



**100 years of firefighting in 36 hours**

Fire Chief Jason Brolund

# Canadian firefighters steal the show at UN climate talks

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## West Kelowna fire chief's harrowing tale opens eyes at United Nations















































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BC EMERGENCY ALERT issued by West Kelowna and RDCO due to the McDougall Creek wildfire. Evacuate immediately if you are in the following area: Rose Valley, West Kelowna Estates, all properties off Westside Rd north of West Kelowna to Nahun. The wildfire poses a threat to human life. If you live north of Traders Cove, evacuate north to the Vernon Reception Centre at Kal-Tire Place. If you live south of Traders Cove, evacuate south to the Reception Centre at 2760 Cameron Rd in West Kelowna. If you are unable to evacuate call 9-1-1.



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**CANADA FACING WORST FIRE SEASON ON RECORD**

**LIVE**



**Hurricane Hilary**  
**Category 1**

Wind Speed

**85**  
mph

Moving

NNW  
**20**  
mph



4:42 AM ET





I'm still out of my house, as  
is my family.



DEAR CHIEF BROLUND

I, LIKE MANY HAVE ANXIOUSLY WAITED FOR  
THE MORNING PRESSER TO GET THE NEWS  
ABOUT THE NIGHT B4 AND THE DAY AHEAD.

TODAY'S, LIKE EACH B4 IT WERE MEMORABLE.

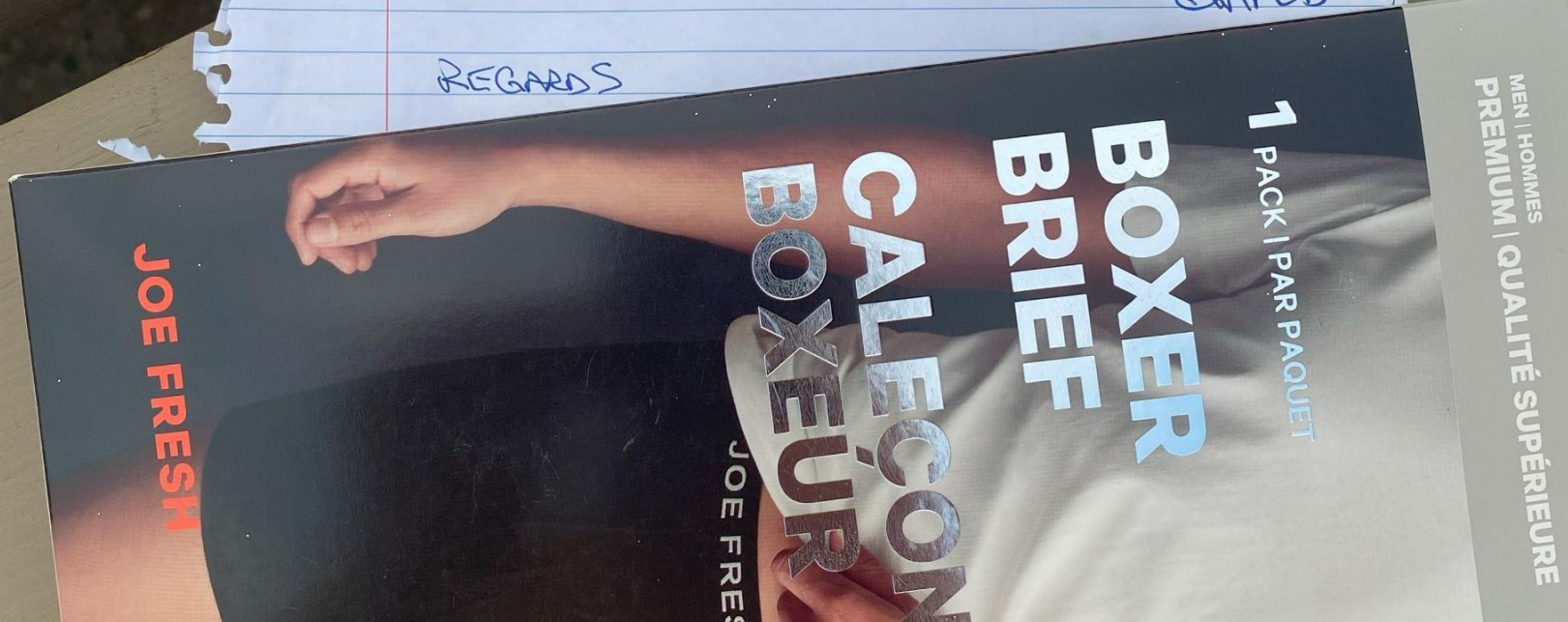
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AS A THANK YOU FROM EVERYONE IN

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Later in the day, West Kelowna fire firefighters responded to the endearing comment by Brolund with a light-hearted comment on their social media.

“Please don’t bring our chief underwear, we’ll take care of him,” they wrote.























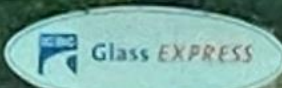
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# West Kelowna woman looking for lone firefighter she says saved her home with garden hose

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A West Kelowna resident feels so thankful after watching a solo firefighter saving her home from flames with a garden hose from her home's security camera and she spent all night watching this heroic efforts. A lone firefighter, left obscured, is seen fighting flames at a residence in West Kelowna, B.C., in an undated still image taken from residential security camera footage. THE CANADIAN PRESS/HO-Marnie Endersby,







**WE ARE SPENDING THE  
MONEY ON THE  
WRONG END OF THE  
PROBLEM!**



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TRUDEAU II

### Fire chief asks PM for a few favours

By The Canadian Press

West Kelowna fire Chief Jason Brolund had a few requests for Justin Trudeau when the prime minister visited West Kelowna on Friday.

Brolund met with Trudeau before the prime minister held a news conference at the West Kelowna fire hall.

Brolund said he thanked Trudeau for doubling the tax credit for volunteer firefighters, which adds an extra \$425 for each volunteer, but he wants that to be even larger.

He said he asked him to reinstate joint emergency preparedness grants for training and equipment for fire departments, and wants the fire smart program rolled out on a national scale to have measurable impacts in communities.

"I felt like his ears were wide open," Brolund said of Trudeau.



to stand against giant that's making people, but taking away the well-being it profits said.

Trudeau called responsible web giant previously been in profit sharing info local journalists.

"This is a countries realize the for journal faced with refuse to or we bow them to lars, who well-being thrive

Trudeau said are many people trying to figure out ways to keep everyone informed, especially in emergency situations, but countries need to stand up for journalism.

After disastrous 2023, West Kelowna fire chief wants funding to focus on fire prevention

MORE MONEY FOR FIRESMART  
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**The National** 













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# FireSmart

FIRESMART SAVED HOMES

## New research shows FireSmart principles worked to save homes during 2023 West Kelowna wildfire

Kristen Holliday - Sep 18, 2024 / 11:00 am









