## FIRE PREPAREDNESS WORKING GROUP (FPWG) Information Bulletin #4 November 2025

In late October the FPWG sub-group of Jacky, Rick and Greg, met with Dave Young (Fire Base), Sonnet McGuire (Parks), Mike Springinotic and Mike McColgan (both from SPSA).

Our question to that group was very simple: Are there any plans for the government to clean up and reduce the fire fuel load on the Parks land that envelops the cabin sites? The response was yes and that it is planned for late Fall and Winter of 2026. They cautioned that any work has to be approved by various entities, including Parks, that funding has to be finalized and a contractor hired to actually do the work. They are however optimistic that all those hurdles will be cleared. They have already done some preliminary planning work on the scope of the project and will conduct an on-site inspection of the area in the spring and early summer. The area in blue on the map below shows the proposed scope of the project.

They indicated that the clean-up will be similar to that which has been done on the west side of Ramsey Drive. All materials will be piled and burnt on the Parks land within the proposed project area.

They noted that there will be a need for cabin owners to clean the Parks land of personal items such as old lumber, metal, tires, canoes, kayaks, water lines etc. as the contractor will not touch those materials and will actually leave such areas untouched. Docks can remain in the water.

Also the requirement to contact Parks to do any individual clean-up or tree removal on Parks land remain in effect.

Finally they would like to hold a town hall meeting in the Spring to inform the community about this project as well as discuss steps that we as individual cabin owners can do to fire smart our own properties. We will work with them to establish a suitable date, time and place and that information will be sent out well in advance of the meeting.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed project they can be directed to Greg Melvin at grmelvin@shaw.ca.