

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Campfire Ban Remains in Effect for Parksville Fire Protection Area**

**PARKSVILLE, BC** — The fire ban of August 1, 2014, is still in effect. 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 Pariel, 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This prohibition will remain in place until October 15, 2014, or until the public is notified that it has been rescinded.

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 <a href="https://www.bcwildfire.ca">www.bcwildfire.ca</a>.

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

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## For more information:

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