



VIEW ROYAL NEWS

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TOWN HALL HOURS & CLOSURES

Hours of operation are Monday to Friday, 8:30 am — 4:30 pm, excluding statutory holidays. Town Hall will be closed on the following dates for statutory holidays and winter break.

- Monday, October 9, 2017
- Monday, November 13, 2017
- Winter Break December 22 close at 2 pm — January 2, 2018. Town Hall re-opens Tuesday, January 2, 2018 @ 8:30 am.
- Monday, February 12, 2018
- Friday, March 30, 2018
- Monday, April 2, 2018

NEWS AND REMINDERS

- Halloween Fun Oct. 31 at the Public Safety Building 6 pm — 9 pm 333 Island Highway
- Sewer User Fees are due before the end of 2017. Please see pg. 4 for more information.
- Business Licence Renewal deadline is January 31, 2018
- Secondary Suite Renewal deadline is February 28, 2018
- CRD Dog Licence Renewal deadline is March 1, 2018
- Free to the Public: Emergency Preparedness Workshop Tuesday, Nov. 7 6:30 pm — 8 pm Training Room at View Royal Public Safety Building (Fire Hall) 333 Island Hwy. Email [emer-gencyprogram@viewroyal.ca](mailto:emergencyprogram@viewroyal.ca) or call 250-479-7322 to reserve a seat.
- Lawn and Garden Waste Curbside Collection November 2017. Please see pg. 4 for more information.



FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK



staff, and residents. We wish her all the best and thank her for her outstanding contributions to View Royal.

The last few months have seen some major changes in View Royal personnel. Our Deputy Director of Engineering, Deb Becelaere, has left the Town after 14 years with us. Deb has been instrumental in ensuring that our Town is maintained to such a high standard and she will be missed by Council,

In August, Councillor Heidi Rast accepted a new position in Prince Edward Island and has resigned her Council seat. Heidi has been a part of Council since 2008 and has made many contributions to the Town over the last 9 years. She has been the chair of protective services for all of that time and was a key part of seeing the new fire hall completed. Again we wish Heidi and her husband, Leland, all the best and recognize her service to our Town.

This summer has seen some of the worst forest fires ever in BC, and as you will read elsewhere in this newsletter, View Royal's contribution to fighting those fires and aiding those in need has been impressive. On behalf of Council, I would like to thank our firefighters and our Emergency Support Services' volunteers who gave up so much of their time to offer assistance. We should all be proud that our small Town can offer such significant aid when called upon.

Soon it will be time to begin planning for next year's budget. Council is always interested in hearing from residents about services they would like to see or possible improvements in neighbourhoods and parks. Please feel free to contact any member of Council in this regard or attend a budget meeting with your thoughts.

Please remember to vote in the upcoming by-election on November 18. With a smaller Council such as ours, every member plays a vital role and it is important to ensure that we have a good voter turnout. It is also important to have a good field of candidates to choose from. If you have ever had an interest in serving your community, please consider running.

As always, please feel free to contact me or members of Council with your concerns and questions. We welcome your input and are always looking for ways to better engage residents.

With best regards,

David Screech



UPCOMING NOVEMBER 2017 BY-ELECTION

A by-election is being held to elect one Councillor to serve the remainder of a 4-year term ending in the fall of 2018. General voting day is Saturday, November 18, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and will be held in the gymnasium at View Royal Elementary School (located at 218 Helmcken Road). Advance voting will be on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 and Wednesday, November 15, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at View Royal Town Hall Council Chambers (located at 45 View Royal Avenue) on both of these days.

For further information regarding this by-election – including voter eligibility, who is running as a candidate, voter identification you will need to bring to the voting place, and more – please visit www.viewroyal.ca or contact Elena Bolster, Deputy Chief Election Officer, at 250-479-6800.

CANADA 150 STREET BANNER DESIGN CONTEST WINNERS

Earlier this year, the Town of View Royal held a design contest for banners for the Canada 150 celebrations. Students were asked to design a banner that depicted what our great country means to them. These are the winning designs:



The winning banner artists each received an official banner. The banners are displayed on Helmcken Road and Island Highway as well as in the Town Hall. Thanks to all contestants for submitting their fantastic designs!

