



# 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:

- Friday, April 14, 2017
- Monday, April 17, 2017
- Monday, May 22, 2017
- Monday, July 3, 2017
- Monday, August 7, 2017
- Monday, September 4, 2017

**Summer Hours are in effect  
Wednesday, July 5 to  
Friday, September 1,  
8:00 am — 4:00 pm.**

## CONTACT NUMBERS:

**CRD Animal Control**  
250-478-0624

**CRD Water Department**  
250-474-9600

**RCMP**  
250-474-2264

**Shoreline Community School**  
250-386-8367

**Trio Landscape Supply**  
250-658-5235

**View Royal Public Safety Building**  
250-479-7322

**View Royal Archives**  
archives@viewroyal.ca

**View Royal Reading Centre**  
250-479-2723

**Waste Management**  
250-652-6242

**West Shore Parks & Recreation**  
250-478-8384



## From The Mayor's Desk

By the time you receive this newsletter, work will have begun on the region's long awaited sewage treatment plant. While I understand the many divergent opinions on this issue, I believe it is important to be moving forward. Not only will the region be acting in a more environmentally responsible manner, we will also be in full compliance with senior government legislation. While there are property tax implications for our residents, we have worked hard to keep the new charges to a minimum. This year is the fourth of an incremental increase on the tax notices so the majority of the new charges are in place.

Work is well underway on the Town's annual budget, and both staff and Council are carefully examining the many competing demands that are placed on the Town's financial resources.

In the near future the Province will be releasing the results of the governance study they commissioned for the region. It would appear that the study has been focusing largely on the integration of services. View Royal already participates in many shared services with our neighbouring municipalities allowing us to deliver these services to our residents in a cost effective manner. We will share the results of this study when it is completed.

There are many development applications in progress throughout the Town and some high profile rezoning applications have been received. Of particular note is the approval of over 235 units of purpose built rental housing in the last few months. With the region's rental vacancy rate hovering at 0.5%, these new units cannot come on stream fast enough. Work has begun on the major renovations at the View Royal Casino and we await with anticipation the new entertainment venue there.

There is a group from Leadership Victoria that is spearheading a "neighbour day" initiative in the Capital Region. Studies show that over 50% of us do not know our neighbours. The values of connecting with one's neighbours and the community building that comes from that are important. Have a look at the website [www.neighbourdayvictoria.com](http://www.neighbourdayvictoria.com) and plan to take part May 7th. The day is dedicated to opening doors and engaging with neighbours.

On July 1st Canada will be celebrating its 150th birthday. Details are still being finalized for an event the Town will co-host at Craigflower Manor – please plan to attend. Craigflower Manor is a location of key historical significance within our community and it seems a fitting location to celebrate our nation's birthday.

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 with residents.

Best regards, David Screech



## CANADA DAY IN VIEW ROYAL

Join us at historic Craigflower Manor on Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup> to celebrate Canada Day. To mark the 150<sup>th</sup> year since confederation, the Town of View Royal, the Victoria Highland Games Association and Volunteer View Royal invite you to partake in the day-long festivities. Try your hand at some traditional Highland games, watch dance performances, and listen to music. As well, there will be children's games, tours of Craigflower Manor, and a concession if you get hungry. Admission to the site will be free. Details are being finalized and will be posted on the Town's website as they become available ([www.viewroyal.ca](http://www.viewroyal.ca)).



# Oil to Heat Pump

INCENTIVE PROGRAM

## INCENTIVES STILL AVAILABLE TO CONVERT HOME HEATING FROM OIL TO HEAT PUMP

### Winter is Coming

Although spring has sprung and flowers are now blooming, it is not too early to prepare for the next cold season. If you have an oil furnace, you can save on energy costs and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions by upgrading to an efficient electric air source heat pump. The Provincial Oil to Heat Pump Incentive Program offers up to \$1,700 per home. Also, a limited number of additional incentives of \$150 from the Capital Regional District are still available. More information can be found at:

[oiltoheatpump.ca](http://oiltoheatpump.ca).



## 10th ANNUAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FAIR AND DISPLAY



Sunday May 7th 2017, 11am — 3pm

Westshore Parks and Recreation  
(JDF Sr. Activity Centre) 1767 Island Hwy

To kick off Emergency Preparedness Week, Emergency Services and organizations from around the region will be showcasing emergency vehicles and equipment. Indoor and outdoor displays - food services - emergency supplies - Activities for the kids!

