



# MONTHLY ELECTRONIC UPDATE OCTOBER 2022

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## General Voting Day in View Royal

General Voting Day will take place on Saturday, October 15, 2022 from 8:00am until 8:00pm.

### Where to Vote

- View Royal Elementary School, [218 Helmcken Road](#);
- Eagle View Elementary School, [97 Talcott Road](#).

You can vote in the Town of View Royal election if you live in View Royal or if you own property in View Royal but live elsewhere in British Columbia.

[List of Requirements to Vote](#)

### What to Bring

Please bring two pieces of identification that prove your identity and address (at least one with a signature). There are no voter cards; voter registration will be at the time of voting.

[List of Acceptable Identification Documents](#)

### Mail Ballots

If you applied for and received a ballot to vote by mail, all mail ballots must be submitted:

- to Town Hall, 45 View Royal Avenue, no later than 4:30pm on Friday, October 14; OR
- to the Chief Election Officer at View Royal Elementary School, 218 Helmcken Road, no later than 8:00pm on Saturday, October 15.

For more Voter and 2022 Candidates Information, visit <https://www.viewroyal.ca/EN/main/town/elections.html>.

### Contact

- Chief Election Officer, Ken Schaalje - 250-652-6884
- Deputy Chief Election Officer, Elena Bolster - 250-479-6800, [info@viewroyal.ca](mailto:info@viewroyal.ca)



### The Great British Columbia ShakeOut



At 10:20 a.m. on October 20, 2022, 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 10:20 am on 10/20/2022!

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).




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### View Royal Garden Club – General Meeting

The View Royal Garden Club will hold a general meeting on Wednesday, October 26 in Wheeley Hall behind Esquimalt United Church, 500 Admirals Rd (entrance off Lyall Street).

Liz Dick, of Special Effects Flowers will speak on creating a farm in the Shawnigan Lake area with the goal to grow those flowers that are different than those found in garden centres. She has sourced out plants from all over the world with a focus on Delphiniums, Snapdragons, Larkspur, Lilies, Peonies, Dahlias and many more. She also has a product of biodegradable confetti and ships wholesale blooms to florists across the country. Her website [www.specialeffectsflower.com](http://www.specialeffectsflower.com) tells the story of how she got started.

A judged mini show will feature exhibits from members gardens. Everyone welcome, there is a \$5 drop in fee for non-members.

Further information is available at [viewroyalgardenclub.wordpress.com](http://viewroyalgardenclub.wordpress.com).



### 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. 5**
- For residents who get their weekly garbage picked up on **WEDNESDAYS**, your lawn and garden waste pick-up day will be **SATURDAY, NOV. 12**
- For residents who get their weekly garbage picked up on **THURSDAYS**, your lawn and garden waste pick-up day will be **SATURDAY, NOV. 19**
- For residents who get their weekly garbage picked up on **FRIDAYS**, your lawn and garden waste pick-up day will be **SATURDAY, NOV. 26**

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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### Budget Variance Dashboard

Citizens are 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](#)



## October is Cyber Security Awareness Month in Canada

Cyber criminals spend their days trying to trick us into giving up our personal information, tamper with our devices and even steal our identities. When cyber-attacks like phishing are successful, they can ruin our days, to put it lightly. That's why, this Cyber Security Awareness Month, we're encouraging Canadians to ruin a cyber criminal's day.

This October, we can learn more about spotting phishing messages, and take simple steps to protect ourselves from phishing. Let's help make phishing scams less appealing to criminals— and that just might ruin their day.

Learn more: [Get Cyber Safe](#)



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## Sewer Utility Invoice Notice

The Town of View Royal issues annual sewer utility invoices mid-October, with payment due Wednesday, November 30, 2022. Residential sewer user fees are 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 at [viewroyal.ca](http://viewroyal.ca) and use your unique access PIN and account number shown on your invoice.

If you have not received your invoice by October 31, 2022, please contact the Finance Department.

### Contact

- Finance Department  
250-708-2270  
[finance@viewroyal.ca](mailto:finance@viewroyal.ca)

### Halloween Fun at View Royal Public Safety Building

The View Royal Firefighters Association invites you to bring your family and friends to the View Royal Public Safety Building for some Halloween fun!

Enjoy hot dogs, hot chocolate, Halloween goodies, and a Haunted House!

- When: October 31st, 6:00pm - 9:00pm
- Where: View Royal Public Safety Building  
333 Island Highway

#### Contact

- View Royal Fire Department  
250-479-7322  
[firerescue@viewroyal.ca](mailto:firerescue@viewroyal.ca)



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### Fireworks Notice

With the continued extreme drought conditions being experienced on the South Island along with Environment Canada's forecast for the extended dry weather, it is expected that the extreme/high wildfire conditions will remain in effect.

As the discharge of fireworks in extreme/high wildfire conditions is considered a hazardous activity and constitutes a significant risk to public safety and property, the View Royal Fire Department is advising that the use of fireworks on October 31, 2022 will be prohibited if continued environmental conditions remain in effect.

At this time the Town of View Royal will not be issuing any firework permits for October 31, 2022 until the environmental conditions have been re-assessed and the municipality determines that the risk to public safety is reduced.

#### Contact

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**Upcoming Meetings**

November 1, 2022	<b>Council Meeting</b> 7:00pm, View Royal Town Hall or Live Webcast
November 8, 2022	<b>Committee of the Whole Meeting</b> 3:30pm, View Royal Town Hall or Live Webcast
November 15, 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.

For information, visit [Council Meetings](#).