FAREWELL TO COUNCILLOR RAST



Councillor Rast has served on Town of View Royal Council for nine years, she was Chair of the Town's Protective Services and Community Services Sub-Committee to the Committee of the Whole, and Council liaison for the Community Development Advisory Committee. During her time on Council, she served as a Director for the Capital Region Emergency Services Telecommunication Inc. (CREST) and was the Town's representative to the CRD Climate Action Steering Committee, Community Policing and Police Building Liaison Committee. She developed a close working relationship with the Protective Services Department and was unfailingly kind and respectful of staff and the public. Her steady presence at the Council table will be sorely missed. On behalf of the Town of View Royal Council and staff, thank you Councillor Rast and we wish you all the best in your new position.

VOLUNTEER INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL PROGRAM EXPANDS

Volunteers were busy in View Royal's parks last spring. They made significant progress controlling invasive plants in Mellor, Burnside Watkiss, Edwards and Portage parks. Tonnes of Scotch Broom, English Ivy, Himalayan Blackberry and other garden escapees were removed. After a well-earned summer break, the volunteers are eager to get back to work. If you would like to help, please join us for one or more of the work parties listed below. No experience necessary. We'll provide training, gloves, tools and refreshments. It's a great way to socialize with your neighbours while lending a helping hand to maintain our local healthy habitats.

Invasive Plant Removal Work Parties:
October 7, 14, 21, 22, 28, and November 4
Time: 10 am – 1 pm.

For locations and more information contact Chris at restorevr@gmail.com or checkout our website and facebook sites: <http://www.viewroyal.ca/EN/main/town/volunteer-view-royal.html> [facebook.com/viewroyalvolunteer](https://www.facebook.com/viewroyalvolunteer).

WE HAVE A SPOT FOR YOU

VIEW ROYAL FIRE RESCUE IS NOW RECRUITING
 Applications available on-line @ www.viewroyalfire.ca or call 250-479-7322 for more information

VIEW ROYAL FIRE ATTENDS BC WILDFIRES 2017

During the months of July and August your Fire Department deployed over 20 members and equipment to battle wildfires that were threatening the communities of Williams Lake, Clinton and Cache Creek. Over the 5 week deployment, more than 2000 combined hours were spent by View Royal firefighters site prepping, mitigating hazards, firefighting and evacuation planning. View Royal formed part of a larger task force charged with the responsibility of protecting over 400 million dollars in logs, infrastructure and lumber stock in the communities' mills. The experience gained across the board will be invaluable to the Town of View Royal and its neighbours in assessing our own needs should a major wildfire threaten this community.

Successful operations such as these are only possible with the support of our volunteer firefighters' families and the support of Mayor and Council in the authorization of the deployments, so thank you to all of those behind the scenes who made the operation successful.



"In mid-July, 2017 you and your team came to the aid of our city and businesses to help protect us from the worst risk of wildfire our city has ever seen. The relief and comfort that all of our employees at Tolko experienced when your teams showed up on our site for fire assessment and execution planning was stirring and will not be forgotten any time soon". Plant Manager – Soda Creek Lumber Division

WELLAND LEGACY PARK

Volunteer Work Parties are a great opportunity to meet new friends and learn about fruit tree care throughout the year. This fall we'll be spreading mulch, repairing our espalier trellis, continuing to harvest apples and getting our public community orchard ready for winter. Kids welcome!



- Sunday, October 1st, 1 - 4 pm
- Sunday, October 15th, 2:30 - 4pm (after our Native Pollinator Workshop)
- Sunday, November 5th, 1 - 4pm
- Sunday, November 19th, 1 - 4pm

Native Pollinators Workshop:

Sunday, October 15th, 1 pm - 2:30 pm, free for View Royal residents, \$5 for general public.

What is an orchard without its pollinators? A whole lot of trees with not a fruit in sight! It's thanks to our hard-working insect friends, flying from flower to flower, that we get any fruit at the Welland Legacy Park at all. Join our Native Pollinator steward, Brian Yeo, to learn about one of the most important parts of the Welland Legacy Park & Community Orchard.

This is a great opportunity to learn the step-by-step processes to help care for our native orchard pollinators.

