



# 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, March 30, 2018
- Monday, April 2, 2018
- Monday, May 21, 2018
- Monday, July 2, 2018
- Monday, August 6, 2018
- Monday, September 3, 2018

**Summer Hours are in effect  
Wednesday, July 4 to  
Friday, August 31, 2018  
8:00 am — 4:00 pm.**

## CONTACT NUMBERS:

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

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

**Emterra Environmental**  
250-385-4399

**RCMP**  
250-474-2264

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

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

**View Royal Archives**  
[archives@viewroyal.ca](mailto: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

View Royal Council has been advocating for the formation of a regional transportation service. This service would be a first step to seeing cohesive transportation and transit planning across our region. Traffic has a definite impact on many of our neighbourhoods and our quality of life. While we hope that the McKenzie

Interchange Project will bring some relief, there is a need to do far more in transportation planning and management in our region. Your Council will continue to lobby for this change and would be interested in hearing residents' opinions on the subject.

I would like to thank our emergency services personnel for their work on the night of January 23. While most were sleeping, close to fifty volunteers and career personnel were taking care of View Royal. Hard decisions had to be made about evacuations and an emergency reception centre was set up at the Juan de Fuca Recreation Centre. We are so fortunate in View Royal to have a highly capable emergency preparedness group and to have such detailed plans in place for a major event. While fortunately the warning that night did not result in a tsunami, it was an excellent trial run and some lessons were learned. It is clear that we need a mass notification system for our residents and we will work to implement this. It is also clear that both individual and neighbourhood preparedness are of paramount importance. At our volunteer dinner on March 10, the joint View Royal/Colwood Emergency Support Services Team was recognized for their outstanding contributions to our communities.

We are blessed in View Royal with a large contingent of volunteers from our fire department through to emergency services, Council's advisory committees, View Royal Archives, Volunteer View Royal, Board of Variance, and many more. All of these volunteers add so much to our community and, on behalf of Council, I thank you all.

I would like to welcome Damian Kowalewich to our Council. Damian was elected in the November by-election, held to replace Councillor Heidi Rast. We were fortunate to have six quality candidates and I thank all of them for putting their names forward. In January, Council held a mini strategic planning session to ensure that our strategic plan for the last few months of the term reflects Councillor Kowalewich's input.

Council and staff have spent many hours developing the 2018 budget and the final result will see a minimal tax increase while still making the necessary investments in our community. As always, please feel free to contact me or any member of Council with concerns or questions. We are honoured to serve as your representatives and welcome your calls.

Best regards, David Screech



2018 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner



## CANADA DAY IN VIEW ROYAL

Join us at historic Craigflower Manor on Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup> to celebrate Canada Day. 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)).





**VIEW ROYAL PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT**

The Town has made significant improvements to the playground at View Royal Park this winter. A new tot (2 to 5 years) structure has been installed as well as a major addition to the 5 to 12 year equipment. Come visit the park and try it out! Access to this Park is at the corner of Pheasant Lane and Helmcken Road.



**11th ANNUAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FAIR AND DISPLAY**



**Sunday May 6th 2018, 11am — 3pm  
Westshore Parks and Recreation  
(JDF Recreation Centre) 1767 Island Hwy.**

The Emergency Preparedness Fair and Display is a fun and informative way to learn more about how to be prepared for emergencies and about the many emergency resources available in our area. Check out cool emergency vehicles, equipment and emergency supplies as well as interactive activities for the kids, food vendors, giveaways, draws and more. Everyone welcome!

**HELP NEEDED TO CONTROL PARK PLANTS**

Do you find it satisfying to snip Scotch Broom, decimate Daphne, or eradicate English Ivy? Do you like socializing with your neighbours while helping to keep habitats healthy? We're looking for volunteers to help remove invasive plants from our parks. No experience necessary. We'll provide the training, tools, gloves and refreshments. Please join us for whatever time you have available between 10 am – 1 pm for these work parties:

Dates:	Parks:
April 8, 15 and 22	Eagle Creek
May 6	Mellor
May 12 and 26	View Royal
June 3 and 10	Edwards
August 26	Edwards

You can find the park locations here: (link to Parks & Trails map) <http://www.viewroyal.ca/EN/main/discover/parks-recreation/parks.html>. For more information, please contact Chris at [restorevr@gmail.com](mailto:restorevr@gmail.com).



