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BC Wildfire Service Fire Camp at Kin Race Track

Residents in the Alexis Park area may notice an increased amount of activity behind Kal Tire Place as the BC Wildfire Service establishes a fire camp on the former Kin Race Track lands.

The North Okanagan Complex fire camp will be a base of operations for approximately 200 firefighters and support staff responding to wildfires in the North Okanagan, including the White Rock Lake wildfire. The camp is anticipated to be operational for the next four to six weeks.

The BC Wildfire Service sets up camps where they are needed to house and feed firefighting personnel and support staff through the duration of an incident. The fire camp provides tent sites for firefighters, kitchen facilities, shower and washroom facilities, warehousing, and incident management offices.

Fire camps are active work sites and access is limited to BC Wildfire Service personnel and approved visitors only. Therefore, members of the public are asked not to use the Kin Race Track area while camp operations are in place, and to respect the privacy of those who will be calling the fire camp home while they get their much-needed rest.

For those who may normally use the Kin Race Track area for recreation or walking their dog, residents are encouraged to visit and explore other parks or trails around the City where dogs are permitted.

The City of Vernon welcomes BC Wildfire Service to our community and would like to thank all firefighters and support personnel who are working tirelessly across the province in response to wildfire activities taking place.

With continued hot and dry conditions, a province-wide fire ban remains in place and campfires are prohibited within Vernon's municipal boundary. Everyone is encouraged to remain vigilant and practice safe behaviours when spending time outdoors.

To report a fire within the municipal boundary, call **911** immediately. To report a wildfire, call the BC Wildfire Service at **1 800 663-5555 toll-free** or ***5555 on a cellphone**.

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Stay informed on the latest wildfire information and evacuation notices in the North Okanagan and across BC by visiting accurate and reliable information sources:

- BC Wildfire Service: bcwildfire.ca
- BC Wildfire Service updates on White Rock Lake fire: <http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/OneFire.asp?ID=855>
- Regional District of North Okanagan: rdno.ca
- Okanagan Indian Band: okib.ca