For more information or to join our mailing list, visit

www.lifecyclesproject.ca/welland or email welland@lifecyclesproject.ca.

VIEW ROYAL EMERGENCY PROGRAM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Emergency Radio Team – Provides emergency communications during major emergencies and disasters. The Team meets weekly via radio net. Emergency management training and amateur radio licence provided free.

Emergency Support Services Team (ESS) – Provides emergency support to residents displaced due to emergencies or disasters. The Team delivers public education regarding emergency preparedness and assists with support to emergency responders. ESS and emergency management training are provided free and the Team meets monthly.

Interested or have questions?

Contact View Royal Emergency Program at 250-479-7322 or email: emergencyprogram@viewroyal.ca.

WILDFIRES OF 2017

This summer has been a busy one for emergency responders assisting with the response to the wildfires throughout the Province, and not only for our firefighters, but also for our View Royal/Colwood Emergency Support Services (ESS) Team. It has been a summer they won't forget. Our small team (30 members) deployed 4 volunteers to lead and support roles in the evacuation reception centres: 2 to Kamloops, 1 to 100 Mile House, and 1 to Williams Lake. This equates to over 460 volunteer working hours and over 3 weeks away from home. In addition, 11 of our ESS members volunteered to staff 1/3 of the shifts at the Evacuee Call Centre at the Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre located on Keating X Rd. in Central Saanich, equating to another 400 hours of volunteer time. All this was done while still maintaining sufficient coverage in View Royal and Colwood.

While the roles of our firefighters were vital to protecting property and infrastructure, our ESS team provided much needed support to the thousands of individuals and families that were evacuated. We are extremely proud of the commitment and effort our team provided during the State of Provincial Emergency.

What did our ESS team learn?

1. No matter how much you train, prepare and practice, nothing teaches like facing 1000 evacuees a day.
2. Evacuees were woefully unprepared for major emergency events.
3. We need more volunteers.

What can you do?

1. Volunteer for our local Emergency Support Services Team.
2. Attend an emergency preparedness workshop.
3. Build your family emergency plan, and your kit of important documentation (copies on a thumb drive are good). Don't forget to stock supplies for at least a week.

ESS is a provincially mandated program to look after the immediate needs of evacuees that have been displaced by fires, floods and other emergencies and disasters. It is administered and populated by residents of municipalities; we rely on local volunteers to maintain a healthy program that ensures a team is always ready to respond when our community or other communities need them the most. By next summer, you too could help where needed. Please email emergencyprogram@viewroyal.ca or call 250-479-7322 if you would like more information regarding volunteer opportunities.

THE GREAT BC SHAKEOUT

Don't leave it to luck. Get the facts on how to protect yourself during an earthquake by participating in the Great British Columbia Shakeout at 10:19 a.m. on Thursday, October 19, 2017.

Register today at www.shakeoutbc.ca and join more than 770,000 British Columbians for the seventh annual "Drop, Cover and Hold On" drill.





2017 SEWER USER FEE INVOICE

The Town of View Royal will be mailing the 2017 sewer user fee invoices very soon. The due date for these invoices will be before the end of the year. Any balances outstanding will be transferred to arrears property taxes, effective January 1, 2018.

Reminder: Commencing in 2011, Strata Developments with only one water meter received one sewer user fee invoice for the entire Strata complex. Individual unit owners in these Strata Developments do not receive individual invoices as they have in past years. Strata Developments that have a water meter for each strata unit will continue to have the sewer user fee invoices go to each individual unit owner. If you have not received your invoice by October 31, 2017, please contact the Finance Department at 250-708-2270.

2018 Sewer User Fee: Please be advised that the consumption portion of your 2018 Sewer User Fee Invoice will be based on November 2017 – April 2018 water consumption. If you experience a water leak during that period, your 2018 fee will be affected and you may qualify for a leak adjustment. Please visit www.viewroyal.ca to review the leak adjustment policy for eligibility requirements, and **keep all records pertaining to the leak**. This will help us in assisting you through the adjustment process.

