

PUBLIC NOTICE



For Immediate Release July 4, 2009 10:00 Hours City of Parksville Parksville Fire Department Fire Hall

CAMPFIRE BAN IMPLEMENTED

CITY OF PARKSVILLE FIRE PROTECTION AREA

<u>PARKSVILLE FIRE PROTECTION AREA</u> – Effective 1200 Hours (Noon) July 4, 2009 and until further notice, all open fires (**including campfires, cooking fires, fires in outdoor fireplaces and beach fires**) are banned in the City of Parksville and surrounding fire protection area.

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 Pariel, Forneau Road and Martindale Road areas.

This ban <u>does not</u> restrict fires in stoves and barbeques using gas, propane or briquettes. Campfires are permitted in privately owned and commercial campgrounds provided that 24 hour supervision and provisions for firefighting are in effect. Campground operators are asked to contact the fire department for further information.

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. Hot weather is forecasted and with drying trends continuing it is predicted that the danger rating may move to extreme as early as this weekend.

To report an open fire call: 248-3242. To report a Fire Emergency call: 911.

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