



# 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 19, 2019
  - Monday, April 22, 2019
  - Monday, May 20, 2019
  - Monday, July 1, 2019
  - Monday, August 5, 2019
  - Monday, September 2, 2019
  - Monday, October 14, 2019
- Summer Hours are in effect  
Wednesday, July 3 to  
Friday, August 30, 2019  
8:00 am — 4:00 pm.**

## NEWS AND REMINDERS

- **Tsunami Awareness Week  
April 7 - 13, 2019**
- **Tsunami Awareness Session**  
April 10, 7 - 8 pm at the View Royal Public Safety Building. Call 250-479-7322 or email: [emergencyprogram@viewroyal.ca](mailto:emergencyprogram@viewroyal.ca). Seats are limited.
- **View Royal Community Association**  
Every Tuesday night at the VRCA Hall (279 Island Hwy) Community Movie Night open to everyone. Admission is by donation. Doors open at 6:45 pm, movies start at 7:15 pm. Learn more at: [vrca.weebly.com/movie-nights.html](http://vrca.weebly.com/movie-nights.html).
- **Emergency Preparedness Week May 5 - 11, 2019**
- **Emergency Preparedness Fair and Display  
Sunday, May 5, 2019**
- **Emergency Preparedness Workshops May 8, 2019**  
See pg. 3 for more info.
- **Property Taxes Due  
Tuesday, July 2, 2019**



## From The Mayor's Desk

This is the first "From The Mayor's Desk" of the new term. I am honoured and proud to continue on for a second term as View Royal's mayor. I thank the community for the opportunity to serve and the confidence placed in me. I know all Council members feel honoured and privileged to hold their positions and we look forward to collectively serving View Royal for the next four years. I welcome our newest councillor, Gery Lemon, to the table. Gery was elected in November along with the three incumbent councillors. Thank you to all who ran in the local elections. We were fortunate to have a group of such fine candidates.

With the start of a new term comes a new strategic plan for the Town. Work has already begun on this. We have reached out to residents through a formal telephone survey to help guide this plan and to gain insight from their views on which issues are of importance. This strategic plan will form the basis for our work over the next four years and is of paramount importance. We welcome all input from residents and businesses on this plan as it moves to completion.

Council has continued to be vocal on issues surrounding transportation in the region. While we are encouraged by the recently announced study of transportation issues on the South Island, we are discouraged by the slow pace at which it is unfolding. Transportation issues are of major concern to our residents and we must start focusing on solutions. Our Council will continue to lobby for a regional transportation service as well as improved representation on the BC Transit Commission. We need all levels of government to recognize that revitalizing the E & N Corridor must be a priority.

View Royal and the CRD have recently declared a climate emergency, following many municipalities across Canada and the world. In the coming months, we will be looking at what we must do in the Capital Regional District to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030. There will be challenges ahead as we work towards this ambitious goal and we will work closely with our residents on this issue.

In closing, please take the time to have a look at the Town's new parks and trails map. It is available on the Town's website and is easily printed. We are blessed in View Royal with an abundance of parks, trails, and natural areas. Many thanks to the Parks, Recreation and Environment Advisory Committee and to staff for their work in preparing this fine new guide to our parks and trails.

As always, feel free to contact me or any of the councillors with your concerns, questions, and comments. We are honoured to be your representatives.

Best regards, David Screech



## CANADA DAY IN VIEW ROYAL

Join us at historic Craigflower Manor on Monday, 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)).

