



# MONTHLY ELECTRONIC UPDATE: EARTH DAY EDITION APRIL 2022

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Earth Day encourages individuals and organizations to take action to reduce their impact on the environment.

Each year, the Earth Day campaign invites citizens to take care of the planet through simple and beneficial gestures for the environment.

If you need some ideas, here are a few ways you can do your part:

## BYO Bag for Shopping in View Royal

We all know plastic bags pollute the environment including our parks, trails and shorelines. The Town of View Royal is taking action to help reduce the amount of plastic waste entering our landfill and contaminating our environment by introducing the new [Checkout Bag Regulation Bylaw](#).

The Checkout Bag Regulation Bylaw bans the distribution of most single-use plastic bags in businesses and requires retailers to charge for new checkout bags. For consistency, this Bylaw mirrors other checkout bag bylaws already in place in other municipalities in the Capital Region.

The Bylaw came into effect on April 22, so please remember to pack your reusable bags when shopping in View Royal! More information is available at <https://www.viewroyal.ca/EN/main/discover/environment/reducing-plastic-bags.html>.



## Try an Electric Bike

Instead of reaching for your car keys for shorter trips around the Capital Region, why not try an electric bike! An electric bike is propelled by a combination of human power and battery power - with no reliance on gas or diesel to run - they release no harmful carbon emissions and do not contribute to air pollution.

Best of all, biking is great exercise and great fun!

[Capital Region Bike Map](#)



### Consider Upgrading to a Heat Pump

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 offers 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.

Visit [betterhomesbc.ca](https://betterhomesbc.ca) to learn more about upgrading to a heat pump, rebates, financing and supports available to help you make the switch.

### Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

The Capital Regional District (CRD) operates the Blue Box recycling program in View Royal, which provides curbside recycling to residents.

In addition to the Blue Box program, the CRD's [myrecyclopedia.ca](https://myrecyclopedia.ca) is a great resource for residents to identify how to reduce, reuse and recycle items that do not go into your Blue Box. Residents and businesses can find convenient facility locations and get the environmental story behind the items we use in our homes and businesses.



[myrecyclopedia.ca](https://myrecyclopedia.ca)

[CRD's Top 12 Waste & Recycling FAQs](#)

Other recycling resources:

- [crd.bc.ca/service/waste-recycling/recycle](https://crd.bc.ca/service/waste-recycling/recycle)
- [recyclebc.ca](https://recyclebc.ca)
- [electrorecycle.ca](https://electrorecycle.ca)
- [productcare.org](https://productcare.org)
- [opeic.ca](https://opeic.ca)



## Town of View Royal Considers Disposition of Park Land to the CRD

The Town of View Royal is considering the sale of two properties adjacent to Mill Hill Regional Park to the Capital Regional District (CRD). These properties are currently dedicated as park land and would be placed under a covenant to ensure the properties are used only for park purposes, protected and preserved substantially in their natural state, and managed and maintained as part of the regional park system once they are owned by the CRD.

The Town of View Royal has prepared [Disposition of Park Land Bylaw No. 1090, 2022 \[PDF - 301 KB\]](#) and [Disposition of Park Land Bylaw No. 1091, 2022 \[PDF - 431 KB\]](#) to bring about this land disposition.

Prior to Council's adoption of these bylaws, the [Community Charter](#) requires elector approval of the adoption of the bylaws to proceed with the disposition of park land to the CRD. Council has chosen the Alternative Approval Process to obtain elector approval.

### The Alternative Approval Process

Eligible electors can indicate they do not want Council to proceed with adopting the disposition bylaws by submitting a completed [Alternative Approval Elector Response Form \[PDF - 331 KB\]](#); printed forms are also available at Town Hall.

