

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Stay safe for Halloween and Guy Fawkes Night**

*Bonfire Permits required for both evenings*

#### **Summary**

The City of Nanaimo Fire Rescue Department would like to inform residents that a Bonfire Permit is required for Halloween on Monday, October 31 and for Guy Fawkes Night on Saturday, November 5. These are one-time special event permits and separate applications are required for each event. In addition, residents need to be aware that the sale, possession and discharge of fireworks is strictly prohibited.

The regulations for the bonfires, and application forms can only be filled out and submitted in person to 580 Fitzwilliam Street. Deadline is Monday, October 31 at 12:00 pm for Halloween and 12:00 pm on Friday, November 4 for Guy Fawkes. Fees for these one time only special event permits have been waived.

We would also like to remind everyone that Halloween is a fun, and spooky time of year for kids. If children are wearing a mask, make sure they can see, give the kids a flashlight or glow stick so they can be seen.

*Strategic Link:* The City of Nanaimo is committed to Public Safety.

#### **Key Points**

- A Special Event Bonfire Permit is required for Halloween on October 31 and Guy Fawkes on November 5. Fees have been waived. Permits must be submitted by 12:00 pm on October 31 and November 4.
- The sale, transportation and discharging of fireworks within the City of Nanaimo is strictly prohibited, and subject to fines.
- Keep the kids safe by ensuring they can see out of their masks, while carrying a flashlight or glow stick. Drivers are reminded to watch for children crossing the roads.
- Residents are reminded to change the batteries in their smoke alarms on Sunday, November 6 as the clocks change back one hour.

#### **Quotes**

"We can all have fun and be safe at the same time. If you plan on taking part in Halloween or Guy Fawkes festivities, please ensure you have the proper permits in place."

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