



# Village Update

## SPECIAL EDITION

# NO FIRES!



### NOTICE OF FIRE HAZARD LEVEL INCREASE TO "HIGH" AND CAMPFIRE BAN

The recent/on-going extreme heat event has allowed for the threat of wildfires in BC to increase. Wildfire ignitions are more likely now due to human-caused fires. Temperatures will remain 5-10 degrees above normal in the wake of the extreme heat event. As a result, the BC Wildfire Service has increased the rating for the Coastal Zone to **High** and will follow that up with a province-wide campfire ban beginning at noon, Wednesday, June 30, 2021. To keep up to date on the current fire ratings visit the [Provincial Wildfire Activity](#) site and to view the current bans and restrictions visit [Fire Bans and Restrictions](#) page.

In addition to the open fire and campfire bans, the Municipality would like to remind all residents and contractors of the fire causing potential of high-risk activities that may cause sparks such as:

- Excavating
- Drilling
- Grinding
- Hot works such as welding
- Mechanical Brushing or Land Clearing
- Trenching
- Using Fire or Spark Producing Tools, including chainsaws, angle grinders, and cutting tools
- Using or Preparing Fireworks or Pyrotechnics

Please ensure you or your contractors are extra vigilant during this period of extreme heat, curtail activity after 1 pm, have fire suppression supplies on hand and implement a two-hour post-construction activity fire watch where conditions warrant.

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Metro Vancouver is continuing an Air Quality Advisory for eastern Metro Vancouver and central Fraser Valley Regional District that was initiated on June 26 due to high concentrations of ground-level ozone.

The region is also experiencing increased haziness, which is likely being caused by secondary formation of particulate matter. At this time, levels of fine particulate matter remain better than ambient air quality objectives.

Avoid strenuous outdoor activities during mid-afternoon to early evening, when ozone levels are highest, especially if breathing feels uncomfortable. Consider choosing easier outdoor activities, such as walking instead of running, where you don't have to breathe as hard. Exposure is particularly a concern for people with underlying conditions such as lung disease, heart disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) including bronchitis and emphysema, as well as asthma, and/or diabetes; individuals with respiratory infections such as COVID-19; pregnant women and infants; children; outdoor workers (e.g. construction and agricultural workers); and older adults. Individuals who are socially marginalized may also be at elevated risk (e.g. people who are experiencing homelessness or are underhoused).

**REAL-TIME AIR QUALITY INFORMATION  
HERE**

To sign up for air quality alerts in your area, go to <http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/air-quality/engagement/mailling-list/Pages/default.aspx>

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# Happy Canada Day!

The Municipal Office will be closed on  
July 1st and reopen July 2nd



**Canada Day Celebrations will not occur this year  
due to COVID-19 restrictions.**

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