



# VIEW ROYAL NEWS

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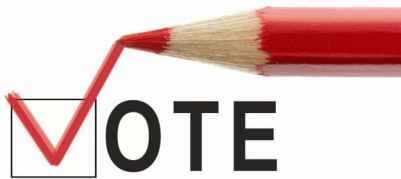
## TOWN HALL HOURS & CLOSURES

Hours of operation are Monday to Friday, 8:30 am — 4:30 pm, excluding statutory holidays. COVID-19 safety measures are in place. Town Hall will be closed on the following dates for statutory holidays and winter break:

- Friday, September 30, 2022
- Monday, October 10, 2022
- Friday, November 11, 2022
- Winter Break — Monday, December 26 — January 2, 2023. Town Hall re-opens Tuesday, January 3, 2023 @ 8:30 am
- Monday, February 20, 2023
- Friday, April 7, 2023
- Monday, April 10, 2023

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS 2022

Voting is set for 8 am to 8 pm on October 5, 11 & 15, 2022. For details and locations, including Vote by Mail Ballot, please see page 3 of the newsletter.



## WHAT'S INSIDE AND REMINDERS

- 2022 Sewer Utility Invoice, see pg. 3.
- Active Transportation Network Plan Update, see pg. 2.
- Lawn and Garden Waste Curbside Collection November 2022, see pg. 4.
- Business Licence Renewal deadline is January 31, 2023.
- CRD Dog Licence Renewal deadline is March 1, 2023.
- Secondary Suite renewal deadline is February 28, 2023.



## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

As I write this it is hard to believe that the end of another four year term is upon us. This has been such a different and difficult term as we have dealt with the many implications of COVID-19. There have been many ramifications and impacts on the Town and, once again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Town staff, our first responders, our police, and, indeed, everyone involved

with keeping our Town safe and secure throughout the last few years. It has been a challenging time and I am hopeful we are now putting the worst behind us.

On behalf of all of Council, I would also like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your elected representatives. It is a true honour to serve on council and I know I speak for all of us in saying that.

By the time you receive this newsletter the election period will have started. Please take the time to get involved and to inform yourself about the candidates and most importantly to vote! We are so fortunate in View Royal to have a truly unique and wonderful community and we must all ensure that we do our part to protect that.

Again, it has been our honour to serve you and please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any member of Council with your questions or concerns.

Best regards, David Screech



## VIEW ROYAL ALL CANDIDATES FORUM THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

The WestShore Chamber of Commerce is pleased to provide an online 'All Candidates Forum' for voters in View Royal on September 29<sup>th</sup> from approximately 6 pm to 8 pm. This event is being held online to allow as many people as possible to hear from the candidates and will be moderated by the Honourable Mitzi Dean. Up to 500 participants will be able to attend on the night and the session will be recorded and posted to give voters the option to view the forum before advance polls open. You will find all the latest information about the 'All Candidates Forum' here <https://bit.ly/3CpiZht>. Registration information will be provided after September 15th. Candidates who wish to participate in the forum are asked to register by sending an email to [events@westshore.bc.ca](mailto:events@westshore.bc.ca). Call WestShore Chamber of Commerce at 250-478-1130 for more information.

## "DEAR AUNTIE ARCHIVES"

Auntie Archives would like to remind residents of the new View Royal Archives website. You can find over 500 images online at <https://viewroyalarchives.accesstomemory.org/>

Can you spot photos of your neighbourhood, family, or friends? Do you have something to contribute?

The Town of View Royal Archives can be contacted at: [archives@viewroyal.ca](mailto:archives@viewroyal.ca) or 250-708-2275.



Portage Park October, 2015 Photo by W. Sturrock

## TRANSPORTATION SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO WATCH FOR

### Pedestrian Lighting Improvements

The roundabout on Helmcken Road at Pheasant Lane is scheduled to receive improved lighting this fall to enhance pedestrian safety in the area.

### Island Highway Rapid Transit Bus Lanes

Dedicated bus lanes are coming to View Royal! The Town is working with BC Transit on this project which will yield dedicated bus lanes along Island Highway between the Colwood Interchange to Six Mile Road.

