



# 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 14, 2019
- Monday, November 11, 2019
- Winter Break — Tuesday, December 24 close at 2:00 pm — January 2, 2020. Town Hall re-opens Thursday, January 2, 2020 @ 8:30 am
- Monday, February 17, 2020
- Friday, April 10, 2020
- Monday, April 13, 2020

## NEWS AND REMINDERS

- Halloween Fun Oct. 31 at the Public Safety Building 6 pm — 9 pm 333 Island Highway.
- Emergency Preparedness Workshop Tuesday, Nov. 19 6:30 pm — 8 pm Training Room at the 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.
- Lawn and Garden Waste Curbside Collection November 2019. Please see pg. 4 for more information.
- Sewer User Fees are due November 29, 2019. Please see pg. 3 for more information.
- Business Licence Renewal deadline is January 31, 2020.
- Secondary Suite Renewal deadline is February 28, 2020.
- CRD Dog Licence Renewal deadline is March 1, 2020.



## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK



As I write this, the news concerning the HandyDART facility at 2401 Burnside Road West has just become public. The previous Council rejected this application and the Province has decided to proceed regardless. This is an extremely unusual move by the Province to overrule a local government's authority over land use and is very troubling for a multitude of reasons. Your Council is well aware of the many legitimate concerns raised by residents regarding this facility and we will continue to work with residents and the Province to make sure those concerns are addressed as much as possible. Given the close proximity to Craigflower Creek, environmental concerns are paramount. We have no recourse to stop this project, but we must collectively ensure View Royal's interests are protected.

On August 28th the Province and the Capital Region Housing Corporation announced their plans to build 152 units of affordable and rental housing in View Royal, including 34 units for those who can only pay the Provincial shelter rate. This project is made possible because of the Regional Housing First Program initiated by the Capital Regional District. All of the other municipalities are investing in this much needed project in our town and I thank them. It is the first purpose built affordable housing constructed in View Royal in over 40 years. Clearly, in a region facing a housing crisis, these units are desperately needed.

It is estimated that 30,000 people on the West Shore do not have a family doctor. This is a growing crisis for the region and we are reaching out to the Province in an attempt to understand how local government can help in attracting doctors to our communities.

There are many ongoing files and issues at the moment including climate change, transportation issues, strategic planning, crime reduction, and many more. Your Council and the Town staff are working hard to see that View Royal remains one of the best places to call home in the Capital Regional District.

All of us on Council are honoured to be your representatives and we encourage residents to contact any of us with concerns and/or suggestions.

Best regards, David Screech

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Town's 2019 community satisfaction and engagement survey highlighted some areas where more information may be needed out in the community.

For example, yes, the keeping of chickens is permitted in some zones in the municipality if certain conditions are met, such as: no more than 4 hens, roosters are prohibited, the sale of eggs is prohibited and chickens must be contained in the rear yard at all times. To learn more and see the full list of restrictions for the keeping of chickens, please see the brochure on our website at <https://www.viewroyal.ca/EN/main/town/documents/publications.html> or the Animal Control Bylaw No. 614 at <https://www.viewroyal.ca/EN/main/town/bylaws-all.html>. If you have more questions, please contact Town Hall at 250-479-6800.



## HELP NEEDED TO CONTROL INVASIVE PLANTS

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 at a park near you:

Dates:	Time:	Parks:
October 19 & 25	1 pm — 4 pm	Burnside Watkiss Park
October 20 & 26	1 pm — 4 pm	Nursery Hill Park
October 27	9:45 am — 1 pm	Lund Road Park
November 2	1 pm — 4 pm	Beaumont Park
November 3	1 pm — 4 pm	Garry Oak Meadows Park

For meeting place and park locations, please see: <https://www.viewroyal.ca/EN/main/discover/parks-recreation/habitat-restoration.html> and the "Upcoming Events" on the Town's website or contact Chris at: [restorevr@gmail.com](mailto:restorevr@gmail.com).



## COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHTS VIEW ROYAL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION HALL

Every 3rd Tuesday night of the month, (but starting Tuesday, Oct. 22) at the VRCA Hall (279 Island Hwy) is Community Movie Night and it is open to everyone.

Admission is by donation.

Doors open at 6:45 pm and movies start at 7:15 pm. Check out their website at

[www.vrca.weebly.com/movie-nights.html](http://www.vrca.weebly.com/movie-nights.html) for the fall line up.

