yiyχmɛštəm qʷaqʷtəm

Willow Creek Stewardship

November 10, 2025

In May of 2025, the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR) provided χʷɛmaɬkʷu with $399,858 through the **Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding (DRIF)** program to continue our yiyχmɛštəm qʷaqʷtəm Willow Creek stewardship work. This DRIF funding will support flood hazard and risk assessment, flood mapping, bridge and culvert design for water crossings on Homathko Drive, and stream restoration design using natural features for those two crossings.

Within the broader umbrella of yiyχmɛštəm qʷaqʷtəm, we have already undertaken a watershed risk assessment, the planning and design of riparian restoration work, and the design and construction of the Aupe Crescent Culvert replacement project!

All of this work supports our community's resilience into the future, by providing data to support long-term disaster risk-reduction and climate-adaptation projects related to Willow Creek, addressing drought and water scarcity, flooding and erosion.

As the frequency of climate-driven events increases, the DRIF program supports First Nations and local governments in implementing local projects to protect people and communities from natural disaster and climate hazards, and to reduce the impacts of hazards before they happen.

Read the full announcement here:
https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2025EMCR0029-000659

Learn more about the Willow Creek Stewardship Project here

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