VIEW ROYAL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (VRCA)

View Royal has a community association that predates the town (1943) and continues to provide service for the benefit of residents. The VRCA is a society (not a social club) whose purpose is to own, maintain and operate a community hall and ancillary equipment for the promotion of social, recreational, economic, political and general welfare of the taxpayers and residents of the Town of View Royal. As well, in the event of emergency or civic disaster, VRCA will make the community hall and other association resources available, free of charge, to established municipal, regional, provincial and/or federal emergency defence or disaster control agencies. Thanks to the effort and foresight of earlier View Royal residents, VRCA owns the land and building at 279 Island Highway. View Royal Pre-school and Daycare rent the building's upper and lower floors during the weekdays. Evenings and weekends are available for rental by residents and other members (<http://vrca.weebly.com/>). VRCA has general meetings 3 times a year (March, September and November) and has hosted speakers, community action and information meetings, BBQs, and community picnics to encourage all residents to join the Association. Members are encouraged to bring their ideas for the betterment of the community. Individual memberships are \$5 per year and business corporate memberships are \$25 per year. If you would like to contribute to your community by becoming a VRCA member or if you would like to be kept informed of VRCA's community activities you can send an email to vrca2011@gmail.com or telephone 250-888-5801.

VIEW ROYAL ARCHIVES is looking for donations of photographs of activity in Esquimalt Harbour. Please contact us at 250-479-6800 or archives@viewroyal.ca if you have any old photographs to donate of log booms, industry or recreation activities.

LAWN AND GARDEN WASTE CURBSIDE COLLECTION IN NOVEMBER 2017



The Town's waste collection contractor, Waste Management, will be collecting lawn and garden waste (grass, leaves, flowers, shrub clippings, weeds and small branches) from the curbside of View Royal residential homes this fall on the following dates:

- For those residents who get their weekly garbage picked up on **TUESDAYS**, your lawn and garden waste pick-up day will be **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017**.
- For those residents who get their weekly garbage picked up on **WEDNESDAYS**, your lawn and garden waste pick-up day will be **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017**.
- For those residents who get their weekly garbage picked up on **THURSDAYS**, your lawn and garden waste pick-up day will be **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017**.
- For those residents who get their weekly garbage picked up on **FRIDAYS**, your lawn and garden waste pick-up day will be **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2017**.

THE PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW ARE:

All items are to be placed at the end of your driveway at the curbside by **7:00am** on the day of your collection. We will accept these items **ONLY**:

GRASS, LEAVES, FLOWERS, SHRUB CLIPPINGS & WEEDS

These are to be put in RECYCLABLE BROWN PAPER YARD WASTE BAGS and weigh no more than **35 pounds** each. Please shake off any extra soil from flowers and weeds to reduce weight. NOTE: Invasive and noxious weeds, such as Scotch Broom, English Ivy, and Himalayan Blackberry are not allowed in this collection service. They are allowed in Hartland Landfill and can be included in your weekly garbage.

BUNDLED BRANCHES: Branches are to be no longer than 3 ft. in length, no more than 3 inches in diameter, and are to be bundled and then tied with string in bundles that weigh no more than **35 pounds** each.

Each resident is allowed up to **5** of the above bags or bundles in total. If you would like to put out more than this, you can purchase Extra Bag Decals at the Town Hall for \$3.00 each, for each additional bag or bundle over this limit.

IF YOUR LAWN & GARDEN WASTE DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE, IT WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.

This service does not include composted food materials and please note that this service applies only to those residences that are part of the Town's Residential Garbage & Organics Program. NOTE: Private strata roads can't accommodate the size of the lawn and garden waste collection truck. Residents on these roads need to place their lawn and garden waste at the edge of the main road into the strata.

For more information about this service or to report a missed pick up, please contact the Town Hall at (250) 479-6800 or Waste Management at (250) 652-6242.

A reminder that View Royal residents can also drop off their lawn & garden waste at Trio Landscape Supply, 109 Hallowell Road, or at Ellice Recycle Ltd., 524 David Street, both free of charge at the gate. Trio is open 7 days per week, including statutory holidays, and can be contacted by phone at (250) 658-5235 or by visiting their website at triolandscapesupply.com for more information. Ellice Recycle is open 7 days a week, excluding statutory holidays, and can be contacted by phone at (250) 386-4342 or by visiting their website at ellicerecycle.com for more information.