## GET CONNECTED WITH THE TOWN OF VIEW ROYAL

Town of View Royal wants you to get connected and stay informed about the latest news, public notices, events, newsletters and agendas and minutes.



Email Notifications: sign up at: [www.viewroyal.ca](http://www.viewroyal.ca)



'Like' our Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/townofviewroyal](http://www.facebook.com/townofviewroyal)



Follow us on Twitter at: [www.twitter.com/townofviewroyal](http://www.twitter.com/townofviewroyal)

You can sign up for monthly e-newsletters to get timely information on happenings in the Town.

For more information on how you can get connected: Phone: 250-479-6800, email: [info@viewroyal.ca](mailto:info@viewroyal.ca) or check out our website: [www.viewroyal.ca](http://www.viewroyal.ca).



## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOPS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2017  
2 SESSIONS

- 2:00 — 3:30 pm
- 6:30 — 8:00 pm

Both sessions are at the View Royal Public Safety Building at 333 Island Highway.

Please call the View Royal Emergency Program at 250-479-7322 or email [emergencyprogram@viewroyal.ca](mailto:emergencyprogram@viewroyal.ca) to reserve a seat.

There will be other workshops and Emergency Preparedness Events available to the public throughout the region.



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: VIEW ROYAL EMERGENCY PROGRAM

**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](mailto:emergencyprogram@viewroyal.ca).

## WELLAND LEGACY PARK



Looking to learn more about growing delicious fruit in your own backyard? Want to get involved in an amazing community orchard project? Looking to spend some time volunteering outdoors? Welland Legacy Park & Community Orchard has some great opportunities to get involved & learn with us!

Volunteer work parties are every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month from March to October (except holiday weekends). These are a great opportunity to check out the Orchard, meet new people, and learn a bit about fruit trees, pollinators or soil building. There is a low commitment level; you can just come when you have a free Sunday. In the spring & fall we meet in the afternoon to take advantage of warmer afternoons, and in the summer we meet in the morning before it gets too hot to work! Dates and times for 2017 are as follows:

**Sundays: April 2nd & 23rd, May 7th & 21st from 1 pm to 4 pm**

**Sundays: June 4th & 18th, July 16th, August 20th from 10 am to 1 pm**

**Sundays: September 17th, October 1st & 15th from 1 pm to 4 pm**

We also hold workshops on pruning, grafting, and other orchard topics as the season dictates and have positions for volunteers with particular skills to offer. Check out our website <http://lifecyclesproject.ca/> or like & follow our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Wellandlegacypark/> to stay up to date on events!

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

On September 29, 1912, the Victoria Daily Colonist published the first of a series of full-page advertisements announcing a new real estate development: View Royal. From the Helmcken family the Island Investment Company had bought 80 acres of rocky farmland fronting on upper Esquimalt Harbour. Quarter-acre lots were offered for \$500 (soon \$600) to \$7,500.

"View Royal has a royal view," said their sales pamphlet. "Esquimalt, the harbor, (sic) the Straits, and the Olympics, make a glorious panorama." It was "the cream" of Esquimalt Harbour. Sunshine, seashore, scenery, fishing, hunting, boating and bathing were lures. Piped water and roads were pledged. Electricity was mentioned but not promised.

Why didn't the developer name us Royal View? Protocol of that time might have called for consent from Buckingham Palace.

"View Royal" stuck. Land between Limekiln Cove and the Four Mile Hill was settled slowly for decades. It would be 1988 before the Town of View Royal was incorporated as a municipality.

*View Royal Archives  
Submitted by B. Stavdal*

## YARD AND GARDEN WASTE DROP OFF FACILITIES FOR RESIDENTS

Residents of View Royal and Esquimalt can drop off yard and garden waste for composting at Trio Landscape Supply, 109 Hollowell Road, or at Ellice Recycle Ltd., 524 David Street. The facilities are operated by Trio and Ellice Recycle under contract to the Township of Esquimalt. View Royal in turn has a cost sharing agreement with Esquimalt.

There is no user fee to drop off yard and garden waste for residents of View Royal and Esquimalt. Proof of residency is required by showing the facility operator valid vehicle registration. For those residents who use either facility regularly, residential decals for vehicle windshields can be obtained at the Trio Landscape Supply location.

