



MONTHLY ELECTRONIC UPDATE

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BC Energy Step Code for New Buildings

The Town is committed to taking steps to increase energy-efficiency in new buildings. In July 2022, Town of View Royal Council adopted a new change to [Building Bylaw No. 786, 2010](#).

Beginning on January 1, 2023, the Town is stepping up to Step Code 3 for Part 9 Buildings (single-family dwellings, duplexes, townhouses, and wood-frame buildings up to six-storeys) and Step Code 2 for Part 3 Buildings (other residential and commercial buildings).

This change will not affect existing in-stream building permit applications. However, building permits received after January 1, 2023 will need to design the building to the new Step Code requirements.



Through the [BC Energy Step Code](#), the Province has established a series of performance requirements that will increase the energy efficiency of newly constructed buildings. The Province has created a goal that all new buildings will be net-zero energy-ready by 2032.

The Step Code is designed to attain building energy performance, and is designed through a set of incremental levels. The rationale for the change in requirements has been made to satisfy the Province's goal of achieving net zero energy requirements through building code changes by 2032.

These changes at the provincial level align with View Royal's commitment to reducing energy use and emissions, identified through the Town's [Official Community Plan](#), and the newly adopted [Climate Action Strategy](#).

To comply with the BC Energy Step Code, builders will use energy software modeling and on-site testing to demonstrate that both their design and the constructed building meet the requirements of the standard. They may use any materials or construction methods to do so.

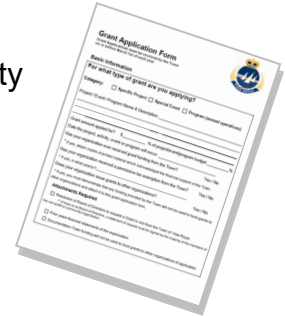
More information, including How-to Process Guides for Step Code, is available at <https://bit.ly/3DSIKri>.

2023 Grants in Aid

The Grant in Aid program is designed to assist non-profit and community organizations in achieving their goals and objectives.

Council may provide financial assistance to organizations whose projects are deemed to be of considerable benefit to View Royal.

The Grant in Aid Policy and Application Forms are available at <https://www.viewroyal.ca/EN/main/municipal/grants-in-aid.html> or contact the Finance Department finance@viewroyal.ca or 250-708-2270 and copies can be emailed or mailed to you. The application deadline is **Wednesday, March 1, 2023**.



[Requirements and detailed information](#)

For more information:

- **Finance Department**
finance@viewroyal.ca
250-708-2270

Time to Renew Business Licences

It's that time of year to renew business licences for 2023. Renewal notices have been mailed out, and all business licences must be paid in full no later than **January 31, 2023**. The penalty for late renewals is 10% of the cost of the licence, with a minimum penalty of \$25.00.

Easy online renewal available via [Online Services](#).

A reminder that business licences must be prominently displayed in the sales or reception area of the premises to which the public has access.

If your business has not received a 2023 renewal notice, please contact Town Hall at 250-479-6800 or email info@viewroyal.ca.

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Secondary Suite Permit Renewal

Renewal Information

Secondary Suite permits are now being renewed for 2023. The deadline for renewal is **February 28, 2023**. Renewals can be submitted with payment by mail, dropped off in the mail slot beside the front entrance of Town Hall or in person (45 View Royal Avenue).

Have you lost your renewal form?

You can [download a form directly from our website](#) or call 250-479-6800 and a new one can be emailed or mailed to you.

Are you a new owner of a house with a suite?

If you purchased a home that has a secondary suite, the current permit will transfer over to you. Provided all suite requirements continue to be met, you are only required to continue with the annual renewal process.

If you have any questions regarding the permit renewal process, please contact the Development Services Department at 250-708-2254 or planning@viewroyal.ca.

Upcoming Meetings

February 7, 2023	Council Meeting 7:00pm, View Royal Town Hall or Live Webcast
February 14, 2023	Committee of the Whole Meeting 3:30pm, View Royal Town Hall or Live Webcast
February 15, 2023	Special Committee of the Whole Budget Meeting 6:00pm, View Royal Town Hall or Live Webcast
February 16, 2023	Special Committee of the Whole Budget Meeting 6:00pm, View Royal Town Hall or Live Webcast
February 21, 2023	Special Committee of the Whole Budget Meeting (if needed) 6:00pm, View Royal Town Hall or Live Webcast

Council and Committee of the Whole meetings are currently held via live webcast only. For more information on how to attend and/or participate in a meeting, please visit the [Live Webcast Meetings](#) page on the Town's website.

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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