavior that may harm the reputation or operations of the Municipality.

Breaches may result in dismissal from the volunteer program.

6. Recognition and Reporting

Staff shall:

- i. Recognize volunteer contributions through formal and informal means.
- ii. Submit an Annual Volunteer Engagement Report to Council including:
 - a. Number of volunteers and hours contributed
 - b. Types of volunteer roles and activities
 - c. Summary of incidents or concerns
 - d. Recommendations for program improvements

7. Review and Updates

Council shall review this policy every five years, or sooner if required by legislation, operational needs, or community feedback.

8. Community-Led Volunteer Initiatives

Community members and volunteer groups are encouraged to initiate and lead community activities, events, or projects that contribute to the social, cultural, recreational, or environmental well-being of the Municipality.

Individuals or groups wishing to organize such activities may apply to the Municipality to act as the **Volunteer Lead** for their initiative. When approved, the Municipality may provide administrative support, coordination assistance, and insurance coverage for the event or activity.

Staff may approve community-led initiatives provided that:

A Volunteer Lead is identified who will serve as the primary point of contact with municipal staff.

ii. The proposed activity aligns with municipal values, priorities, and public safety requirements.

iii. A brief event or activity plan is submitted outlining the purpose, location, anticipated number of participants, and any equipment or resources required.

iv. The activity complies with municipal policies, by-laws, and health and safety standards.

v. Volunteers participating in the activity complete any required forms or waivers as determined by staff.

Once approved:

The Volunteer Lead will coordinate participating volunteers and work with the designated municipal staff supervisor.

The activity will be considered an approved municipal volunteer initiative for the purposes of liability insurance, provided all conditions and guidelines are followed.

The Municipality may provide reasonable logistical support where available, such as promotion, space coordination, or basic resources.

The Municipality reserves the right to modify, suspend, or decline proposed initiatives where operational capacity, safety concerns, or municipal priorities require.



Council Member

Committee/Local Board Report

Council Member: Councillor Kelly-Chamberlain

Report Date: 2026-07-29

1. Committee Name
Library Board

2. Purpose of the Committee/Local Board (Provide a brief description of the committee's mandate, mission, or primary objectives.):

Mission Statement

Head, Clara & Maria Public Library exists to promote intellectual growth and improvements in the quality of life through library materials and services that meet the unique needs of this widely dispersed rural community

Vision Statement

The Head Clara Public Library is a leader in celebrating lives through knowledge and information.

The library provides accessible service.

The library is a recognized contributor to the high quality of life in the community through exceptional services and valued partnership.

3. Recent Meetings

- Date(s) of Meeting—no meetings in summer months
- Topics discussed—
- All Policies that needed to be reviewed are done.
- Volunteer Appreciation Day as well as the unveiling of Marlene's Cozy Corner held on June 14th—great success—47 people in attendance
- July 20th—11 library volunteers & board members attended a WORK ALONE inservice that is required by Occupational Health & Safety

- **Decisions Made** (List key decisions, approvals, or recommendations made by the committee.):

4. Progress on Initiatives

- **Ongoing Projects/Tasks** (Summarize progress on key initiatives or projects the committee is overseeing; Mention timelines, milestones achieved, or challenges faced.): **David Balla-Boudreau has volunteered to work on the History Project**
- **New Initiatives** (Highlight any new initiatives that the committee has started or proposed.): Click or tap here to enter text.

5. Implications for Council

- **Items Requiring Council Attention** (List any decisions or input required from Council.): . **The MOU between Municipality & Library to continue being worked on**
- **Resignation of Library CAO Catherine Sutherland as of Sept. 11th—need to send out request for new Chair of Library Board.**

- **Budgetary/Financial Considerations** (Outline any impacts on municipal budgets or funding needs related to committee activities.):

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- **Policy/Bylaw Impacts** (Identify any policy changes or bylaw implications from the committee's work.): □ Policies are being reviewed and updated at every meeting until all have been completed.