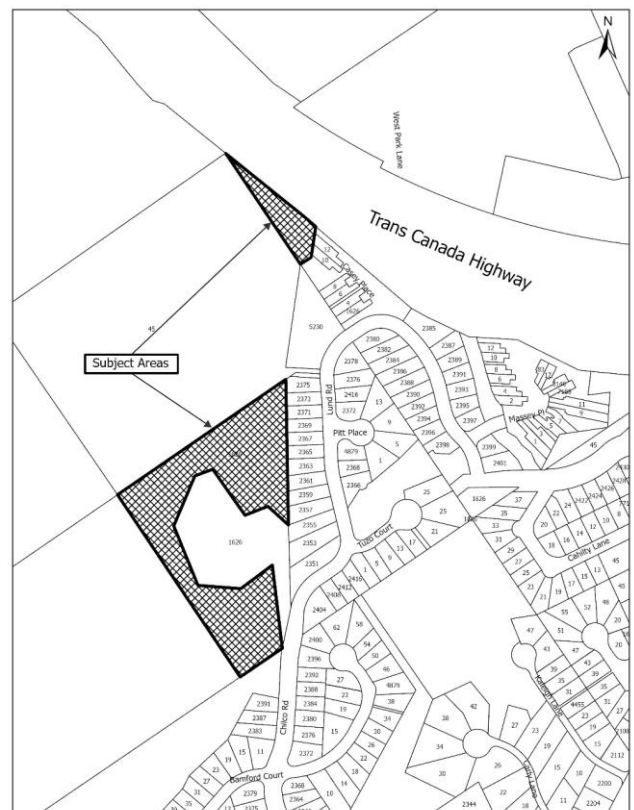
Alternative Approval Elector Response Forms must be submitted to the Town by the deadline of **Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 4:30pm** by:

- **Mail or in person:**  
Town of View Royal, Attention: Corporate Officer  
45 View Royal Avenue  
Victoria, BC V9B 1A5
- **Fax:** 250-727-9551
- **Email:** [info@viewroyal.ca](mailto:info@viewroyal.ca)

[Learn more about the Alternative Approval Process](#)

### Contact:

- Sarah Jones, Corporate Officer  
[info@viewroyal.ca](mailto:info@viewroyal.ca)  
250-479-6800



### **View Royal Garden Club General Meeting**

Join the View Royal Garden Club for an in-person General Meeting (including mini-show) featuring Paul Allison discussing the Adachi Japanese Garden.

**Date:** Wednesday, April 27, 2022

**Location:** Wheeley Hall, Esquimalt United Church, 500 Admirals Rd (entrance on Lyall St)

**Time:** 7:30pm



**Description of Topic:** A richly illustrated tour of the Japanese gardens at the Adachi Art Museum in Tochi, Japan. The meticulously maintained garden has been voted as the No.1 Japanese garden by the Japanese Garden Journal.

Visitors are welcome; drop-in fee of \$5.00.

#### **Contact:**

- **View Royal Garden Club**  
[viewroyalgc@outlook.com](mailto:viewroyalgc@outlook.com)

## Lawn & Garden Waste Disposal

For lawn and garden waste clean-up this spring, View Royal residents are encouraged to take advantage of two options for disposing of your yard waste:

- **[Yard and Garden Waste Transfer Station](#)**: located at 605 Canteen Road.
  - **Fees**: no user fee for residents of View Royal and Esquimalt. Proof of residency is required. Residential decals for vehicle windshields are available at the facility for those residents who use the facility regularly.
- **[Ellice Recycle](#)**: located at 524 David Street.
  - **Fees**: regular depot rates for yard and garden waste apply.

For more information about lawn and garden waste disposal, visit <https://www.viewroyal.ca/EN/main/municipal/lawn-garden-waste.html>.

### Contact:

- **Engineering Department**  
[engineering@viewroyal.ca](mailto:engineering@viewroyal.ca)  
250-708-2258




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## 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 <https://www.viewroyal.ca/EN/meta/notifications.html> to sign up to receive emails for any/all of the following:

- 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: for Council and Committee of the Whole meetings



**SOCIAL MEDIA:** like or follow our pages on social media to receive the latest updates.

- Town of View Royal Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/townofviewroyal](http://www.facebook.com/townofviewroyal)
- Town of View Royal Twitter Page: [@TownofViewRoyal](https://twitter.com/TownofViewRoyal)

### Upcoming Meetings

May 3, 2022	<b>Council Meeting</b> 7:00pm, View Royal Town Hall or Live Webcast
May 10, 2022	<b>Committee of the Whole Meeting</b> 3:30pm, View Royal Town Hall or Live Webcast
May 17, 2022	<b>Council Meeting</b> 7:00pm, View Royal Town Hall or Live Webcast

Meetings are held in person in Council Chambers as well as 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!

[April 12, 2022- CAO Update](#)