### Pavement Patching Island Highway

Island Highway at Shoreline Drive will be receiving some attention this fall as crews mill and pave this heavily trafficked area to improve road quality. Impacts to traffic will be posted at [www.viewroyal.ca](http://www.viewroyal.ca).

You can subscribe to receive updates for Public Notices and get Traffic Advisories to plan ahead.



Email Notifications: sign up at: [www.viewroyal.ca](http://www.viewroyal.ca)



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## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Emergency Preparedness Workshop: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 6:30—7:30pm

Earthquake Preparedness Workshop: Tuesday, October 18, 2022 6:30—7:30pm

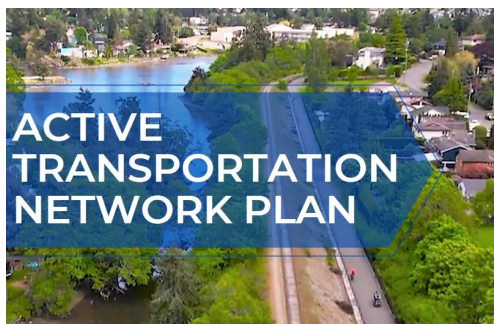
To reserve a seat for one or both of the sessions please email [emergencyprogram@viewroyal.ca](mailto:emergencyprogram@viewroyal.ca) or call 250-479-7322. The sessions will be held at the View Royal Public Safety Building located at 333 Island Highway.



## PARKS IMPROVEMENTS

### View Royal Park Wetland Plantings Project

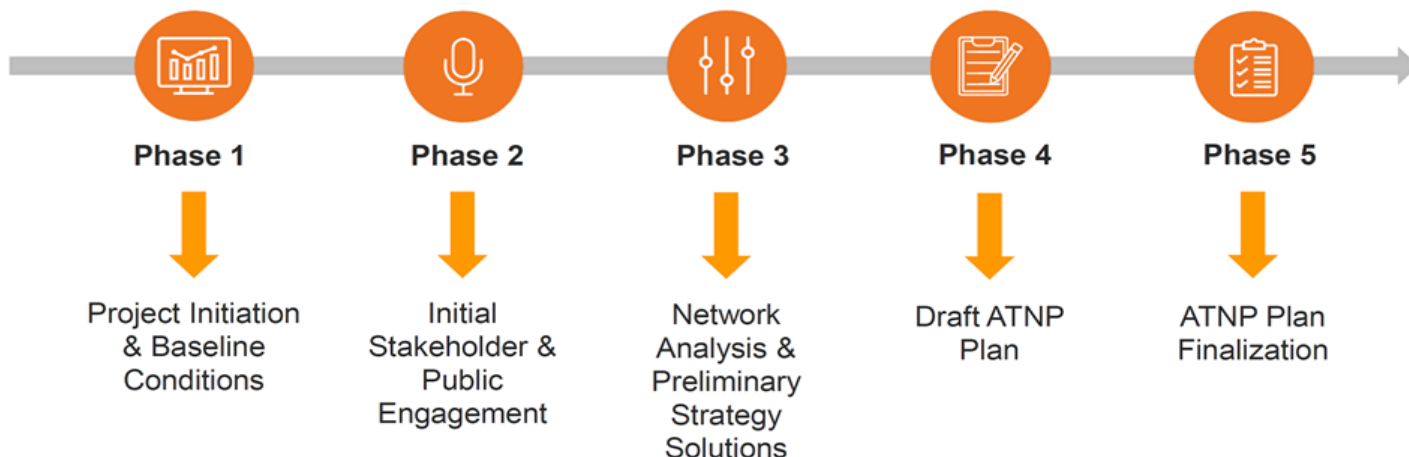
As set out in the View Royal Park Master Plan, regrading of the existing swale around the Park will be completed in Fall 2022. Work will require the use of construction equipment and will see wetland and tree plantings completed. Trails may be rerouted temporarily for site and public safety.



