



## News Release

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### **Urgent reminder: open fire ban in effect for Campbell River**

The calls keep coming in about beach and backyard fires burning in Campbell River, and the Fire Department is reminding everyone about the fire ban in effect.

*“On Saturday, June 27, 2015, all open fires were banned in Campbell River until further notice. This ban applies to all recreational fires, including campfires on private lands and beach fires, including fires below the high tide mark,”* says fire chief Ian Baikie. *“We’re issuing this reminder because we’re still receiving multiple calls about beach fires and people burning in their backyard fire pits. The Fire Department is also responding to a significant number of outdoor fires along walking trails and sidewalks that are likely caused by cigarette butts that weren’t fully extinguished. We urge everyone to do your part to protect our community from fire during this hot, dry weather.”*

According to City bylaw, a ticket may be issued for burning when prohibited, a \$200 offense.

*“The same burning restrictions apply in Area D,”* Baikie confirms. *“The Strathcona Regional District is governed for open burning by the Provincial Wildfire Management Branch, which has enacted a burning ban for all open burning including campfires and beach fires.”*

Please contact the Campbell River Fire Department for inquiries at 250-286-6266.

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