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# News Release

## FireSmart Award

**Edson, Alberta, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016** – Edson has been recognized with a special award.

FireSmart Canada has presented the Town of Edson with a FireSmart Community Protection Achievement award. Edson is only the 4<sup>th</sup> municipality in Canada to receive this honour. The award is in recognition of the outstanding work the community has done in completing a FireSmart Community Plan.

Director of Protective Services Al Schram says it's great to get this type of award. "The Town of Edson is surrounded by forest and we've been working hard to ensure we are as safe from the risk of wildfire as possible."

Schram says the Town has spent a number of year working with various grants to help create the FireSmart Community Plan, FireSmart forested areas in our municipal boundaries, as well as educating residents on what they can do to help FireSmart their own properties.

Along with the certificate, Edson will also receive a sign to be mounted in the community.

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