



# 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 8, 2018
- Monday, November 12, 2018
- Winter Break — Friday, December 21 close at 4:30 pm — January 2, 2019. Town Hall re-opens Wednesday, January 2, 2019 @ 8:30 am.
- Monday, February 18, 2019

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS 2018

Voting is set for 8 am to 8 pm on October 10, 16 & 20, 2018. For details and locations, including Vote by Mail Ballot, please see pg. 4 of the newsletter.



## NEWS AND REMINDERS

- Halloween Fun Oct. 31 at the Public Safety Building 6 pm — 9 pm 333 Island Highway
- Sewer User Fees are due November 30, 2018. Please see pg. 4 for more information.
- Business Licence Renewal deadline is January 31, 2019
- CRD Dog Licence Renewal deadline is March 1, 2019
- Secondary Suite Renewal deadline is February 28, 2019
- Lawn and Garden Waste Curbside Collection November 2018. Please see pg. 4 for more information.



## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK



Once again our Province has seen a state of emergency with the wildfires. Both this year and last View Royal has responded by sending personnel and equipment North. I thank all involved on behalf of Council and the residents.

Our community and our neighbours have lost some key figures in the last few months. On April 7th Chief Andy Thomas of the Esquimalt Nation passed away. Andy served as chief for 47 years and had an invaluable knowledge of the local area. He was a respected friend and neighbour and he will be missed. Council is looking for an appropriate way to honour Chief Thomas's legacy within the Town.

Long time View Royal resident and one of the founders of the View Royal Archives, Maureen Duffus passed away on August 2nd. Maureen dedicated herself to preserving the history of our area and has left a remarkable legacy. Her book, *Craigflower Country*, is an amazing account of View Royal's early days. Maureen was a friend to the Town and Council and she will be missed. Former mayor Graham Hill presented Maureen with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012.

And lastly, Moralea Milne, a Metchosin Councillor, was tragically killed July 28th in a motor vehicle accident. Moralea was a respected and well-loved colleague who will be missed. We send our condolences and thoughts to the families of these three.

All of these people made a difference in their communities and their contributions show us what an impact an individual can make. With the local elections coming up, please take the time to get involved and, most importantly, to vote. We have a truly wonderful community in View Royal and it is crucial for us all to be involved. On behalf of Council, I thank you for allowing us to be your representatives for the last four years. It has been an honour.

Best regards, David Screech



## PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT IN VIEW ROYAL PARK

The new playground at View Royal Park was completed earlier this year in May and has been extremely well received by the community. The playground has created a new community meeting place with lots of families coming together to enjoy View Royal Park. Stop by and check it out!

## ALL CANDIDATES' MEETING PLANNED FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

Information regarding the upcoming All Candidates' Meeting at Elements Casino, hosted by WestShore Chamber of Commerce, will be available early September. Call WestShore Chamber of Commerce at 250-478-1130 or Town Hall at 250-479-6800 for details.

## VIEW ROYAL HABITAT RESTORATION PROGRAM

Volunteers are needed to prevent Scotch Broom and other weedy invaders from taking over rare habitats throughout the Town. Please consider joining our Habitat Restoration Co-ordinator, Chris Junck, if you have an hour or more of time to contribute. Come for the weeds, stay for the goodies and socializing!

Watch the Town website [www.viewroyal.ca](http://www.viewroyal.ca) or contact Chris at [restorvr@gmail.com](mailto:restorvr@gmail.com) for more information.

Dates:	Time:	Parks:
September 22	9:30—1 pm	Burnside Watkiss
Sept./Oct.	To be Determined	Portage Park
October 14 & 21	10 am—1 pm	Nursery Hill Park
October 27	10 am—1 pm	Garry Oak Meadows
November 4	9:45 am—1 pm	Knockan Hill Park

## BYLAW AMENDMENTS PASSED CLARIFYING PROHIBITION ON LIVEBOARD USE



Council approved bylaw amendments in July to clarify existing regulations that already prohibited liveboard use in Portage Inlet and the Esquimalt Harbour. These clarifications are a result of lessons learned from the City of Victoria in their management of the Gorge Waterway as well as recent case law that has established that the right to secure a vessel by anchor or by buoy is limited to a “reasonable time, for a reasonable purpose”. Specifically, the definition of “liveboard vessel” has been changed to describe more fully the residential use aspect. As well, except as permitted by a lease or licence issued by the appropriate agency, the anchoring or mooring of liveboard vessels is not permitted for either a continuous period over 48 hours or for more than 72 hours within a 30-day period. The Town’s zoning regulations represent a balance between the municipality’s role in regulating land use and boaters’ rights to occasionally anchor.

eagle creek village

# Art Fest

11am-3pm, Sunday, September 16



FREE EVENT





Fun for the Whole Family!  
[www.eaglecreekvlg.ca](http://www.eaglecreekvlg.ca)



## WE HAVE A SPOT FOR YOU

VIEW ROYAL FIRE RESCUE IS NOW RECRUITING

Applications available on-line @ [www.viewroyalfire.ca](http://www.viewroyalfire.ca) or call 250-479-7322 for more information

## FUTURE BIKE PARK IN VIEW ROYAL PARK

During the summer months, the Town surveyed residents about a potential bike park in View Royal Park. Residents in the area were sent an information sheet and the survey was posted on the Town’s website. We received 435 responses with a 89.6% response of **YES** to a bike park. The clear choice of various bike park options described was a “Pump Track”. The Town will also try to incorporate a “Bike Skills” component as well. Council will be making decisions this fall and the process should start shortly after if the decision is made to proceed.



