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For Immediate Release

No Outdoor Burning Permits to be Issued

Out of concern for the health of our community members, the Village will not be issuing any outdoor burning permits until further notice. Yard waste may be hauled to the Transfer Station, where it is accepted at no charge. Please refer to Regional District's webpage for information on what organic waste is accepted at no charge:

<http://rdffg.bc.ca/services/environment/waste-reduction/composting>

At this time, we have a significant public health emergency, COVID-19. This virus has the ability to severely impair a person's breathing, especially those with pre-existing respiratory issues. Burning outdoors and impacting our air quality, will further impair the health of those people most vulnerable to COVID-19.

Outdoor burning, without a permit, is contrary to Village Bylaws and may result in fines being issued. Please note that small campfires, that do not require a permit, are allowed.

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