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View Royal COVID-19 Information and Updates

As of Monday, March 23, 2020, View Royal Town Hall has limited public access until further notice. Municipal business operations are being maintained.

Many Town services are available online or can be taken care of over the phone or by videoconferencing.

For more information on Town services and department contact information, please see our [website](#).

For reliable sources of information regarding COVID-19, please see our web page [COVID-19 \(Coronavirus\)](#)



From the Mayor's Desk

We are living through unprecedented times at the moment and navigating previously uncharted territory. The world has changed so much in the last few weeks and the situation is unfolding faster than any of us thought possible. Who could have imagined public safety measures would include closing playgrounds and that we would need to keep friends and even family at a two metre distance? We're on unfamiliar terrain, to be sure.

Our municipal buildings are closed but, be assured, staff are inside working on your behalf and available by telephone, email or video conference to answer your questions. We have an excellent and professional staff and our emergency responders are vigilant in working to keep us safe. Services that you rely on, such as garbage pickup, are carrying on.

Council members are engaged electronically and working at a distance. We are moving towards a bylaw that will allow Council members to participate electronically and have set up Council Chambers for social distancing. We will not be holding public hearings on any rezoning proposals for the next while and items that we anticipate will generate significant interest will not be put forward for Council consideration at this time.

The provincial and federal governments have announced many measures to provide financial assistance. Municipalities are asking the Province to revise the regular July due date for property taxes, with a view to moving the due date to the fall. Anything we learn on that front or other help with property taxes, will be communicated out as soon as possible. We are aware of the incredible challenges and disruptions facing our residents and local businesses

and we will do all that we can to aid in recovery.

Meanwhile, it is imperative that we all follow the directives and advice of Dr. Bonnie Henry, our Provincial Health Officer, and her federal counterpart, Dr. Theresa Tam.

I am personally concerned for the well-being of those in our community who need extra help and support, including our seniors. Please take the time to check in on your neighbours, from an appropriate distance of course. Many people will be truly isolated just now, and a simple call can make a difference.

I am proud of how our staff, Council, police, and fire department have risen to the challenge presented by this situation.

Stay home and stay well everyone. Collectively, we shall get through this.

Best regards,
David Screech

Citizen Budget

The Town of View Royal is expanding public engagement for its 2020 budget with a new online budget simulation tool called "Citizen Budget" which is available only until March 31, 2020. View Royal residents and businesses will have an opportunity to see how different spending choices might affect this year's property taxes.



Please click here for more information and to access the [Citizen Budget engagement tool](#).

Please call Town Hall at 250-479-6800 if you need assistance.

Draft Strategic Plan 2019 – 2022

The Town's Strategic Plan encapsulates our corporate vision, mission and values. The Plan also outlines six priorities that lay the groundwork for the coming years:



At its February 11, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting, View Royal Council reviewed its draft Strategic Plan 2019 – 2022 (read the [background report](#)), provided feedback for some revisions and asked that the Plan be made available for public information.

Since that February Committee of the Whole meeting, Council has been working through the draft 2020 – 2024 Financial Plan – the budget. These budget decisions, once finalized, will provide further amendments to the draft Strategic Plan 2019 – 2022.

Comment on the Draft Corporate Strategic Plan

We welcome comments on the [draft 2019 – 2022 Strategic Plan](#) at this time and will take these comments, plus the amendments made through the budget deliberations, back to Council.

Please send your comments to info@viewroyal.ca.

If you have any questions, please call Town Hall at 250-479-6800.

Upcoming Meetings

April 14, 2020	Committee of the Whole Meeting 3:30pm, View Royal Town Hall
April 21, 2020	Council Meeting 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.](#)

View Royal Council has decided at this time to hold only one Council meeting, instead of two, each month. The regularly scheduled Council meetings set for the first Tuesday of each month will not be held at this time. However, the regularly scheduled Council meetings set for the third Tuesday of each month will proceed.

As well, the regularly scheduled Committee of the Whole meetings set for the second Tuesday of each month will proceed.

The Town's Advisory Committee meetings have been cancelled for an indefinite period of time.

❖ **Please watch our website for notice of cancellations of upcoming meetings.**



Looking for more highlights of significant activities of the Town?

Check out the monthly CAO Update!

[Mar 10, 2020 - CAO Update](#)

Get Connected with the Town of View Royal

The Town of View Royal wants you to get connected! Sign up to keep informed about the latest news, local events and municipal updates.

EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS:

Visit <http://www.viewroyal.ca/EN/meta/notifications.html> to sign up to receive emails about the latest updates. You can choose to receive emails about

any/all of the five topics including:

- What's New: includes latest news releases, articles
- Public Notices: includes traffic advisories, development notices, closures
- Events: includes details on upcoming local events
- Newsletters: includes the Monthly e-Updates and View Royal News
- Agendas and Minutes: includes agendas and minutes for Council and Committee of the Whole



SOCIAL MEDIA:

- Town of View Royal Facebook Page: Visit www.facebook.com/townofviewroyal and 'Like' our page to receive posts about latest updates.
- Town of View Royal Twitter Page: Follow [@TownofViewRoyal](https://twitter.com/TownofViewRoyal) on Twitter to receive tweets about latest updates.

View Royal Park Master Plan Update

View Royal Park is one of the Town's most loved parks. Your input into the View Royal Park Master Plan update will help guide how View Royal Park is managed and improved over the next 10+ years!

Click here to view a copy of the [draft 2020 View Royal Park Master Plan](#).

Please submit comments to info@viewroyal.ca.

For more information about this project please contact:

- Lindsay Chase, Director of Development Services
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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. They have been causing our sewer main pumps to be jammed repeatedly, resulting in increased maintenance costs to YOU the user:



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| • Bacterial Wipes | • Feminine hygiene products | • Elastic bands |
| • And wipes of all kinds | • Dental floss | • Abrasives (sand, steel wool, etc.) |
| • Paper towel | • Cotton swabs | • Cat litter |
| • Chemicals | • Condoms | • Hand or beach towels |
| • Glass | • Diapers | • Plastic bags |
| • Human or pet hair | • Flammable substances | • Cooking fat, grease and oil |
| • Underwear | • Paint | • Cleaning cloths (Swiffer, J-cloths) |
| • Mop heads | • Construction material (drywall dust, grout, etc.) | |

Please Stay Safe

Please stick close to home and use social distancing as it is essential at this crucial time.
<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/diseases-conditions/social-distancing.html>