6. Upcoming Meetings

- **Next Meeting Date:** Sept 8th2026

- **Planned Agenda Items** (Highlight key topics for upcoming discussions.):

7. Additional Information (Include any other relevant information, such as community engagement efforts, partnerships, or public feedback.)

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8. Recommendations to Council (if applicable):

(Clearly state any recommendations the committee has for Council.)

Canada Day Event Summary- July 1, 2026

The 2026 Canada Day celebration was well received by those who attended and provided an opportunity for residents from across Head, Clara & Maria to come together and celebrate as a community.

A total of 29 people signed the attendance sheet, with participants attending from Mackey, Stonecliffe, and Point Alexander. The age range of attendees was 17 to 65 years.

Interest in future recreation programming was encouraging:

- 8 Participants indicated they are interested in future recreation events. Halloween and St-Patrick's Day were noted.
- 7 Participants indicated they were not interested.
- 1 participant was unsure, while others chose not to respond but provided contact information.

The Canada Day Scavenger Hunt had 3 participants, with Jake selected as the winner. The event also included a sign-in prize draw, won by Hallem.

The Municipality would also like to acknowledge Ashley's Independent Grocer in Deep River for their generous donation of two beautiful gift baskets, which were greatly appreciated and added to the success of the event.

Participant feedback was positive overall. Attendees commented that the event was enjoyable, well organised, and a great opportunity to get outdoors and connect with others. One suggestion for future events was to introduce a capture the flag activity with prizes, and that Bisset Falls was a favorite recreation site in HCM.

Although attendance was modest, the event successfully brought together residents from multiple communities, provided valuable feedback for future programming, and demonstrated continued interest in municipal recreation initiatives.

Event Expenses

The total cost of the Canada Day event was \$2,011.61, broken down as follows:

Item	Cost
Fireworks	\$1,735.96 (includes \$199.73 HST)
Water, Juice and Chips	199.36 (includes \$8.57 HST)
Lemons and Ice (lemonade)	\$24.32
Face Paint supplies	\$45.19 (includes \$5.20 HST)
Balloons	\$6.78 (includes \$0.78 HST)
Total	\$2,011.61

United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria Council

Request for Decision

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Saturday, August 8, 2026				Report Date	Wednesday, July 22, 2026			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority		High	X	Low
Direction	X	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
Report No.005- Additional Insurance Coverage- 2026 Recreation Ball Tournament									

Subject: Additional Insurance Coverage

Recommendation: That Council review the information provided regarding insurance coverage for the 2026 Recreation Ball Tournament and provide direction as to whether the Township wishes to obtain a separate one-time event insurance policy in addition to the Municipality's existing insurance coverage.

Background:

The Municipality is planning to host a Recreation Ball Tournament at the Stonecliffe Ball Field on September 12, 2026.

Staff contacted the Municipality's insurance provider regarding insurance coverage for the event, specifically with respect to the participation of minors and any additional insurance requirements.

The insurer advised that, provided the event is organized and overseen by the Municipality, the Municipality's existing insurance program is designed to respond to municipal events. The insurer also recommended that all participants sign a waiver as added risk management measure.

The insurer further advised that, if Council wishes, a separate one-time insurance policy can be obtained specifically for this event. This additional policy would involve an additional premium and would provide coverage only for the ball tournament.

Discussion:

Staff requested information from the insurer regarding the requirements needed to provide a quotation for a one-time event insurance policy. At the time of preparing this report, that information had not yet been received.

Based on standard information typically requested by insurers when preparing a special event liability quotation, staff anticipate that the following information may be required:

- Event name, date, time, and location;
- Description of the activities taking place;
- Estimated number of participants, spectator, volunteers, and staff;
- Age range of participants, including whether minors will participate;
- Whether participant waivers will be required;
- Whether food and/or beverages will be served;
- Whether alcohol will be available;
- Emergency response and first aid arrangements;
- Any previous claim or incidents related to similar events.

Should Council direct staff to pursue additional event insurance, staff will provide the insurer with required information and obtain a quotation for Council's consideration before the event.

