

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Complete burning ban effective Wednesday, August 17th at noon**

#### *Fire Risk in Community*

#### **Summary**

The Province of British Columbia has placed a ban on campfires. The City of Nanaimo will follow suit with a complete burning ban (including cooking fires) effective Wednesday August 17th, beginning at noon.

The following are permitted: cooking devices fueled by propane, natural gas, naphtha, kerosene, charcoal briquets or electricity such as barbecues, grills, smokers, portable or fixed campfire devices. It is important to ensure briquets are fully extinguished after use.

Contact Parks and Recreation for any information on City Parks at 250-756-5200.

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

#### **Key Points**

- The Province has put a campfire ban in place with the recent heat wave.
- The City of Nanaimo is advising residents there is a complete burning ban effective August 17th at noon.
- Outdoor cooking appliances such as barbecues are allowed. It is important to ensure briquets are fully extinguished after use.
- With hot weather the City is continuously responding to small accidental fires. Residents are also encouraged to use extreme caution with smoking materials and that rapid reporting of fires is critical.

#### **Quotes**

"With the recent notice from the Province of an increase to the fire risk, Nanaimo Fire Rescue is advising residents there is now a complete burning ban in the City of Nanaimo. We want to remind residents to be vigilant and report any fire activity quickly."

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