

Directors Report – CERS 2021

- **Increase Communication and community engagement**
 - CERS continued improve communication amongst residences, businesses, Nations, local governments and organizations in the region
 - Hosting public meetings
 - Website updates
 - Facebook updates
 - Email list – maintained and regular updates
 - Posters – creating and distributing
 - Fire Danger Rating Signs – keeping up to date
- **Cellular Service Area Signs installation**
 - A sign at the ferry terminal on the north side has been installed
 - Brochures distributed on the ferry as well at the tourist office in Burns Lake
 - There are signs that still need to be repaired
- **POD system set up**
 - Held POD leader meetings
 - Recruiting more POD leaders and increasing the capacity of PODs that currently have leaders
 - PODs were very effective in improving communication and response time when responding to wildfires during the summer
- **Community Response trailers**
 - The trailers purchased by Cheslatta Carrier Nation were once again a valuable tool in fighting fires and training activities
 - Anyone can use them in an emergency situation – not just the people who are storing them
 - Working with Cheslatta to improve them and develop systems for the maintenance of the trailers
- **Increase engagement** with local government, Wildfire BC and volunteer fire department
 - Joined the Hazard, Risk and vulnerability Analysis group through RDBN
 - Met with Southside Volunteer Fire Department to work on increased collaboration between the two organizations
- **Training**
 - In 2021, there was no training. But lots of different training opportunities were identified including:
 - First aid
 - Chainsaw use
 - S100 & S185
 - Firesmart