## VIEW ROYAL'S ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK PLAN

The Town is developing its first ever **Active Transportation Network Plan** - a strategic document that lays out the vision and objectives to enhance active transportation in View Royal. Active transportation includes any form of human-powered transportation, such as walking and cycling, but also encompasses a variety of other modes, such as skateboards, roller skates or in-line skates, wheelchairs, or mobility aids. Active transportation has and will continue to be a vital part of the Town's transportation network as it can help with many of the Town's priorities including environmental protection, greenhouse gas emission reductions, economic development, and infrastructure improvements. Currently, 19% of all trips to work and school are by transit, walking, and cycling; the Town's [Strategic Plan](#) has set a target of 25% for these trips.

This past summer, Town staff and the project consultant held in-person Ideas Fairs at Portage Park and Chancellor Park with nearly 100 people in attendance. Residents were invited to share their thoughts on what they like in the current network and what needs more attention. An online survey was also conducted as well as one-on-one interviews with key stakeholders. The results from the public and stakeholder engagement will be published in a "What We Heard Report" on the Town's website. A second online survey can be expected in September 2022 along with invitations to participate in a community bikeshop event. The draft plan will be presented to the community at an open house in late fall of 2022 with the final plan to be presented to Council in early spring 2023. For more information about the Town's Active Transportation Network Plan, please visit <https://viewroyal.info/activetransportationplan> or send an email to [engineering@viewroyal.ca](mailto:engineering@viewroyal.ca).





## UPCOMING LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS OCTOBER 2022

An election is being held to elect 1 Mayor, 6 Councillors, and School Board Trustees for Greater Victoria School District No. 61, and School Board Trustees for Sooke School District No. 62. General voting day is Saturday, October 15, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at View Royal Elementary School (218 Helmcken Road) and at Eagle View Elementary School (97 Talcott Road).



Advance voting will be on Wednesday, October 5, 2022 and Tuesday, October 11, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at View Royal Town Hall Council Chambers (located at 45 View Royal Avenue).

For further information regarding this election – including voter eligibility, who is running as a candidate, voter identification you will need to bring to the voting place, and more – please visit [www.viewroyal.ca](http://www.viewroyal.ca) or contact Elena Bolster, Deputy Chief Election Officer, at 250-479-6800.

### Vote By Mail Ballot

Registered electors (resident or non-resident) may vote by mail. Electors must complete and submit an application form to the Town of View Royal to receive a mail ballot. You may obtain an application form by coming into the Town Hall (45 View Royal Avenue) during regular office hours or by going to the Town's website at: [www.viewroyal.ca](http://www.viewroyal.ca) (type "mail ballot" into the search bar).



**IMPORTANT:** To be counted for the election, your mail ballot must be received by the Chief Election Officer or Deputy Chief Election Officer at View Royal Town Hall (45 View Royal Avenue) by the close of business at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 14, 2022. Alternatively, you may arrange for the ballot to be hand delivered to the Chief Election Officer at View Royal Elementary School (218 Helmcken Road) between 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on general voting day, Saturday, October 15, 2022.

## 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).

## 2022 SEWER UTILITY INVOICE

Residents are likely to pay an amount for sewer similar to last year if their water consumption did not change. All non-institutional users' invoices are based on November 2021 to April 2022 water consumption, so if your consumption increased from last year, you will likely see a similar percentage increase. Conversely, if your consumption decreased, you should see a related decrease in your sewer utility invoice. If you experienced a water leak during that period, your 2022 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.

The 2022 Sewer Utility Invoice will be issued in mid-October with payment due near the end of November.

If you have not received your invoice by October 31, 2022, please contact the Finance Department at 250-708-2270 or [finance@viewroyal.ca](mailto:finance@viewroyal.ca). You can pay your sewer utility invoice in person at Town Hall using cheque, cash and debit card, via the payment drop box located by the front doors of Town Hall, by mail, or online or telephone banking. Any balances outstanding on December 31, 2022, will be transferred to arrears property taxes and will accrue daily interest charges.

