



# MONTHLY ELECTRONIC UPDATE SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2021

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## Community Climate Action Strategy

The impacts of climate change are being felt in View Royal just as they are across Canada and around the world. Our community's sustainability and prosperity depend on the decisions we make in the near term.

The Town of View Royal is developing a Community Climate Action Strategy (CCAS) to:

- update View Royal's greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets;
- help develop climate action policies for the Town's Official Community Plan; and
- prioritize community actions to mitigate climate change at the local level.



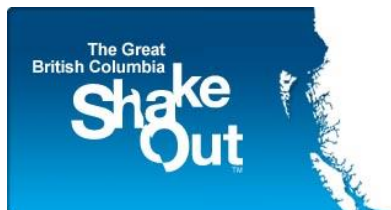
### [Community Climate Action Strategy \(CCAS\) Project Page](#)

As we build the Strategy, the Town wants to ensure we are engaging residents about what matters and where we can best reduce the GHG emissions that cause climate change while preparing for the impacts of a changing climate!

- [Online Survey #1](#): The first of two surveys for the Community Climate Action Strategy to find out what View Royal residents think and feel about the changing climate. Please complete the survey by October 29, 2021.

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## The Great British Columbia ShakeOut



**At 10:21 a.m. on October 21, 2021**, thousands of British Columbians will “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” in *The Great British Columbia ShakeOut*, the largest earthquake drill in BC history! Everyone is encouraged to participate in the drill wherever you are at 10:21 am on 10/21/2021!

The ShakeOut is our chance to practice how to protect ourselves, and for everyone to become prepared. The goal is to prevent disasters from becoming catastrophes.

For more information and registration, see [www.shakeoutbc.ca](http://www.shakeoutbc.ca).



### 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. 6**
- For residents who get their weekly garbage picked up on **WEDNESDAYS**, your lawn and garden waste pick-up day will be **SATURDAY, NOV. 13**
- For residents who get their weekly garbage picked up on **THURSDAYS**, your lawn and garden waste pick-up day will be **SATURDAY, NOV. 20**
- For residents who get their weekly garbage picked up on **FRIDAYS**, your lawn and garden waste pick-up day will be **SATURDAY, NOV. 27**

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>.

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### New Budget Variance Dashboard

Citizens are now able to access detailed information about the Town of View Royal's budget and finances with the Budget Variance Dashboard (the Dashboard).

The Dashboard is an interactive online tool to explore up-to-date financial data and project metrics for the Town of View Royal. The Dashboard allows you to drill down on operating revenue and expense for all services, through to categories within each service area, and see the status, schedule, and project summaries for 42 key projects in the current budget.

[Launch the Dashboard](#)



**Volunteers Needed - View Royal Emergency Communications Team**

# Volunteers Needed

The View Royal Emergency Communications Team is looking to add volunteer members to its group. If you are interested in learning about emergency communications, emergency preparedness and have an interest in amateur radio (Ham), please consider joining our team. Emergency Communications Teams operate from fire stations and municipal halls throughout the capital region and provide additional layers of communications to support our emergency management partners.

We run weekly meetings (Nets) to test our systems and train in communication and radio technology. No experience necessary, we will provide the training you will need to be a successful team member. This can also include helping you obtain your amateur radio licence.

Please contact us at: [emergencyprogram@viewroyal.ca](mailto:emergencyprogram@viewroyal.ca) or call 250-479-7322 for more information on joining our team.

## Join our Team



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### Sewer Utility Invoice Notice

The Town of View Royal will be sending the 2021 sewer utility invoices mid-October. Sewer utility invoices are due Tuesday, November 30, 2021. The consumption portion of your sewer utility invoice is based on the previous November to April water consumption.

#### [Frequently Asked Questions – Sewer Utility Fees](#)

Access your sewer utility account information online and sign up for electronic billing! Log in securely to your account to find out if we've processed your payment, check your balance, access historical transactions, view or print your invoice and manage invoice delivery preferences. Access [Online Services](#) and use your unique access PIN and account number shown on your invoice.

If you have not received your invoice by October 31, 2021, please contact the Finance Department at 250-708-2270 or email [finance@viewroyal.ca](mailto:finance@viewroyal.ca).



### View Royal Offers Heat Pump Top-Up for CleanBC Rebate Program

Heat pumps are the most efficient and climate-friendly heating and cooling system on the market today. Switching to an electric heat pump provides year-round comfort, better indoor air quality, and produces 97% less greenhouse gas emissions than natural gas/oil heating AND you could save 40-75% on your annual heating bill if converting from oil to an electric heat pump!

In addition to the heat pump rebates available through the [CleanBC Better Homes and Home Renovation Rebate Program](#), the Town of View Royal is now offering a \$350 municipal top-up to participants that switch from a fossil fuel (oil, natural gas, or propane) heating system to an electric air source heat pump.



To learn more, join View Royal friends and neighbours for an upcoming webinar on October 21 at 7:00pm for information about heat pumps and what rebates, financing offers, and supports are available to help you upgrade your heating system.

[Register for the Heat Pump Webinar](#)

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### View Royal Firefighters Association Halloween Drive-Thru

**VIEW ROYAL  
FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION**

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

**Sunday October 31  
4:30PM – 6:30PM**

**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**

**Upcoming Meetings**

November 2, 2021	<b>Council Meeting</b> 7:00pm, View Royal Town Hall or Live Webcast
November 9, 2021	<b>Committee of the Whole Meeting</b> 3:30pm, View Royal Town Hall or Live Webcast
November 16, 2021	<b>Council Meeting</b> 7:00pm, View Royal Town Hall or Live Webcast

Council and Committee of the Whole meetings are occurring with a limited number of public present in Council Chambers. To reserve a seat, call the Deputy Corporate Officer at 250-479-6800 or email [info@viewroyal.ca](mailto:info@viewroyal.ca). The public are also welcome to attend and/or participate in meetings virtually via [Live Webcast](#).

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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Check out the monthly CAO Update!

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