

## FIRE PROHIBITIONS WITHIN CITY OF TERRACE BOUNDARIES

Effective at noon on Thursday, July 28, 2022, the City of Terrace will be following the direction of the <u>provincial government</u> and implementing a fire ban within the City of Terrace boundaries, meaning no campfires, backyard fires, or open burning of any size will be permitted. At this time, Ferry Island will be exempt from this ban; campfires may still be lit in designated fire pits only.

A campfire is defined as any fire smaller than 0.5 metres high by 0.5 metres wide. Exempt devices include CSA-rated or ULC-rated cooking stoves that use gas, propane, or briquettes, or portable campfire apparatus that use briquettes, liquid fuel, or gaseous fuel, as long as the height of the flame is less than 15 cm tall.

All current burn permits within the City of Terrace have been cancelled and no new permits are being issued. These prohibitions will remain in effect until noon on October 15, 2022, or until the public is otherwise notified.

"The provincial ban does not cover municipal campgrounds managed by municipal bylaw, so we are able to continue to allow campfires on Ferry Island. This is a common practice we have done in previous years during fire bans because Ferry Island is contained, has readily available access to water through a fire hydrant, and only allows campers to burn dry, seasoned wood. The Fire Department monitors Ferry Island carefully and, if necessary, we may need to prohibit campfires on Ferry Island if conditions require it," said Dave Jephson, Deputy Fire Chief of the Terrace Fire Department.

Please direct burning complaints to the City of Terrace Fire Department at 250-638-4734. For more information, visit <u>https://www.terrace.ca/fire</u>.

Resources provided by BC Wildfire Service: <u>Fire Bans and Restrictions</u> <u>Open Fire Regulations poster</u>

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