



Office of the Fire Commissioner
B.C. Fire and Public Life Safety Education Advisory Committee

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The B.C. Fire and Public Life Safety Education Advisory Committee met four times this year.

The first meeting involved re-establishing the committee after a change to some of the stakeholder members, this meeting was also used as an opportunity to assess future direction and priorities of the committee. One of the identified priorities was the revision of the committee's five-year strategic plan.

The strategic planning process was accomplished over three meetings and was facilitated by Dave Mitchell of Dave Mitchell and Associates. Some key points that evolved from the strategic planning session where:

- The need for Fire Prevention Week sponsorship.
- The establishment of a provincial model for the delivery and support of fire and public educators in all regions of our province.
- The need for the committee to step back from a "hands on" philosophy to that of an advisory role.
- Juvenile FireSetter and Getting to Know Fire curriculum education should be expanded.
- There needs to be more "Train the Trainer" workshops.
- First Nations Fire and Life Safety education should be expanded.

It is the committee's hope that, in conjunction with the Fire Prevention Officers Association of B.C Public Education Committee, we will be able to establish and better deliver the necessary training to all jurisdictions within our province.

In addition to a small number of "Getting to know Fire" workshops that took place this year, a very successful educational weekend was held in Victoria. Some of the subjects covered were: interviewing children, why we should educate the public, the use of performers to get our messages out, as well as many other topics. The weekend was planned and implemented by Ellen Pelto from the Office of the Fire Commissioner who did an outstanding job in this respect.

Respectfully submitted,

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