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Campfire Ban in Effect June 27 - Parksville Fire Protection Area

PARKSVILLE, BC — Effective at noon on Saturday, June 27 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, firecrackers, sky lanterns, tiki torches, burning barrels and binary exploding targets. All other types of open fires remain prohibited throughout the Coastal Fire Centre's jurisdictional area including backyard burning or land-clearing burn piles. 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.

The Coastal Fire Centre is implementing this partial campfire ban (campfires only allowed on northern Vancouver Island, the mid-coast portion of the mainland and on Haida Gwaii) due to dry forest fuel conditions and rising temperatures. It is intended to help prevent human-caused wildfires and protect public safety. A map of the affected areas is available online at: <http://bit.ly/1QRWpkp>

This ban has been implemented by the Fire Chief in conjunction with the ban implemented by the BC Forest Service covering the South Coast. For the latest information on fire activity, conditions and prohibitions, visit the Wildfire Management Branch website at www.bcwildfire.ca or <http://bcwildfire.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/Bans.asp>

To report an open fire call 250 248-3242; to report a fire emergency call 911 and to report a wildfire, call 1 800 663-5555 or *5555 on a cellphone.

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