### LOCATIONS AND HOURS OF OPERATION:

Trio Landscape Supply is located at 109 Hollowell Road (at the corner of Admirals Road) across from the entrance to Admirals Walk Shopping Centre. Trio is open 7 days per week including statutory holidays. For hours of operation, or for more information, please contact Trio Landscape Supply by phone at (250) 658-5235 or visit the website at [triolandscapesupply.com](http://triolandscapesupply.com).

Ellice Recycle is located at 524 David Street off Bridge Street in Victoria. Ellice is open 7 days per week excluding statutory holidays. For hours of operation, or for more information, please contact Ellice Recycle by phone at (250) 386-4342 or visit the website at [www.ellicecycle.com](http://www.ellicecycle.com).

A reminder to residents that the Town provides a collection service for lawn and garden waste (grass, leaves, flowers, shrub clippings, weeds and small branches) at the curbside of residential homes every fall (November). Please contact the Town Hall or visit the Town's website for more information.



## VIEW ROYAL ARCHIVES DEPARTMENT

The Town Archives has an active volunteer program and dedicated volunteer group that continues to donate their skills and time to help to enrich the understanding of View Royal History. If you are interested in volunteering and becoming part of the Town of View Royal Archives Team, please contact us at:

[archives@viewroyal.ca](mailto:archives@viewroyal.ca) or 250-708-2274. We are located in the Town Hall and meet weekly to work on a variety of projects including:

- **Responding to Research Requests**
- **Researching and Creating Displays**
- **Accessioning Archival Donations**
- **Providing Presentations and Tours**
- **Working on Digitalization Projects**

We also welcome inquiries from everyone with an interest in the history of View Royal and look forward to hearing from you.



## PROPERTY TAXES



## 2017 PROPERTY TAXES

## DUE TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2017

2017 property tax notices will be mailed out to property owners in the last week of May 2017. Any unpaid 2017 property taxes or unclaimed 2017 Home Owner Grants as of 12:01 midnight, July 5, 2017, will have a 10% penalty added to the outstanding balance. Please note, there are no exceptions.

## PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT OPTIONS

We have many payment options available, including a program for property owners to pre-pay their annual property taxes. It is an optional payment plan that provides an opportunity for taxpayers to make 10 equal monthly prepayments for the following year's estimated property taxes.

Please go to the Property Taxes section of [www.viewroyal.ca](http://www.viewroyal.ca) to learn more about prepayment plans and other property tax payment options.

## MUNICIPAL ON-LINE SERVICES



The Town of View Royal has an online services system, enabling you to access real-time property tax information as well as claim your Home Owner Grant. Some information such as assessment is public, while private information is password protected on a secure server. For claiming your Grant you will need to input the last eight digits of your roll number and the access code displayed on your tax notice. Please note, you can only claim your Home Owner Grant once you receive your tax notice. Register as a user today and gain access to information such as your transaction history and property tax account balance. Please visit [www.viewroyal.ca](http://www.viewroyal.ca) and click on 'Online Services' to learn more.

## MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS



Councillor  
Ron Mattson



Mayor  
David Screech



Councillor  
Heidi Rast



Councillor  
John  
Rogers



Councillor  
Aaron  
Weisgerber



Capital Region  
Invasive Species Partnership

The Town of View Royal is a member of CRISP (Capital Region Invasive Species Partnership), which includes representatives from all local governments in the Capital Region working together to provide more efficient and effective invasive species management. High risk invasive species such as Knotweed, Giant Hogweed, and Fire Ants pose significant threats to public health, the environment and the economy.

CRISP local government members:

- Share information
- Build regional outreach programs
- Increase regional management of invasive species
- Work with other regional and provincial partners

Visit the CRISP website at <http://crispinvasives.ca> for more information and to learn about:

- How to report priority invasive species
- Regional Priority Invasive Plant Status List
- Regional species alert sheets and treatment methods
- Information about the regional "early detection rapid response" program
- Information about other programs such as PlantWise
- Contact information, such as the CRISP Coordinator at [crispcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:crispcoordinator@gmail.com)



Giant  
Hogweed

## THE GIFT FOR SOMEONE WHO HAS EVERYTHING

Do you have a special occasion, birthday or anniversary on the horizon? Why not mark the event with a unique gift — perhaps a bench, picnic table, bicycle rack or a tree? Please contact the Town Hall at 250-479-6800 to discuss an amenity donation to the Town in one of our parks, or visit our website at: [www.viewroyal.ca](http://www.viewroyal.ca).

