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Activate your winter! City endorses the use of portable propane fire pits in Polson Park

At its Regular Meeting of January 25, 2021, Council adopted a bylaw to allow propane fire pits in Polson Park until April 5, 2021. The pilot will allow residents to use a propane fire pit within the designated area of Polson Park, inside the oval (*see map below*).

“This pilot project will help provide a safe and fun activity that can be done within the Public Health Orders,” said Mayor Victor Cumming. “Spending time around a portable fire pit in Polson Park is something that can get families outside, and help them enjoy the Okanagan winter.”

Fire pit users need to be aware of the following:

- There must be a minimum of 10 metres between fire pits.
- Fire pits can only be used between 9:00 a.m. and dusk.
- Fire pits must be within the designated area.
- British Columbia Public Health Orders must be followed.
- Fire pits must be operated safely, according to the manufacturer specifications, and must be supervised at all times.

Full details on the pilot can be found in Bylaw 5848: *A Bylaw to allow the temporary use of portable propane fire pits in Polson Park*, located [here](#).

When making plans, please be aware that Polson Park will be closed to the public from February 5 to 14, 2021 to accommodate Winter Carnival activities.

A map of the designated area in Polson Park and an example of a propane fire pit are available below.