## 2018 PARKS AND TRAILS GUIDE

Watch for a newly updated Parks and Trails Guide, available later this Fall, with all your favourite parks & amenities.



## CENTENNIAL PARK NEW PLAYGROUND

Thank you to the residents who participated in our online survey!

Earlier this spring, after narrowing down to four playground options from the many choices submitted, the Town collected responses from residents on their favourite option and the survey says... "Option 4".

Unfortunately a fire in the GameTime playground equipment production facility has delayed arrival of the equipment. This project is anticipated to be complete by Fall 2018.

**Option 4 features:**  
100 ft. zipline, climber bars, slide, swings (incl. expression swings), spinner, and seesaw.



## 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 10:18 a.m. on Thursday, October 18, 2018.

Register today at [www.shakeoutbc.ca](http://www.shakeoutbc.ca) and join more than 770,000 British Columbians for the eighth annual "Drop, Cover and Hold On" drill.



## E & N RAIL TRAIL PROGRESS

Construction on the E & N Rail Trail has continued in 2018. The completion of the trail between Maplebank Road and Hallowell Road, along the Esquimalt Nation lands, is expected to be Fall 2018.



*E & N Rail Trail near Glenairlie Park in View Royal*

Construction of the final two portions of trail will continue in 2018 and 2019, with two, 1-km sections added, resulting in a continuous 12 kilometres of regional trail from Station Avenue and Jacklin Road in Langford to Esquimalt Road and Russell Street in Victoria.

## FREE TO THE PUBLIC

Emergency Preparedness Workshop  
Tuesday, Nov. 6 6:30 pm — 8 pm  
Training Room at View Royal  
Public Safety Building (Fire Hall)  
333 Island Hwy.

Email [emergencyprogram@viewroyal.ca](mailto:emergencyprogram@viewroyal.ca)  
or call 250-479-7322 to reserve a seat.



IS YOUR FAMILY PREPARED?

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



## 2018 SEWER USER FEE INVOICE

The Town of View Royal will be mailing the 2018 sewer user fee invoices very soon. The due date for these invoices is November 30, 2018. Any balances outstanding will be

transferred to arrears property taxes, effective January 1, 2019.

If you have not received your invoice by October 31, 2018, 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 experienced 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](http://www.viewroyal.ca) to review the leak adjustment policy for eligibility requirements and **keep all records pertaining to the leak** as this will help us in assisting you through the adjustment process.

## UPCOMING LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS OCTOBER 2018

An election is being held to elect 1 Mayor, 4 Councillors, and School Board Trustees for Greater Victoria School District No. 61, and School Board Trustees for Sooke School District No. 62. General voting day is Saturday, October 20, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at View Royal Elementary School (218 Helmcken Road) and at Eagle View Elementary School (97 Talcott Road).

Advance voting will be on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 and Tuesday, October 16, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at View Royal Town Hall Council Chambers (located at 45 View Royal Avenue).

For further information regarding this 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](http://www.viewroyal.ca) or contact Elena Bolster, Deputy Chief Election Officer, at 250-479-6800.

### Vote By Mail Ballot

Registered electors (resident or non-resident) may vote by mail if they:

- have a physical disability, illness or injury that affect their ability to vote at another voting opportunity; OR
- expect to be absent from the Town on general voting day (October 20, 2018) and at the times of all advance voting opportunities (October 10 and 16, 2018).

Electors must complete and submit an application form to the Town of View Royal in order to receive a mail ballot. You may obtain an application form by coming into the Town Hall (45 View Royal Avenue) during regular office hours or by going to the Town's website at [www.viewroyal.ca](http://www.viewroyal.ca).

**IMPORTANT:** In order to be counted for the election, your mail ballot must be received by the Chief Election Officer or Deputy Chief Election Officer at View Royal Town Hall (45 View Royal Avenue) by the close of business at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 19, 2018. Alternatively, you may arrange for the ballot to be hand delivered to the Chief Election Officer at View Royal Elementary School (218 Helmcken Road) between 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on general voting day, Saturday, October 20, 2018.

## LAWN AND GARDEN WASTE CURBSIDE COLLECTION IN NOVEMBER 2018



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 3, 2018**.
- For those residents who get their weekly garbage picked up on **WEDNESDAYS**, your lawn and garden waste pick-up day will be **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2018**.
- For those residents who get their weekly garbage picked up on **THURSDAYS**, your lawn and garden waste pick-up day will be **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2018**.
- For those residents who get their weekly garbage picked up on **FRIDAYS**, your lawn and garden waste pick-up day will be **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2018**.

### 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 cannot 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 Canteen Composting, 605 Canteen Road in Esquimalt or at Ellice Recycle Ltd., 524 David Street, both free of charge at the gate. Canteen Composting is open Mon— Sat 8am—5pm or call 250-883-8683. 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 [ellicecycle.com](http://ellicecycle.com) for more information.