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Good Morning,

Please find enclosed a new report, issued by the Intact Centre on Climate Adaptation: **Wildfire-Ready: Practical Guidance to Strengthen the Resilience of Canadian Homes and Communities.**

In 2023, Canada experienced a wildfire season of unprecedented scale, shattering the previous record set in 1995 by twofold, and contributing to insurable losses estimated to exceed **\$3 billion** (according to CatIQ). Smoke and flames triggered the evacuation of 200,000 residents and ignited nation-wide calls for large-scale investment in preventative action to create wildfire-ready homes and communities.

This new plain language report highlights existing programs and self-help resources that are currently available to help Canadians living in forested and grassland regions to act **TODAY** to reduce risk.

Two concise, image-based infographics are also **enclosed**, to help accelerate the implementation of practical actions to reduce wildfire risk at home and in community:

- **Three Steps to a Cost-Effective FireSmart™ Home** is a stepwise guide to help residents upgrade their homes to be more resistant to wildfire damage
- **Three Features of a Wildfire-Ready Community** provides guidance that communities can integrate into their risk management plans to limit wildfire risk beyond the home

Additionally, the report makes key recommendations:

- **Scale up Wildfire-Ready Education:** the Government of Canada should launch a **National Home and Community Wildfire-Ready Education Program**. A wide variety of tools, including FireSmart Canada resources, are already in hand
- **Support Indigenous-Led Research and Knowledge Mobilization:** support Indigenous-led research to develop practical, cost-effective, wildfire-ready tools and resources tailored to Indigenous community needs
- **Develop Simple Risk Assessment Tools:** develop and share simple, low cost, user-friendly climate-risk assessment, mapping, and scoring tools for use by residents and local authorities
- **Take a Multi-Hazard Approach:** identify climate-ready best practices at the home and in community to achieve multiple benefits and avoid maladaptation

The **Intact Centre for Climate Adaptation** is an education partner of the **Municipal Group Insurance Program**.

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