

Biography: Lawrence (Larry) Price RPF, Mitigation Specialist, First Nations Emergency Services Society (FNESS)

Larry is a Registered Professional Forester, as well as Forest Technologist with 50 years of experience working throughout British Columbia. Current responsibilities include working with First Nations to identify community needs and support access to funding for implementing measures that reduce wildfire risk and increase community resiliency.

Over his career Larry has worked with the Provincial Government at the District, Regional and Headquarters level and for the past 12 years with FNESS. Key initiatives included wildfire response, mitigation and recovery support, development and implementation of the Kootenay Boundary Regional Land Use Plan, development, and implementation of a shared services decision support model for the Natural Resource Sector. Additionally, Larry is a recipient of a Spirit of Innovation Award for supporting the development and establishment of the Selkirk College Geospatial Research Center.

Current focus includes development of an Integrated Fire Management Planning (IFM) process with a seven-generation lens on the future that links strategic, tactical, and operational planning. IFM outputs include development of an integrated geospatial database, governance process and spatial/temporal analysis that identifies priority projects that reduce wildfire risk, addresses multi-resource and cultural and heritage values, builds First Nations capacity, and provides year-round employment opportunities.

