

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Enjoy a Safe Halloween Season Without Fireworks

#### Summary

As Halloween approaches, the City of Nanaimo reminds residents of two important rules that enhance public safety.

The sale, possession and use of fireworks is banned in the City without a valid permit in accordance with Fireworks Regulation Bylaw 2007 No. 7049. In addition, residents are also reminded that bonfires are not allowed unless a special event burning permit is requested in person at 580 Fitzwilliam for Halloween (Oct 31) and Guy Fawkes Day (Nov 5). Both permits must be obtained before noon on those dates. All other burning regulations apply.

The City encourages residents to use caution when undertaking Halloween activities and to ensure any candles or other combustibles are fully extinguished after use.

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

#### Key Points

- The sale, possession, and use of fireworks is banned in the City without a valid permit in accordance with Fireworks Regulation Bylaw 2007 No. 7049.
- A special events burning permit is required for residents wishing to have a bonfire.
- We encourage residents to use caution during all Halloween activities.

#### Quotes

"Fireworks are banned in the City in the interest of public safety due to their high potential to cause personal injury and damage to property."

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