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Campfire Ban in Effect July 6 - Parksville Fire Protection Area

PARKSVILLE, BC — Effective at noon on Thursday, July 6 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, Fourneau Road, Wildgreen Road and Martindale Road areas.

The ban applies to open fires of any size, campfires, fireworks, firecrackers, sky lanterns, tiki torches, burning barrels and binary exploding targets. This ban has been implemented by the Parksville Fire Chief in conjunction with the ban implemented by the Coastal Fire Centre covering Vancouver Island and the South Coast.

Beach fires are not permitted at any time in the Parksville Qualicum Wildlife Management Area which includes the entire waterfront area in the Parksville Fire Protection Area. Because Parksville beaches are provincial jurisdiction, beach fires should be reported to the RAPP line (Report All Poachers and Polluters) at 1-877-952-7277 (RAPP) or #7277 on the Telus Mobility Network.

Reporting should be as follows:

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

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.

For the latest information on fire restrictions in the Parksville Fire Protection Area, visit www.pvfd.ca, www.parksville.ca, or follow the Parksville Fire Department on Twitter and Facebook.

For information on provincial wild 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 a wildfire, call 1 800 663-5555 or *5555 on a cellphone.

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