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Campfire Ban to be Implemented on August 1, 2013 City of Parksville Fire Protection Area

PARKSVILLE, BC – Effective at noon on Thursday, August 1, 2013, and until further notice, all open burning, including campfires, is banned in the City of Parksville and the surrounding fire protection area. The fire protection area encompasses 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, and Fourneau Road and Martindale Road areas.

This ban applies to open fires of any size, campfires, fireworks, tiki torches and burning barrels. The ban does not apply to cooking stoves that use gas, propane or briquettes, or to portable campfire apparatus with a CSA or ULC rating using briquettes, liquid or gaseous fuel that are not capable of producing a flame longer than 15 centimetres. Portable campfire apparatus that do not meet these conditions are prohibited.

This prohibition is necessary due to dry forest fuels and a forecast for a prolonged period without substantial rain. The public is urged to exercise caution on forested land with any activity that could lead to a wildfire. Please discard cigarettes carefully and limit movement of ATVs and motorcycles through tall grass and undergrowth.

This ban has been implemented by the Fire Chief in conjunction with the ban implemented by the BC Forest Service covering the South Coast. The fire danger rating is currently extreme throughout the area. For the latest information on fire activity, conditions and prohibitions, visit the Wildfire Management Branch website at www.bcwildfire.ca.

To report an open fire call 250 248-3242. **To report a fire emergency call 911.**

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