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SEEKING THEIR MUSE: Eva Vanden Heuvel, left, and Nelly Lang work on haiku poems during the Whistler Arts Council's ArtWalk Block Party in Function Junction on Friday (Aug. 6). The event, part of the ongoing ArtWalk festivities, included food, music, painted models and exhibits at various Function Junction studios and galleries.

Fire ban remains in effect in Sea to Sky corridor

Cool, showery weather on the weekend provided a respite for B.C. firefighting crews working to contain the province's many wildfires. However, the fire hazard is still high and could move back to extreme with this week's forecast return of warm, dry weather. A ban on all open fires remains in effect throughout the region.

The small fires that challenged firefighters in the Whistler-Pemberton region last week have mostly subsided, but the much larger Jade Mountain fire in the Yalakom Valley north of Lillooet was only 50 per cent contained as of Wednesday (Aug. 11). It has so far burned approximately 1,700 hectares of forest, with 120 firefighters and five helicopters on the scene.

As of Saturday (Aug. 7), the forest fire hazard in Whistler was rated as high, but it was expected to return to extreme by today (Aug. 12). Barbecues are allowed provided they are used and extinguished in a safe manner. Campfires, fireworks, burn barrels and tiki torches are not allowed.

To report a fire, dial *5555 on a cell phone or 1-800-663-5555.