

**INFORMATION RELEASE** 

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## **Reminders for Residents - No Open Burning or Fireworks**

Residents are reminded that all open burning and outdoor fires, excluding cooking fires, are prohibited in the Parksville Fire Protection Area. As well, beach fires in the Parksville Qualicum Wildlife Management are prohibited by provincial legislation; this includes all beaches from French Creek to Resort Drive.

As provided in the outdoor burning bylaw, campfires are allowed at this time. Bylaws affecting the Parksville Fire Protection Area may be viewed here:

| City of Parksville           | <u>Bylaw No. 1428</u>                        |
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| Regional District of Nanaimo | Bylaw No. 922 (Burning in Parksville Area)   |
| Regional District of Nanaimo | Bylaw No. 920 (Burning in French Creek Area) |

The sale of any type of fireworks is prohibited in the City of Parksville and all fireworks are banned within City limits. This includes the possession of consumer fireworks; fireworks should not be purchased elsewhere and brought into the City of Parksville. A person must not fire or discharge fireworks unless authorized by a permit (permits are only issued to applicants with a fireworks supervisor and/or pyrotechnics certification card as issued by Natural Resources Canada). The City of Parksville Fireworks Bylaw No. 1427 may be viewed here.

The Parksville Fire Protection Area encompasses the City of Parksville and contract areas within the Regional District of Nanaimo which include San Pareil, Morningstar, Columbia Beach, French Creek, and the Fourneau Road, Wildgreen and Martindale Road areas as well as the Forever Green Estates.

## **Reporting as follows:**

| Fire emergency (threat to lives and/or property) | 911            |
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| Open fire in the Parksville Fire Protection Area | 250 248-3242   |
| Beach fires (RAPP line)                          | 1 877 952-7277 |
| Fireworks  | RCMP           |

**BC Wildfire Service** - For the most current information on wildfire activity, burning restrictions and air quality advisories, refer to <u>http://www.bcwildfire.ca</u>. BC Wildfire Service provides a mobile app with real-time wildfire information and an interactive map that users can customize to display a variety of fire related data. The app is one of many BC Wildfire Service initiatives to provide access to consistent, accurate and timely wildfire information throughout BC. The app complements the BC Wildfire Service website and social media channels and features a "report a fire" function that automatically generates map coordinates. The mobile app is available for Apple (iOS) and Android devices and is free to download in the <u>App Store</u> and <u>Google Play</u>.

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For more information:

Parksville Fire Rescue 250 248-3242; fire@parksville.ca

The City of Parksville is located on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish Nations, home to the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation and the Qualicum First Nation.

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