

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## Open flames, smoking not permitted in City parks

## **Summary**

The City of Nanaimo would like to remind residents and park users that smoking, campfires and barbeques are not permitted in City parks. Propane barbeques, however, are permitted within the approved locations of the picnic shelters in Bowen Park and Maffeo Sutton Park and on picnic tables within all parks. Signs are being posted in City parks.

For further details or clarification on the notice please contact Nanaimo Parks, Recreation and Environment at 250-756-5200.

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# **Key Points**

- Nanaimo, Parks, Recreation and Environment encourage all users of the parks and trails systems to use caution when in the parks and on the trails, and to be aware of all fire hazards.
- To report a fire in a City of Nanaimo park or trail, please call 911. To report a wildfire, please call 1-800-663-5555 or \*5555 on most cellular networks.

#### Quotes

"Our parks and trails are not irrigated for the most part which means fires can easily being started especially during the dryer summer months. Please help ensure the enjoyment and safety of Nanaimo's parks for everyone."

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