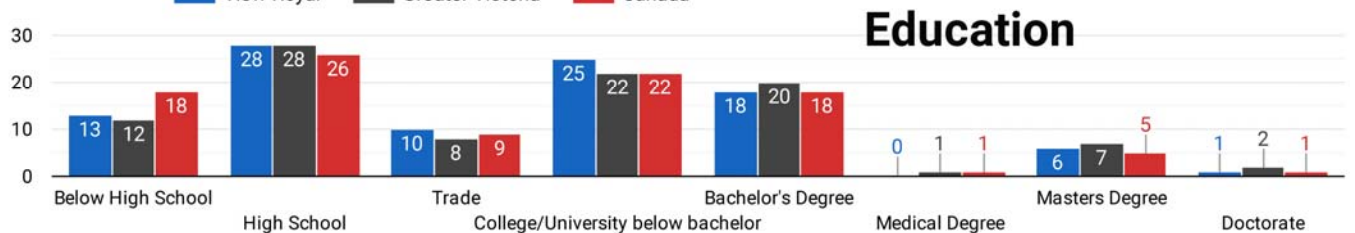
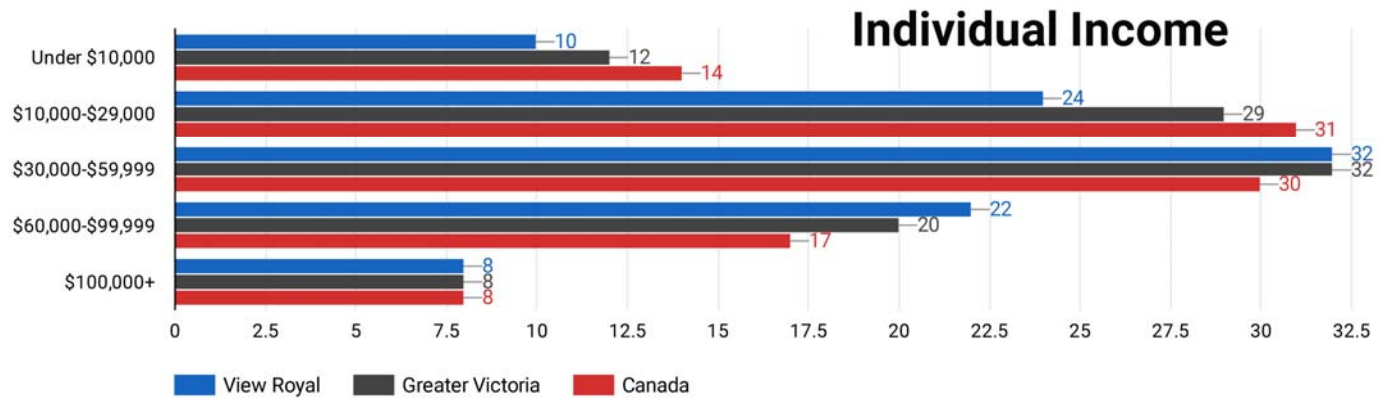
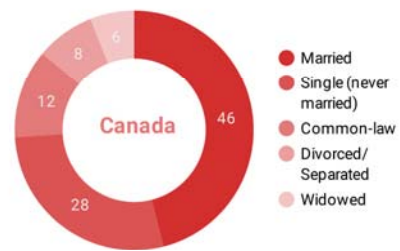
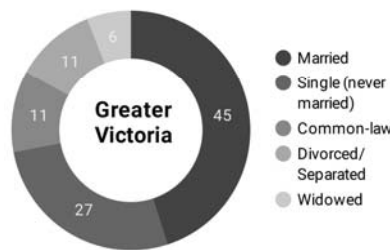
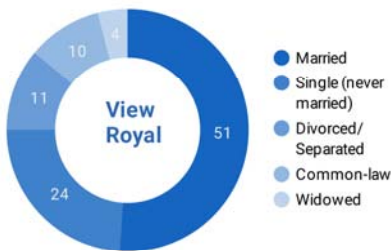
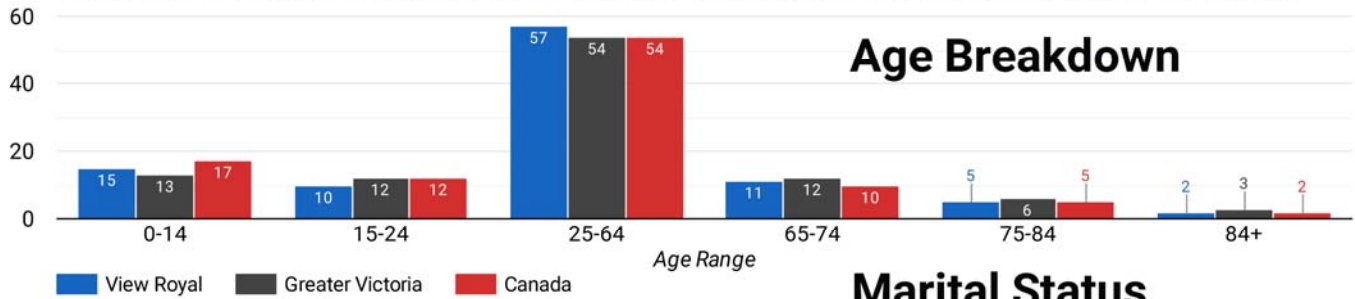




# A Village of 100

Based on the 2016 census, if View Royal was made up of 100 people:  
**48 males and 52 females**

compared to 48 males and 52 females in Greater Victoria and 49 males and 51 females in Canada



## Miscellaneous

- 4 are unemployed (5 Greater Victoria 7 Canada)
- 8 are earning a low income (13 Greater Victoria 14 Canada)
- 28 are renters (37 Greater Victoria 32 Canada)
- 26 are living alone (33 Greater Victoria 28 Canada)
- 4 are single parents (4 Greater Victoria 5 Canada)
- 4 have aboriginal identity (5 in both Greater Victoria and Canada)
- 14 are visible minorities (14 in Greater Victoria 22 in Canada)
- 16 are immigrants (18 in Greater Victoria 22 in Canada)

## Language

- 92 speak English most often at home (92 Greater Victoria 64 Canada)
- 9 have knowledge of both official languages (10 Greater Victoria 18 Canada)
- 5 speak languages other than English and French most often at home (5 Greater Victoria 12 Canada)

\* It is important to note that while the response rates for the census are very high (over 95% for both short and long form in British Columbia), the census typically under-reports for marginal and vulnerable populations including homeless, transient employed, renters (short and long term), marginally housed (living in a vehicle), and so forth. Extremely wealthy people are also less forthcoming, for various reasons.

