

Date: Tuesday 25 August 2015
Time: 10.00am
Meeting Room: Rooms 1 & 2, Level 26
Venue: 135 Albert Street
Auckland CBD

Civil Defence and Emergency Management Group Committee

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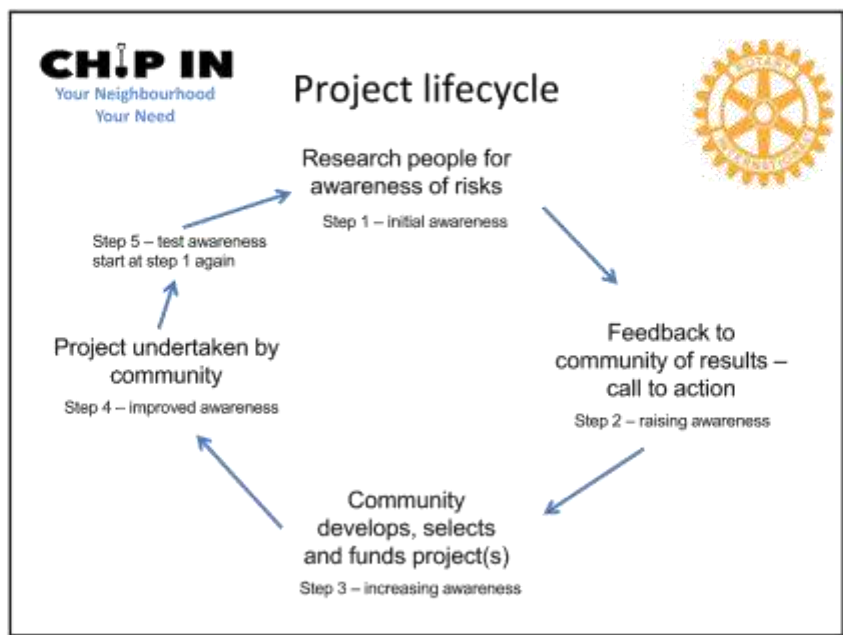


Can Help If Possible If Needed

New Generation Volunteering

**Developing Resilient Communities
Through
Community Projects**







2015 Canadian Deployment
Presentation to CDEMG

25 August 2015





Introduction

Canada has been fighting an extreme wildfire situation since April. There's an extreme drought situation thanks to lack of the usual June rains and wildfires are raging across British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan, with over 500,000 hectares burned or burning.

Sixteen specialist rural fire management staff were selected for the deployment based on

- Competence
- Experience
- Leadership
- Aptitude
- Fitness
- Diplomacy

This deployment was the first time an Incident Management Team has been sent as a full team. Traditionally teams are made up from specifically requested roles.

Alberta Fire Management



Alberta is the same length as New Zealand but is 3 times the width.

5 year average for Alberta – 1237 fires burning 281,000 ha.

For 2015 there have been 1642 fires burning 494,000 ha.

High Level WMA
310 Wildfires this season
Birch Complex is 81000ha

Peace River WMA
172 Wildfires this season
Notkewin Complex is 6600ha




Deployment Role

Communications Specialist







Facilities
Birch Complex – Accommodating up to 250 fire fighters and support staff



Ignition Sources
Mother nature accounts for 78% of wildfire ignitions





Multi-national response

Crews included: Canadian, New Zealand, Australia, American, Mexican and South African



Lessons Learnt

We are on the right track – A test against a mature wildfire management environment





Lessons Learnt
Safety – Every IMT must conduct a medical evacuation exercise during their operational period.



Questions?

