



MONTHLY ELECTRONIC UPDATE OCTOBER 2020

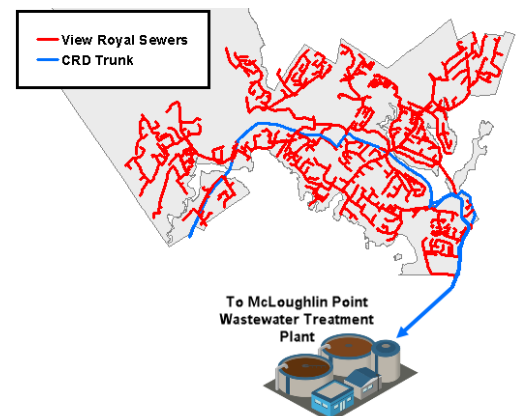
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CRD Sewer Charges Moved from Property Tax Notices to View Royal Sewer Utility Invoice

Starting this year, your Town of View Royal sewer utility invoice will also include Capital Regional District (CRD) sewer costs. You may have noticed that the CRD sewer tax was missing on your 2020 property tax notice. Your CRD sewer costs will now be based solely on your metered water consumption (rather than on the assessed value of your home) and these charges will appear only on your sewer utility bill. This revenue neutral shift redistributes the total cost of operating and maintaining the CRD's component of the sewer system to reflect each user's impact on the system.

On October 20, 2020 Council approved new rates for both the CRD and View Royal sewer user fees. Homeowners whose property value was near the average of \$730,000 and whose winter water consumption was near the average of 77 cubic meters should expect to pay a similar amount in 2020. Property owners with high water consumption will likely pay more than they did in 2019, however the elimination of the CRD sewer tax will offset some of this increase, depending on the 2019 property assessment.



Strata property owners will no longer pay CRD sewer costs on their individual strata property tax bills. Rather, the CRD sewer costs will be billed along with the Town of View Royal's sewer fee on a single strata sewer utility invoice. If your strata property has a single water meter, the combined CRD/Town of View Royal sewer costs will be billed to the strata corporation and distributed to the individual strata property owner through the strata fees.

Basing sewer charges on water consumption is considered a best practice, transparent to all property owners, and is more equitable than basing costs on assessed property value. This system has the most direct relationship to the actual sewage use and is the closest to a user-pay relationship. In addition, it will allow users to potentially reduce their CRD sewer costs by reducing water consumption. Tax exempt properties will also be obligated to pay for their share of the sewer utility costs.

The 2020 Sewer Utility Invoice will be issued in October and due in December. If you have not received your invoice by October 31, 2020, please contact the Finance Department at 250-708 -2270 or email finance@viewroyal.ca.

Watch www.viewroyal.ca for more information about this change.

Lawn & Garden Waste Curbside Collection in November

The Town 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 residents who get their weekly garbage picked up on **TUESDAYS**, your lawn and garden waste pick-up day will be **SATURDAY, NOV. 7**
- For residents who get their weekly garbage picked up on **WEDNESDAYS**, your lawn and garden waste pick-up day will be **SATURDAY, NOV. 14**
- For residents who get their weekly garbage picked up on **THURSDAYS**, your lawn and garden waste pick-up day will be **SATURDAY, NOV. 21**
- For residents who get their weekly garbage picked up on **FRIDAYS**, your lawn and garden waste pick-up day will be **SATURDAY, NOV. 28**

Residents can put out grass, leaves, flowers, shrub clippings, weeds, and branches for pick up. All items (excluding branches) must be put into recyclable brown paper yard waste bags and must weigh no more than 35 pounds each.

Branches are to be no longer than 3 feet 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.



Bags and branches must be placed at the curbside by 7:00am on the day of collection. Each residence is allowed up to five bags/bundles. Extra decals can be purchased for \$3.00 per bag or bundle at Town Hall.

For more information about this service, or to report a missed pickup, please contact Town Hall at 250-708-2258 or visit <https://www.viewroyal.ca/EN/main/municipal/lawn-garden-waste.html>.

Halloween Drive-Thru



**VIEW ROYAL
FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION**

Invites you to join us for our
Halloween drive-thru!

SATURDAY OCTOBER 31
4:00PM to 7:00PM

1519 ADMIRALS ROAD
Canadian Tire Parking lot,
set up next to the Garden Centre

We look forward to seeing everyone's costumes,
but please stay in your car
NO WALKUP'S PERMITTED

The flyer features a festive orange and yellow background with Halloween-themed icons like pumpkins, bats, skulls, and candy. It includes the View Royal Firefighters Association logo in the top left and bottom right corners, and a Canadian Tire logo near the address.

Death Cap Mushroom Warning

Death Cap Mushrooms are extremely toxic mushrooms that can cause severe illness and may be lethal if ingested by people (especially children) and pets. They can be found in various environments around Greater Victoria. Death cap mushrooms usually fruit in the fall due to periods of heavy rain, however intensive lawn watering in the summer months may cause the mushrooms to grow earlier.



If you see death cap mushrooms in your area, please report the sighting by visiting [Invasive Species of Concern](#) (BC government website) and use the online reporting form.

[For more information, click here to visit BC Centre for Disease Control.](#)

Upcoming Meetings

November 3, 2020	Council Meeting 7:00pm, Live Webcast
November 10, 2020	Committee of the Whole Meeting 3:30pm, Live Webcast
November 17, 2020	Council Meeting 7:00pm, Live Webcast

Council and Committee of the Whole meetings are currently held via live webcast only. For more information on how to attend and/or participate in a meeting, please visit the [Live Webcast Meetings](#) page on the Town’s website.

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



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