## 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 wear work clothes and sturdy footwear. Children are welcome but must be closely supervised by an adult caregiver. No pets please. Join us for whatever time you have available for these work parties:



Dates:	Times:	Parks:
April 13	1 pm - 4 pm	View Royal
April 20 and 27	1 pm - 4 pm	Eagle Creek
May 5	10 am - 1 pm	Mellor
May 11	10 am - 1 pm	View Royal
May 19	10 am - 1 pm	Knockan Hill
May 25	10 am - 1 pm	Robin Hill
June 2	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Robin Hill
June 22, and 30	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	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).

## HELMCKEN CENTENNIAL PARK PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT

We asked, you voted, and it's here! The Town is pleased to announce that the new playground area in Centennial Park is **NOW OPEN!** There are structures for Tots (2 to 5 years) and Kids (5 to 12 years) as well as swings, a Tri-Spinner and a 100' (33 m) Zip Line. The new playground is on the Kingham Place side (east) of the Park and there is ample parking in the lot located there.



## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOPS

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2019**  
**2 SESSIONS**  
**AT VIEW ROYAL PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING (333 ISLAND HWY)**

**2:00 pm - 3:30 pm and 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm**

Come and learn how you can get your household ready for an emergency. 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 during Emergency Preparedness Week, May 5-11.



## 12th ANNUAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FAIR AND DISPLAY



**Sunday May 5th 2019, 11am — 3pm**  
**Westshore Parks and Recreation**  
**(JDF Senior 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!



## TOWN OF VIEW ROYAL PUBLIC ALERT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

**Sign up now to receive public safety alerts – it only takes a few minutes.**

Simply create a user name and password, and provide at least one communication device and a valid civic (physical) address within the Town of View Royal. Please indicate in the registration that your "City" is "View Royal". Login to update your contact information or unsubscribe anytime <https://www.ermisadvantage.com/register/crd/viewroyal>. For more information or assistance registering, contact View Royal Emergency Program at 250.479.7322 or [emergencyproram@viewroyal.ca](mailto:emergencyproram@viewroyal.ca).



# PROPERTY TAXES



## 2019 PROPERTY TAXES

### DUE TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2019

2019 property tax notices will be mailed out to property owners in the last week of May 2019. Any unpaid 2019 property taxes or unclaimed 2019 Home Owner Grants as of 12:01midnight, July 3, 2019, 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  
Gery Lemon



Mayor  
David Screech



Councillor  
Damian Kowalewicz



Councillor  
Ron  
Mattson



Councillor  
John  
Rogers

### SIX MILE ROAD OPEN HOUSE

During 2019 budget deliberations, Council recommended a consultant be hired to study the Six Mile corridor as well as engage the public to determine solutions and future projects in the corridor.

Watch [www.viewroyal.ca](http://www.viewroyal.ca) for details on an upcoming Open House at Town Hall where the community will be invited to provide their feedback.

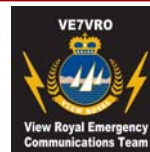


### SEWER SYSTEM

Due to recent maintenance issues, the Town would like to remind residents that it is imperative that all efforts are made to properly care for our sewer system in order to avoid the need for repairs and to maximize the lifespan of this system. **The following items must not be disposed of through the sewer or grinder pump system (i.e. in toilets or sinks) as they can cause pipe blockages, constrict the pump mechanism, and/or cause the system to fail:**

· grease/oil	· feminine hygiene products
· cooking fat	· dental floss
· large amounts of hair	· cotton swabs
· cat litter	· condoms
· paint	· baby wipes or diapers
· flammable substances or other strong chemicals	· elastic bands
· construction material (drywall dust, grout, etc.)	· Cleaning cloths (e.g., Swiffers, J-Cloths)
· glass	· abrasives (sand, steel wool)

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES VIEW ROYAL EMERGENCY PROGRAM



**Emergency Radio Team:** 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. ESS and emergency management training are provided free and the team meets monthly. Contact View Royal Emergency Program at: 250-479-7322 or email: [emergencyprogram@viewroyal.ca](mailto:emergencyprogram@viewroyal.ca).