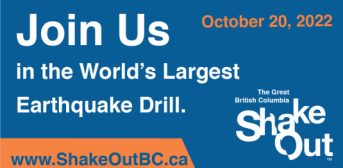
Did you know you can sign up to receive your sewer utility invoice by email instead of a paper copy in the mail? You can also access your sewer utility account information securely online. Look for the [Online Services](#) link on the home page at [www.viewroyal.ca](http://www.viewroyal.ca).



## THE GREAT BC SHAKEOUT

Do not leave it to luck. Get the facts on how to protect yourself during an earthquake by participating in the Great British Columbia Shakeout at 10:20 a.m. on Thursday, October 20, 2022. Register today at:

[www.shakeoutbc.ca](http://www.shakeoutbc.ca) and join more than 670,000 British Columbians for the eleventh annual "Drop, Cover and Hold On" drill.



## VIEW ROYAL FIRE RESCUE IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS



**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

## BEACH NOURISHMENT AT PORTAGE INLET LINEAR PARK

In August, the Peninsula Streams Society conducted a beach nourishment project at the west end of Portage Inlet Linear Park. A special mix of sediments were deposited to enhance habitat for forage fish to support birds and other animals that feed on the fish. Best practices and requisite federal permits were followed to minimize disturbances to existing ecosystems. Ongoing monitoring by Peninsula Streams will include winter and summer monitoring of the beach, intertidal surveys, forage fish egg surveys, and eDNA monitoring at this site to provide long-term data on the marine biodiversity in Portage Inlet. The Town was one of the funding partners.



*Before photo by Peninsula Streamkeepers Society*



*After photo by Town of View Royal*

## KEEPING OUR WATERWAYS CLEAN

The Town's Storm Water Regulation Bylaw No.902 serves as a tool to ensure that property and business owners in View Royal are appropriately discharging their storm water.

### What does this mean for residents?

We recommend familiarizing yourself with the bylaw's list of "Prohibited Waste" under Schedule B of the bylaw. For example, did you know that pool water must be dechlorinated before draining into the Town's system?

### What does this mean for business owners or strata properties with parking lots?

Affected business owners and strata properties with parking lots will be given a new due date for compliance with their respective Code of Practice in the bylaw. To ensure compliance, please review the Bylaw's "Code of Practice" most relevant to your activities.



## LAWN AND GARDEN WASTE CURBSIDE COLLECTION IN NOVEMBER 2022

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. See the schedule below for your 2022 collection date:

Regular Weekly Garbage Day	Lawn & Garden Waste Collection 2022
Tuesdays	Saturday, November 5 <sup>th</sup>
Wednesdays	Saturday, November 12 <sup>th</sup>
Thursdays	Saturday, November 19 <sup>th</sup>
Fridays	Saturday, November 26 <sup>th</sup>

### THE PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW ARE:

All items are to be placed at the end of your driveway at the curbside by **7:00 am** 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 can be included in your weekly garbage in a separate bag.

**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 \$3.50 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.**

For more information on this service, please visit [www.viewroyal.ca](http://www.viewroyal.ca) and select *Lawn & Garden Waste Disposal* from the *Municipal Services* drop-down menu.



## RESIDENT TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

**New in 2022!** The Town of View Royal is launching its "Resident Tree Planting Program". Funded by income received through Tree Removal Permitting, the program encourages residents to contribute to View Royal's urban canopy within their private property.

**Am I Eligible?** If you answer YES to the below points:

- ✓ Do you own a home in View Royal?
- ✓ Do you have extra outdoor green space suitable for tree planting?
- ✓ Are you able to plant and care for new trees on your property long-term?

Apply at any time! There is no deadline for applications.

### How do I Apply?

Simply complete the Application Form and submit to the Town for consideration. Application Forms can be found online at [www.viewroyal.ca](http://www.viewroyal.ca) (type "resident tree planting" into the search bar) or can be picked up at Town Hall by request.

Contact the Engineering Department to learn more at 250-708-2258 or email [engineering@viewroyal.ca](mailto:engineering@viewroyal.ca).