Financial Implications:

The Municipality's existing insurance policy is expected to provide coverage for this municipal event. Should Council wish to purchase a separate one-time event insurance policy, there will be an additional cost. Staff are unable to provide an estimate premium until a quotation has been received from the insurer.

Conclusion:

Staff are seeking Council's direction regarding whether to proceed with obtaining a quotation for a separate one-time event insurance policy for the 2026 Recreation Ball Tournament or to rely on the Municipality's existing insurance coverage together with participant waivers and other risk management measures. For Council's reference, the attached documents include the Adults and Minor Participation Waiver, Volunteer Waiver, Incident/Injury Report, and Ball Tournament Rules, which have been prepared to support the safe operation of the event.

Attachments:

- HCM Fall Ball Incident Injury Report Form 2026
- HCM Fall Ball Tournament Adult Waiver 2026
- HCM Fall Ball Tournament Minor Waiver 2026
- HCM Fall Ball Tournament Rules 2026
- HCM Fall Ball Volunteer Waiver 2026

United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria Council

Request for Decision

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Saturday, August 8, 2026				Report Date	Tuesday, July 21, 2026			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority		High	X	Low
Direction	X	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
Report No. 004- Safe Food Handler Training									

Staff Report: Stephany Rauche- Recreation

Subject: Food Handler Certification Training for Municipal Staff and Community Volunteers

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for one municipal staff member to attend Food Handler Certification Training offered through the Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) and to authorize staff to promote the upcoming Renfrew County and District Health Unit Food Handler Certification training session to municipal volunteers who will be assisting with upcoming municipal events involving food service.

Background:

The Renfrew County and District Unit offers provincially recognized Food Handler Certification training for individuals involved in preparation, handling, and serving of food. The certification is valid for five (5) years and is obtained by successfully completing a one-day training session and examination.

Upcoming training sessions include:

- September 23, 2026, Eganville Community Arena, 178 Jane Street, Eganville ON, 9:00 am- 4:00 pm
- October 20, 2026, Kenwood Corporate Centre (ONTRAC), 16 Edward Street South, Arnprior, ON, 9:00 am- 4:00 pm.

While planning the 2026 Municipal Ball Tournament, staff became aware that the Food Handler Certification would be required for staff and volunteers involved in food preparation and service. Upon further review, it was determined that all municipal staff and volunteers who had previously obtained Food Handler Certification now have expired certifications. Currently, there are no certified staff or volunteers available to support municipal food- related events.

Purpose of the Training:

Attendance at the Food Handlers Certification course will:

- Provide staff and volunteers with provincially recognized Food Handler Certification.
- Increase knowledge of safe food preparation, storage, handling, and service.
- Reduce the risk of foodborne illness during municipal events.
- Ensure food is prepared in accordance with Ontario food safety requirements.
- Allow staff to provide guidance and support to volunteers organizing community events.

Benefits to the Municipality:

Obtaining Food Handler Certification provides several benefits to the Township, including:

- Improved public health and food safety practices.
- Reduced liability associated with food services at municipal events.
- Better support for recreation, senior, and community programming.
- Supports the municipality's application for approval of Special Food Events through the Renfrew County and District Health Unit.

The certification will remain valid for five years, providing long-term value to the municipality.

Reason for Attending

The Municipality continues to expand recreation programming and community events through initiatives such as the New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP), recreation programming, tournaments, community celebrations, and fundraising events.

Food Handler Certification would support numerous current and future municipal initiatives, including:

- NHSP programming involving food preparation or volunteer participation, including Christmas baking workshops and other culinary classes.
- The proposed Wild Game Dinner Event.
- The 2026 Municipal Ball Tournament.
- Canada Day Celebration and other recreation programming where food is prepared, handled, or served.

Having certified staff available will help ensure these programs and events can be delivered safely while following recognized food handling practices and applicable public health requirements. In addition, staff will be able to provide guidance and support to community volunteers assisting with these events.

