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Vernon Fire Rescue responds to fire in Polson Park

Vernon Fire Rescue Services (VFRS) was called to reports of a fire in Polson Park Monday morning.

Just after 9:00 a.m., firefighters received multiple reports that a tent was on fire in the park, near the railroad tracks behind the Polson Place Mall. Upon arrival, firefighters knocked the fire down quickly and kept it from spreading to nearby trees or other areas of the park.

“The fire was contained to a small area of the park and no nearby structures were at risk,” said Deputy Fire Chief Dwight Seymour. “An investigation indicates the fire was started from a camp stove that was inside the tent. It appears an individual who was living in the tent was using the stove to keep warm and woke up to the fire.”

No injuries were reported in the incident.

VFRS and Bylaw Compliance officers requested local social service agencies to attend the scene in order to offer assistance to the individuals involved, where possible.

“The Okanagan has experienced a very warm and mild winter so far this year,” said Deputy Chief Seymour. “With much colder temperatures in the forecast this week, we anticipate residents will start using more heat sources such as electric heaters, fireplaces and stoves. Everyone is reminded to use extra caution with these devices and follow manufacturer’s instructions.”