For more information please email: [vrca2011@gmail.com](mailto:vrca2011@gmail.com)



## "DEAR AUNTIE ARCHIVES"

Dear Auntie Archives,

My family reunion is coming up and I'd like to surprise everyone with a display of our family tree. I'd like to pay tribute to earlier generations as we celebrate with our relatives today. May I visit the Archives to look for photos?

Sincerely, A Nice Niece

Dear A Nice Niece,

What a lovely idea! You are welcome to come in and look at our photo collection. If you find something you like, making copies for private use is just fine – of course with the exception of copyright items. You can take a photo of the piece with your own device, or have us photocopy for a nominal charge. Please find the Archives' contact information below - we want to ensure there will be someone on hand for your visit. I hope your family enjoys the thoughtful and nostalgic sentiment.

Sincerely, Auntie Archives

### Town of View Royal Archives

Phone: 250-708-2275 Email: [archives@viewroyal.ca](mailto:archives@viewroyal.ca)

Visit: Friday Mornings 8:30 - noon, or by appointment.

45 View Royal Avenue Lower Level (at the back) - Look for the wooden 'Archives' sign.

**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

## NEW BIKE SKILLS PARK NOW OPEN!

During the 2018-2022 financial plan deliberations, Council set aside \$50,000 in 2018, and \$100,000 in 2019 as a placeholder to fund a bike park in View Royal Park, subject to public consultation. The Town collected feedback from the public and received a total of 435 responses with 90% voting YES to having a bike park in View Royal Park (off Pheasant Lane at Helmcken Road).

The paved pump track provides a continuous circuit of rollers, berms and jumps that loops back on itself allowing a continuous ride with little to no peddling. The bike park track includes line painting that indicates; track direction; beginner track route (green arrows); intermediate track route (blue arrows); and track boundaries (red lines).

The bike park is being enjoyed by bike riders of all ages. It is a good idea to walk/bike to the track because, due to its popularity, vehicle parking is limited.



## CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION

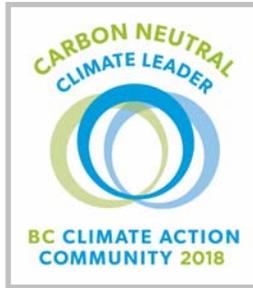
The world's climate is warming and bringing with it disruptions in weather patterns and wider variations in temperature extremes. For the region, that means hotter and drier summers, sea level rise, and more frequent and intense winter storms (for details see Capital Regional District, 2017, "Climate Projections for the Capital Regional District" at [www.crd.bc.ca/about/data/climate-change](http://www.crd.bc.ca/about/data/climate-change)).

These changes will impact our health, food production, infrastructure, species and ecosystems, and buildings. What can the Town and its residents and businesses do in the face of change? A multi-faceted approach is needed that encompasses such items as transportation choices, building and landscaping upgrades, water conservation, and preparations for extreme weather events. All of this requires leadership, vision and determination.

What is happening at the Town so far?

- View Royal Council joined other municipalities both in Canada and internationally in March 2019 when it declared a climate emergency, noting the intent to make climate action a priority in the Town's Strategic Plan and to work towards carbon neutrality by 2030.
- As Council seeks to advance implementation of the Province's Energy Step Code for the construction industry, staff will review the costs and implications for both the housing industry and the Town to adopt this program over the coming months and will specifically undertake consultation with a view to adopting Step Code 3 by June 2020.
- Over the summer months, electric vehicle charging stations were installed at Town Hall (in the upper parking area) and at Centennial Park (150 Helmcken Road).
- The Town has recently purchased an electric vehicle.
- The Town's corporate greenhouse gas emissions will continue to be tracked, reported and offset through the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP), a program initiated in 2010 under the Province's 2007 BC Climate Action Charter. The Town has been proudly carbon neutral in our corporate operations since 2013.
- Both the Official Community Plan policy to focus new growth within the Urban Growth Boundary and the Transportation Master Plan policy to build an active transportation network, supportive of walking and cycling, continue to be implemented.

There will be many more changes coming – it cannot be "business as usual" if we are serious about the climate emergency.



## 2019 SEWER USER FEE INVOICE

The Town of View Royal will be mailing the 2019 Sewer User Fee Invoice in October. The due date for this invoice is November 29, 2019. Any balances outstanding will be transferred to arrears property taxes, effective January 1, 2020.

