

TNRD Economic Recovery Brief

The Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) has engaged Colin O’Leary as a Community Recovery Manager to assess the impact on businesses in the Regional District due to this summer’s devastating wildfire season.

Colin will be working very closely with Myles Bruns, Manager, Community Wildfire Recovery Branch, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development for this project. The Ministry is supporting the TNRD on this project, but this support comes with a requirement of a Draft Recovery Plan to be submitted 30 days after the start of the contract (November 22nd. 2017)

The project is comprised of three mains sections:

- Actively engaging the business community affected by the 2017 wildfire season in the TNRD. This will be accomplished through in person meetings, community engagement sessions and an active marketing campaign.
- Quantifying the economic loss in the region, identifying the existing resources and completing a gap analysis to identify opportunities and short-comings with existing support programs.
- Recommendations for possible programs or opportunities for the TNRD to undertake moving forward to offer the best possible support for businesses looking to recover from the 2017 wildfire season.

There will be a series of community engagement sessions as outlined below. Other organizations are more than welcome to attend one of these sessions:

City	Venue	Round 1	Time slot 1	Time slot 2	Round 2	Time slot 1	Time slot 2
Clearwater	Dutch Lake Community Centre	4-Dec	1:00 pm -3:00 pm	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	18-Dec	1:00 pm -	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
70 Mile	70 Mile Community Hall	5-Dec	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm		19-Dec	7:00 pm -	
Ashcroft	Ashcroft Community Hall	6-Dec	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm		20-Dec	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	
Cache Creek	Cache Creek Community Hall	7-Dec	1:00 pm -3:00 pm	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	21-Dec	1:00 pm -	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

The TNRD landing page for this initiative is now live and can be found at:

<http://tnrd.ca/recovery>

The economic recovery survey is now also complete and live. The link to the survey is as follows:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2017Wildfires>

The goal is to drive businesses to complete the online survey before the community sessions.

We have been working to connect with many other regional organizations and Ministries. We should have some very good representation and access to additional resources at these community sessions. Overall we have strived to make this initiative a very collaborative process.