



NEWS RELEASE

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Campfires Now Permitted Within the Parksville Fire Protection Area

PARKSVILLE, BC: Effective at noon September 1, 2010, due to a decreased risk of wildfires, campfires will be permitted throughout the Parksville Fire Protection area. Campfires are now permitted subject to the provisions of applicable municipal and regional district burning bylaws. This includes fires for cooking, warmth and ceremonial purposes in approved fire pits.

Affected areas include the City of Parksville, French Creek areas bordering the City of Parksville to the edge of the fire protection area at Johnston and Drew Roads, San Paniel, Forneau Road and Martindale Road areas.

All campfires must be supervised by an adult and anyone who lights a campfire must have an adequate water supply nearby to fully extinguish it. Never leave a campfire unattended, and make sure ashes are completely cold to the touch before leaving the area.

This lifting of the closure on campfires is in conjunction with the lifting of the Provincial Campfire Ban by the BC Forest Service. To report an open fire call 250 248-3242. **To report a fire emergency call 911.**

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For more information:

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