Financial Considerations

Estimated Costs

Item	Estimated Costs
Food Handler Certification Course	Free
Mileage	Eganville(228km@0.73/km): \$166.44 Arnprior(340km@0.73/km): \$248.20
Travel Time	One working day (9:00a.m.-4:00p.m.) Travel time: Eganville (2:45 hours) Arnprior (4 hours)
Meals	N/A
Other Expenses	None anticipated

There is no registration fee to attend the Renfrew County and District Health Unit Food Handler Certification course. The municipality's costs would be limited to mileage, and travel time, in accordance with the Township policy HR-05.

Staff's preferred option is to register for the September 23, 2026, training session in Eganville, as it is the closest available location and would minimize travel costs. However, if the Eganville session is full, staff would register for the October 20, 2026, training session in Arnprior, subject to availability. As a result, mileage costs will depend on the training location where space is available at the time of registration.

While preparing the Recreation budget, staff was not aware that mileage associated with recreation programming was expected to be budgeted separately within the Recreation budget. Historically, these costs had been budgeted under the general Staff Mileage account. Going forward, staff will ensure that recreation related mileage is budgeted within the Recreation budget to improve budget accuracy, transparency, and the financial planning.

Community Volunteer Opportunities:

Following Council approval, staff will promote the upcoming Renfrew County and District Health Unit Food Handler Certification session to community volunteers who assist with municipal events involving food services.

Encouraging volunteers to become certified will:

- Increase the municipality's pool of qualified volunteers.
- Improve food safety practices at community events.
- Strengthen volunteer capacity.
- Promote a culture of health and safety throughout the community.

Information regarding training opportunities can be shared through:

- Municipal website
- Facebook page
- Community e-mail

Analysis:

The cost of sending one employee to obtain the Food Handler Certification is relatively low when compared with the long-term benefits. Certification remains valid for five years and supports the safe delivery of municipal events while reducing potential risks associated with food service.

As the municipality continues to expand recreation programming and community events, having trained staff available is a proactive investment that supports public health, food safety and effective event management.

Recommendation:

THAT Council approve one municipal staff member to attend the Renfrew County and District Health Unit Food Handler Certification Training;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize reimbursement of the mileage in accordance with municipal Policy HR-05;

AND FUTHER THAT staff be directed to promote the upcoming Food Handler Certification session to community volunteers interested in municipal events involving food services.



THE CORPORATION OF THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF HEAD CLARA AND MARIA

BYLAW NUMBER 2026-12

BEING A BYLAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

Legal Authority

Scope of Powers

Section 8(1) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, ("*Municipal Act*") as amended, provides that the powers of a municipality shall be interpreted broadly so as to confer broad authority on municipalities to enable them to govern their affairs as they consider appropriate, and to enhance their ability to respond to municipal issues.

Powers of a Natural Person

Section 9 of the *Municipal Act* provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act.

Powers Exercised by Council

Section 5 (1) of the *Municipal Act* provides that the powers of a municipality shall be exercised by its Council

Powers Exercised by By-law

Section 5(3) of the *Municipal Act* provides that a municipal power, including a municipality's capacity, rights, powers and privileges under section 9, shall be exercised by bylaw unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise.

Preamble

Council for the Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria ("Council") acknowledges that many of the decisions it makes during a meeting of Council, regular, special, or otherwise, are done by resolution. Section 5 (3) of the *Municipal Act* requires that Council exercise their powers by Bylaw.

Council further acknowledges that the passing of resolutions is more expedient than adopting Bylaws for each decision.

Decision

Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria decides it in the best interest of the Corporation to confirm its decisions by way of Confirmatory Bylaw.

Direction

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria directs as follows:

1. The Confirmatory Period of this By-Law shall be for the Regular Council meeting of August 8, 2026.
2. All By-Laws passed by the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria during the period mentioned in Section 1 are hereby ratified and confirmed.
3. All resolutions passed by the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria during the period mentioned in Section 1 are hereby ratified and confirmed.
4. All other proceedings, decisions, and directives of the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria during the period mentioned in Section 1 are hereby ratified and confirmed.
5. This Bylaw takes effect on the day of its final passing.

Read and adopted by Resolution 2026-076 this 8th Day of August 2026.

Mayor

Clerk