

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Burning ban lifted**

#### *Following Province Lifting Campfire Ban*

### **Summary**

The Coastal Fire Centre has issued an information bulletin indicating that, with the recent rains and cooler weather patterns Central Vancouver Island area has been experiencing, effective noon September 1, 2016, campfires will be permitted throughout the Coastal Fire Area

Although the campfire ban has been lifted, the City of Nanaimo bylaw remains in effect which does not allow open burning within City limits. Small confined cooking fires and private campground fires are permitted under the bylaw.

Nanaimo Fire Rescue would like to remind the public that early detection is always an important factor in reducing the risk of fire. The earlier a fire is detected and reported, the faster fire crews can control and suppress the fire.

Although we are experiencing cooler and damper weather, conditions continue to remain dry. Nanaimo Fire Rescue continuously responds to small accidental fires in planters and grassy areas. The majority of these fires are caused by carelessly discarded cigarettes. Please continue to safely and properly discard cigarettes and smoking materials.

If you see smoke or signs of fire, please do not hesitate to call 9-1-1. For more information on City of Nanaimo Burning bylaw visit [www.fire.nanaimo.ca](http://www.fire.nanaimo.ca) or call the non-emergency line at 250-753-7311.

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

### **Key Points**

- The Province has lifted the campfire ban.
- The City of Nanaimo is advising residents that small contained cooking fires are allowed. Open backyard burning is not allowed.

### **Quotes**

"The majority of small accidental fires in planters and grassy areas are caused by carelessly discarded cigarettes. Please continue to safely and properly discard cigarettes and smoking materials and report any fire activity quickly."

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