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Campfire Ban in Effect August 17 - Parksville Fire Protection Area

PARKSVILLE, BC — Effective at noon on Wednesday, August 17 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 Pariel, 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.

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, or follow the Parksville Fire Department on Twitter and Facebook.

To report an open fire in the Parksville Fire Protection Area call 250 248-3242; to report a fire emergency call 911.

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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