

Parksville-Qualicum Beach Community Update

Campfire Ban Now in Effect

Effective today at noon and until further notice, all open burning, including campfires, beach fires and fireworks, are prohibited within the entire Qualicum Beach Fire Protection Area and the Parksville Fire Protection Area to help prevent human-caused wildfires and protect public safety. This ban has been implemented by the fire chiefs of Qualicum Beach Fire and Parksville Fire Rescue in conjunction with BC Wildfire Service.



This ban applies to open fires of any size, campfires, fireworks, sky lanterns, tiki torches and burning barrels. The ban does not apply to cooking stoves that use gas, propane or briquettes, or to portable campfire apparatus with a CSA or ULC rating using briquettes, liquid or gaseous fuel, that are not capable of producing a flame longer than 15 centimetres. Portable campfire apparatus that do not meet these conditions are prohibited.

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Beach fires are not permitted at any time in the Parksville Qualicum Wildlife Management Area which includes the entire waterfront in the Qualicum Beach and Parksville Fire protection areas.

Reporting should be as follows:

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| Fire emergency (threat to lives and/or property) | 911 |
| Beach fires (RAPP line) | 1 877 952-7277 |

For information on provincial wild fire activity, conditions and prohibitions, visit the Wildfire Management Branch website at bcwildfire.ca. To report a wildfire, call 1 800 663-5555 or *5555 on a mobile phone.

For more information, contact the fire department in your area:

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| Qualicum Beach Fire Protection Area | Qualicum Beach Fire Rescue | 250 752-6232 |
| Parksville Fire Protection Area | Parksville Fire Rescue | 250 248-3242 |

RDN Interactive Map

Today, the Regional District of Nanaimo announced the development of a fire protection and open burning regulations [interactive map](#) to help residents access fire services related information. The online tool shows residents which fire department provides fire protection services in their area and provides useful links to burning bylaws, venting index information and the province's website for the most up-to-date information on fire bans and restrictions.

Cameron Bluff Wildfire

The Cameron Bluffs wildfire is currently estimated at 140 hectares. BC Wildfire Service reports crews are making reasonable progress considering the burning conditions and that the fire is held within the containment area. There is currently no threat to critical infrastructure or homes and there are no evacuation alerts or orders in place.

Highway 4 is closed, and a detour is open between Youbou and Port Alberni. The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure advises that while the route is suitable for regular passenger vehicles and commercial vehicles under 14,500 kg, drivers are asked to avoid travel along the route unless it is essential. For drivers who must travel the route, the province urges preparation and caution. Drivers should fill their fuel tank, bring food and water supplies and be prepared for high temperatures along the route.

[Map showing gravel road detour route from Youbou to Port Alberni.](#)

City of Parksville and Town of Qualicum Beach emergency program staff are in regular contact with the Regional District of Nanaimo and are actively monitoring the situation. All partners attend the daily coordination call led by BCWS and there is strong communication and collaboration between all partner agencies.

Join the team!

If you are interested in joining the Oceanside Emergency Support Services or Oceanside Emergency Communications Team, contact Chris James at oessd@parksville.ca or 250 937-0448. Previous emergency support services or emergency communications experience isn't necessary as we will provide the training you will need.

Emergency Notifications with Voyent Alert!

In the event of an emergency, one of the ways Emergency Management Oceanside may notify you is by using alerts sent through Voyent Alert! This system allows community members to register online to receive messages relevant to their community through email, app, text message, or voice call.



Registration for Voyent Alert! is free. Go to register.voyent-alert.com to sign up today. Contact Kate at kpocock@parksville.ca or 250 954-4672 with questions about the system or registration process.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Town of Qualicum Beach

Town Hall is open to the public with full services. Hours of operation are Monday to Friday, 9 am to 4 pm (except statutory holidays). Although the office is open, residents are strongly encouraged to take advantage of the other payment options including payment through your financial institution; mail a cheque; or drop off a cheque at Town Hall drop box (location below). If you do wish to visit Town Hall to conduct business, masks are recommended while in the building.

- Email gbtown@qualicumbeach.com
- Phone 250 752-6921
- Post PO Box 130, Qualicum Beach V9K 1S7
- Mail Slot Out front of Town Hall, near the fountain
- Websites qualicumbeach.com
gbfirerescue.com

In accordance with public health orders from the Province of BC, the public is welcome to attend to in-person Council meetings. Council and select staff will attend in person, capacity limits will be monitored, and if required, alternative viewing location(s) will be provided.

City of Parksville

City offices are open to the public from 8 am to 4 pm and the operations department from 8 am to 4 pm, closed noon to 1 pm. Contact information:

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| General inquiries and finance department | 250 248-6144; info@parksville.ca |
| Administration and Office of the Mayor | 250 954-3060; administration@parksville.ca |
| Operations | 250 248-5412; ops@parksville.ca |
| Parksville Fire Rescue | 250 248-3242; fire@parksville.ca |

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