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#### **Town Hall Holiday Hours**

Please note that Town Hall will be closed for the holidays from Friday, December 24, 2021 to Friday, December 31, 2021.



Garbage and household food waste collection will not be affected during the closure.

Town Hall will re-open at 8:30am on Monday, January 3, 2022.

#### Consideration of Increase to Council Size

Town of View Royal Council is considering an increase to Council size from five to seven members. As part of this review, the Town is looking for the public's input on this initiative.

Due to inclement weather during the Open House in November 2021, additional Public Engagement Opportunities have been added in January 2022 (see below) to ensure those who were unable to attend have an opportunity to provide their input to Council.

### **Background Materials**

- Frequently Asked Questions
- Background Report

## **Public Engagement Opportunities**

- November 15, 2021 Council Size Open House: <u>View Presentation Boards</u>
- November 16, 2021 Council Meeting Public Feedback: Watch Video
- \*NEW\* January 17, 2022 Council Size Open House (5:00pm-8:00pm, View Royal Town Hall): View Presentation Boards
- \*NEW\* January 18, 2022 Council Meeting Public Feedback during Public Participation Period (7:00pm, View Royal Town Hall): Live Webcast

#### For more information:

 Sarah Jones, Corporate Officer info@viewroyal.ca 250-479-6800



#### **Light Up View Royal 2021**

Back by popular demand, Light Up View Royal is happening again this holiday season to brighten our spirits in neighbourhoods across our town. Town Council wants to recognize some of the best 2021 Christmas light displays and is looking for your nominations!

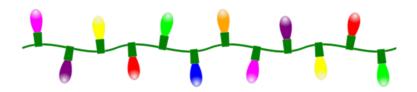
Has a light display at a home or business impressed you? Nominate a View Royal address (it's OK to nominate your own home or business) by sending an email to info@viewroyal.ca by Friday, December 24, 2021.

Members of Council will view each nominated address, then between Christmas and New Year's Eve Council elves will deliver a festive treat to the top five winners.

Take a Christmas lights tour around View Royal and check out the nominations for yourself!

**Light Up View Royal Nominations** 

Turn on your lights, View Royal. We love your spirit.



#### **Annual View Royal Firefighters Association Food Drive**

On December 11, firefighters from the View Royal Firefighters Association drove through View Royal and collected a full trailer of non-perishable food items and over \$6700 cash donations for the Westshore Food Bank! Thank you View Royal!!

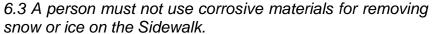


### Snow & Ice Clearing Reminders - Sidewalks & Roads

With the winter season upon us and the possibility of snowfall and inclement weather, in order to ensure safety for pedestrians, we would like to remind View Royal residents and businesses of our Streets Bylaw No. 980, 2019, which states that:

6.1 Every Owner or occupant of any Parcel abutting or fronting upon a portion of a Sidewalk must clear, and keep clear, such portion of the Sidewalk of all snow, ice, dirt, Refuse, litter, rubbish, and lawn and Garden Waste and must remove these materials from the Street.

6.2 In addition to the requirements under Section 6.1, the Owner or occupant of any Parcel must remove snow and ice from the abutting or fronting Sidewalk by 10:00 a.m. of each day.





We encourage residents to use environmentally friendly ice melting products. Products that are corrosive are not acceptable as they can harm the environment and the sidewalks themselves.

We ask that you kindly help your elderly or handicapped neighbours who may need assistance with snow removal. The Town will make every effort to keep intersections, high-use bus stops and crosswalks clear of snow and ice.

The Town uses Victoria Contracting and Municipal Maintenance Corporation (VCMMC) to salt, plow and clear snow from all the roads within the Town (with the exception of private strata roads).

In the event of a snowfall, we remind residents not to leave their vehicles parked on the travelled portion of the roads so that the snowplows can negotiate the roads and get them cleared as quickly as possible. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Please push the snow to the *right* of your driveway (facing the road from your home) so that when the snowplow comes by, it does not plow any excess snow across your driveway entrance or private road access.

Please note that in the event of a heavy snowstorm or icy road conditions, our garbage collection contractor, Waste Management, may not be able to service certain customers due to safety or access reasons. Waste Management will collect any missed garbage as soon as they can safely do so. Please provide clear and safe access to garbage totes to ensure uninterrupted service.

For more winter weather reminders, please visit <a href="http://bit.ly/2Q6lv2d">http://bit.ly/2Q6lv2d</a>.



### **Winter Driving**

Use of winter tires for improved driving safety is highly recommended. Winter tires are now mandatory for travelling on the Trans-Canada Highway over the Malahat. For more information on winter driving, please visit:

- www.ShiftIntoWinter.ca
- www.DriveBC.ca

# **Upcoming Meetings**

January 11, 2022	Committee of the Whole Meeting 3:30pm, View Royal Town Hall or Live Webcast
	Council Meeting 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 <a href="mailto:info@viewroyal.ca">info@viewroyal.ca</a>. 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 <u>Agendas, Minutes & Videos</u> page of the website. Click here for more information about Council Meetings.



Looking for more highlights of significant activities of the Town?

**Check out the monthly CAO Update!** 

Dec 14, 2021 - CAO Update