If you have not received your invoice by October 31, 2019, please contact the Finance Department at 250-708-2270 or email [finance@viewroyal.ca](mailto:finance@viewroyal.ca).

**2019 Sewer User Fee:** Please be advised that the consumption portion of your 2019 Sewer User Fee Invoice will be based on October 2018 – April 2019 water consumption. If you experienced a water leak during that period, your 2019 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.



### COMING SOON!

View Royal is modernizing the sewer utility invoicing system. With the new billing system, you can sign up for electronic delivery of your sewer invoice, check your balance, access historical information, and manage your invoice delivery preferences online. You should have received a letter mid-September with details about what has changed and how you can set up access to your sewer utility account online!

## 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).

## 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 10:17 a.m. on Thursday, October 17, 2019.

Register today at [www.shakeoutbc.ca](http://www.shakeoutbc.ca) and join more than 910,000 British Columbians for the ninth annual "Drop, Cover and Hold On" drill.



## SEWER SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

A friendly reminder that the homeowner or occupant of the home is responsible for the proper use of the sewer system. Please help keep the municipal sewer system working as designed and maintenance costs to a minimum by **NOT** flushing these items:

- any kind of cloth/wipes
- feminine hygiene products
- paper towel
- cooking oil/fat/grease
- paint/chemicals
- plastic bags
- mop heads/swiffers
- dental floss
- diapers
- condoms

The repeat maintenance to clear these jams is expensive and can be avoided by only flushing human waste and toilet paper down the toilet.

## FALL AND WINTER MAINTENANCE

As the season changes, the Town of View Royal would like to remind residents to be prepared for rain, snow and inclement weather.

### Property Maintenance

- Clean your roof gutters and dispose of yard waste (branches and leaves).
- Keep on-street drains and culverts near your home clear of leaves and debris to avoid flooding issues. If standing water is still an issue after removing debris, contact 250-708-2258.

### Garbage & Recycling

- Be sure to secure all garbage and recycling bins to prevent debris from blowing around the neighbourhood on windy days. In the case debris does get loose, it is the responsibility of the property owner to clean it up.
- In the event of a heavy snowstorm or icy road conditions, the garbage collection contractor may not be able to service certain customers due to safety or access reasons. All missed garbage will be collected as soon as it is safe to do so.

### Snow Clearing

- Roads are cleared in the following order:
  - \* 1<sup>st</sup> Priority = Major Roads
  - \* 2<sup>nd</sup> Priority = Steep Hills
  - \* 3<sup>rd</sup> Priority = Collectors, School and Playground Zones
  - \* Lowest Priority = Local Roads
- During prolonged snowfall, crews may need to continue maintaining higher priority roads before attempting lower priority ones.
- In the event of snowfall, please do not park on the roadway in order to ensure snow-clearing equipment can navigate the streets safely. Owners of vehicles parked on the roadway can be subject to fines and/or towed away at the owner's expense.
- Property owners must clear snow and ice from sidewalks adjacent to their property. Be sure to arrange for help in advance if you plan to be away from your home or if you require assistance with snow and ice removal. Please volunteer to help your elderly or handicapped neighbours who may need assistance with snow and ice removal.
- When clearing snow in your driveway or private road, be sure to pile the snow to the left hand side (facing your home) so the snow plow does not plow excess snow across your driveway or private road access.



## LAWN AND GARDEN WASTE CURBSIDE COLLECTION IN NOVEMBER 2019

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 2, 2019**.
- For those residents who get their weekly garbage picked up on **WEDNESDAYS**, your lawn and garden waste pick-up day will be **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2019**.
- For those residents who get their weekly garbage picked up on **THURSDAYS**, your lawn and garden waste pick-up day will be **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2019**.
- For those residents who get their weekly garbage picked up on **FRIDAYS**, your lawn and garden waste pick-up day will be **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2019**.

### 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 Esquimalt/View Royal Yard & Garden Waste Transfer Station, 605 Canteen Road in Esquimalt free of charge at the gate. Starting September 30, 2019 it is open Tuesday — Sunday 8am — 5pm, excluding statutory holidays. The yard and garden waste facility will continue to be operated by Ellice Recycling Ltd at the 605 Canteen Road location. Yard and garden waste will **no longer** be accepted at Ellice Recycle Ltd at 524 David Street free of charge. Regular depot rates will apply at that location.

