



# MONTHLY ELECTRONIC UPDATE DECEMBER 2019

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## Town Hall Holiday Hours



Please note that Town Hall will be closed for the holidays starting Tuesday, December 24, 2019, at 2pm. Town Hall will re-open at 8:30am on Thursday, January 2, 2020.

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## Holiday Garbage Collection Notice – December 25 & January 1



This holiday season, if your garbage is normally picked up on a Wednesday, please put it out for pick up on the following day (Thursday). Waste Management will pick up for both Wednesday and Thursday on December 26, 2019 and January 2, 2020. For more information about garbage collection, please visit <https://www.viewroyal.ca/EN/main/municipal/garbage-recycling.html>.

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## Time to Renew Business Licenses

It's that time of year to renew business licenses for 2020!

Renewal notices have been mailed out, and all business licenses must be paid in full no later than January 31, 2020. The penalty for late renewals is a minimum 10% of the cost of the license, with a minimum penalty of \$25.00. If your business has not received a 2020 renewal notice, please contact Town Hall at 250-708-2276. A reminder, that business licenses must be displayed in the sales or reception area on the premises where the public has access.



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## Building Inspection Holiday Hours



Please note the following building inspection hours for the holidays. Closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. To book an inspection for December 27, 30, or 31<sup>st</sup>, please call 250-940-5262 or email [buildingpermits@viewroyal.ca](mailto:buildingpermits@viewroyal.ca).

### Upcoming Meetings

January 14, 2020	<b>Committee of the Whole Meeting</b> 3:30pm, View Royal Town Hall
January 21, 2020	<b>Council Meeting</b> 7:00pm, View Royal Town Hall

The meeting duration will vary according to the agenda. Council agendas are normally posted on the Friday prior to the meeting on the [Agendas & Minutes](#) page of the website. [Click here for more information about Council Meetings.](#)

### 2020 Secondary Suite Permits

#### Renewal Information

Secondary Suite permits are now being renewed for 2020. The deadline for renewal is before March 1, 2020. Renewals can be submitted with payment in person, by mail, or dropped off in the mail slot beside the front entrance of Town Hall.

#### Are you a new owner of a house with a suite?

Please notify Town Hall if you have purchased a house in the last year that has a secondary suite. This can be done when you come in to renew your Secondary Suite permit.

#### Have you lost your renewal form?

Staff can provide you with a new renewal form or you can download a form directly from our website at <https://bit.ly/2SgNVGw>.

If you have any questions regarding the permit renewal process, please visit <https://www.viewroyal.ca/EN/main/municipal/secondary-suites.html> or contact Town Hall at 250-479-6800, Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm.



### **Snow & Ice Clearing Reminders – Sidewalks & Roads**

With the winter season upon us and the possibility of snowfall and inclement weather, in order to ensure safety for pedestrians, we would like to remind View Royal residents and businesses of our Streets Bylaw No. 980, 2019, which states that:

*6.1 Every Owner or occupant of any Parcel abutting or fronting upon a portion of a Sidewalk must clear, and keep clear, such portion of the Sidewalk of all snow, ice, dirt, Refuse, litter, rubbish, and lawn and Garden Waste and must remove these materials from the Street.*

*6.2 In addition to the requirements under Section 6.1, the Owner or occupant of any Parcel must remove snow and ice from the abutting or fronting Sidewalk by 10:00 a.m. of each day.*

*6.3 A person must not use corrosive materials for removing snow or ice on the Sidewalk.*



We encourage residents to use environmentally friendly ice melting products. Products that are corrosive are not acceptable as they can harm the environment and the sidewalks themselves.

We ask that you kindly help your elderly or handicapped neighbours who may need assistance with snow removal. The Town will make every effort to keep intersections, high-use bus stops and crosswalks clear of snow and ice.

The Town uses Victoria Contracting and Municipal Maintenance Corporation (VCMCC) to salt, plow and clear snow from all the roads within the Town (with the exception of private strata roads).

In the event of a snowfall, we remind residents not to leave their vehicles parked on the travelled portion of the roads so that the snowplows can negotiate the roads and get them cleared as quickly as possible. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Please push the snow to the *right* of your driveway (facing the road from your home) so that when the snowplow comes by, it does not plow any excess snow across your driveway entrance or private road access.

Please note that in the event of a heavy snowstorm or icy road conditions, our garbage collection contractor, Waste Management, may not be able to service certain customers due to safety or access reasons. Waste Management will collect any missed garbage as soon as they can safely do so. Please provide clear and safe access to garbage totes to ensure uninterrupted service.

For more winter weather reminders, please visit <http://bit.ly/2Q6lv2d>.

### Winter Driving



Use of winter tires for improved driving safety is highly recommended. Winter tires are now mandatory for travelling on the Trans-Canada Highway over the Malahat. For more information on winter driving, please visit:

- [www.ShiftIntoWinter.ca](http://www.ShiftIntoWinter.ca)
- [www.DriveBC.ca](http://www.DriveBC.ca)



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