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Campfire Restrictions Lifted for Parksville Fire Protection Area

Effective at 12 noon on September 19, campfires are once again permitted throughout the Parksville Fire Protection Area, due to the decreased risk of wildland urban interface fires. The lifting of the closure on campfires is in conjunction with the rescinding of the fire prohibition across the South Coast by the BC Wildfire Service Coastal Fire Centre, BC Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations.

Campfires, cooking fires and fires in outdoor fireplaces are now once again permitted subject to the provisions of applicable municipal and regional district burning bylaws.

Applicable Bylaws include:

- City of Parksville – Bylaw No. 1428 Outdoor Burning Bylaw
- Regional District of Nanaimo - FRENCH CREEK – Bylaw No. 920 A Bylaw to Regulate Outdoor Burning
- Regional District of Nanaimo - PARKSVILLE (Local) SPECIFIED FIRE PROTECTION AREA - Bylaw No. 922 A Bylaw to Regulate Outdoor Burning

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, Hodges Road and Parksville local specified fire protection areas including San Pareil, Fournau Road, Wildgreen 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 extinguish it. Fires must never be left unattended and must be completely extinguished before leaving the site for any length of time.

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. Beach fires are provincial jurisdiction and should be reported to the RAPP line (Report All Poachers and Polluters) at 1-877-952-7277 (RAPP).

Reporting should be as follows:

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

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.

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