NEWS RELEASE

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Open Fires to be Prohibited in the City of Nanaimo

Burning ban takes effect at noon on July 17, 2018

Summary

The City of Nanaimo is placing a full ban on open fires beginning at noon on Tuesday, July 17. This ban comes one full day ahead of the Province of British Columbia's campfire ban, which goes into effect July 18.

This open fire ban includes all outdoor wood fires such as campfires and cooking fires. Sky lanterns and tiki torches are also not permitted.

The following are permitted:

Cooking devices fueled by propane, natural gas, naptha, kerosene, charcoal briquettes or electricity such as barbecues, grills, smokers, and portable or fixed campfire devices. It is important to ensure briquettes are fully extinguished after use.

The City of Nanaimo would also like to remind everyone that there is no smoking or fires permitted in our parks.

Strategic Link: The City of Nanaimo is committed to public safety.

Key Points

- This fire ban applies to all outdoor fires, except for those permitted fire and outdoor cooking options listed above.
- With the summer's hot and dry weather, the City is continuously responding to small accidental fires.
- Residents are also encouraged to use extreme caution when extinguishing smoking-related materials.

Quotes

"Solid fuel (wood) fires are not permitted because they produce embers. These embers, combined with dry and windy conditions, can be exceptionally dangerous."

Karen Fry
Fire Chief / Director of Public Safety
Nanaimo Fire Rescue

"With hotter weather comes an increased risk of any fire spreading quickly. It is important for residents to be vigilant in fire safety and to report all fires immediately by calling 911."

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