**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOPS**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2018  
2 SESSIONS**

- 2:00 — 4:00 pm
- 6:30 — 8:30 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).

## VIEW ROYAL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (VRCA)

### Young Adults Wanted



View Royal has a community association (VRCA) that was formed in 1943 and continues to provide service for the benefit of residents. 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. 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's next general meeting** will be held on **Monday, April 9, 2018 at 7:00 pm**, in the Community Hall, 279 Island Highway. It has been said "There aren't enough young people involved in Greater Victoria's community associations for the groups to accurately reflect the neighbourhoods they represent. The associations' ability to provide that valuable input is compromised because there are fewer young people involved than in the past."

**We are looking for young adults to join us and help plan a new community centre** which might include a community hall, daycare, library, rental apartments and activity space. New members are encouraged to bring their ideas for the betterment of the community. Individual family memberships are \$5 per year and business corporate memberships are \$25 per year. If you would like to help contribute to your community by becoming a VRCA member or if you would like to be kept informed of VRCA's activities, you can send an email to [vrca2011@gmail.com](mailto:vrca2011@gmail.com) or telephone 250-888-5801.

## WELLAND LEGACY PARK



Looking for an opportunity to learn more about fruit trees, heritage apples, native pollinators or soil building? There's an amazing community orchard in your backyard and we're looking for volunteers! If working outdoors, meeting new people and stewarding local food systems appeals to you, join us at one of our volunteer work parties at Welland Community Orchard on Sunday afternoons, or check out one of our workshops throughout the year! There is a low commitment level; you can just come when you have a free Sunday. In the spring and 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 2018 are as follows:

**Sundays: April 8 & 22, & May 20th from 1 pm to 4 pm**

**Sundays: June 17, July 15, & August 19th from 10 am to 1 pm**

**Sundays: September 9 & 23, & October 21 from 1 pm to 4 pm**

Our workshops are scheduled throughout the year and cover topics like winter and summer pruning, grafting, and others as the season dictates. Check out our website <http://lifecyclesproject.ca/>, join our email list ([welland@lifecyclesproject.ca](mailto:welland@lifecyclesproject.ca)) or like & follow our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/WellandLegacyPark/> to stay up to date on events. Welland Community Orchard is located at 1215 Stancil Lane and is open dawn until dusk to the public. We're right on the Galloping Goose!

## VIEW ROYAL ARCHIVES THEN AND NOW



Then and now at the busy corner of Helmcken Road and Island Highway, looking southeast. The black and white image was taken by John Rogers in 1964. At left is the service station operated by Merv Fife. Today it's Amrikkos Restaurant. The house at the right is gone, replaced by a professional centre. And that home-bound traffic is quite a bit different!

*View Royal Archives — Submitted by B. Stavdal*

## PROPERTY TAXES



### 2018 PROPERTY TAXES

#### DUE TUESDAY, JULY 3, 2018

2018 property tax notices will be mailed out to property owners in the last week of May 2018. Any unpaid 2018 property taxes or unclaimed 2018 Home Owner Grants as of 12:01 midnight, July 4, 2018, 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  
Kowalewich**



**Councillor  
John  
Rogers**



**Councillor  
Aaron  
Weisgerber**

### VIEW ROYAL ARCHIVES

Did you know that there was an airport in View Royal? In the 1940s floatplanes landed in Limekiln Cove. Do you remember the airport? Please contact the Town of View Royal Archives at [archives@viewroyal.ca](mailto:archives@viewroyal.ca) or 250-708-2274 if you have any stories to share. We collect photographs, stories and other documents about the history of the Town.



### VIEW ROYAL MERCHANDISE

Did you know that the Town has T-shirts, ball caps, water bottles and pins for sale? All with the attractive Town of View Royal logo. Come in to Town Hall and check them out!



### 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).

