

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Open Fires to be prohibited by the City of Nanaimo

#### 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 Thursday August 4th, 2022, beginning at noon.

The following are still permitted at a private residence:

Cooking devices fueled by propane, natural gas, naphtha, kerosene, charcoal briquettes or electricity such as barbecues, grills, and smokers. 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 accidental fires.
- Residents are also encouraged to use extreme caution when extinguishing smoking-related materials.

#### Quotes

"Hot, dry weather increases the risk of wildfires. We are already seeing out-of-control fires around BC. We would like to remind residents that just one spark can ignite a wildfire. Please take all precautions to make sure everyone has a safe summer."

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