



MONTHLY ELECTRONIC UPDATE

FEBRUARY 2023

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View Royal Business Mixer

On behalf of Town of View Royal Council and the [WestShore Chamber of Commerce](#), you are cordially invited to an upcoming informal gathering specifically for local businesses.



Members of Town Council and representatives from the WestShore Chamber of Commerce will be in attendance and look forward to reconnecting with you or meeting you in person for the first time.

Refreshments will be provided. View Royal business owners, managers or staff are invited to eat, drink, network, and share your ideas to help make our community an even better place to do business.

Registration in advance is required to secure your spot and closes on February 21, 2023. To

make as many spaces available as possible, we ask that each business register a maximum of two representatives for this event.

[Register for the Event](#)

View Royal Park Volunteer Work Party

Greater Victoria Green Team is hosting a volunteer work party to remove invasive species and plant native trees at View Royal Park!

Date: Saturday, February 18

Time: 9:45am – 1:00pm

Location: View Royal Park – 1328 Pheasant Lane

Visit <https://bit.ly/40RE0Lw> for full details on where to meet, what to bring, what will be provided, and the work party itinerary.



Opening of the Victoria Scottish Cultural Centre

A note from the Mayor on the occasion of the Opening of the Victoria Scottish Cultural Centre

Hello Neighbours,

I had the pleasure of emceeing the opening of the [Victoria Scottish Cultural Centre](#). The Town of View Royal, the Province of British Columbia, the Government of Canada, commercial sponsors, individual donations and lots of volunteer hard work made this vision a reality. I provided the following quote to media:

"This community centre is not just a building, it's a beacon of hope, a gathering place for our diverse community, a space where we come together to connect, grow and thrive. It is a symbol of our commitment to building a better future for all our residents. Let us all be proud of this new community centre and all that it represents."

I want to thank Jim Maxwell, his team and the families that have supported them on their remarkable journey that brought three levels of government together and invested in a project that will continue to bring our community together for years to come. I would like to thank Town Staff and the previous Mayor and Council for investing in this vision for the benefit of us all. I firmly believe that it is the vision, hard work and compassion of our neighbours that make View Royal the gem that it is.

Some facts about the facility:

- the new centre is a 10,000 square foot building that can accommodate up to 300 people;
- it features a 4500 square foot main hall, multi-purpose meeting rooms, administrative offices, and catering kitchen;
- it is fully accessible with a barrier-free design that includes a ramped pathway at both entrances.

The cost of the \$5.5 million building was supported by local, provincial and federal government funding. This included more than \$484,000 from the Canada Community Revitalization Fund as well as a combined federal/provincial investment of more than \$2.8 million through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program. This consisted of \$1.09 million in provincial funding through the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, and \$1.74 million from the federal government. Additionally, \$750,000 in provincial funding was provided through the Heritage branch in the Ministry of Tourism, Arts Culture and Sport. Over \$100,000 dollars were provided by the Town of View Royal as a Grant in Aid. The remaining costs were supported through private donations, and Victoria Highland Games Association's own contribution.

Craigflower Manor is a provincial heritage property and National Historic Site of Canada, located in View Royal. The Victoria Highland Games Association (VHGA) built the community centre with the purpose of providing a suitable venue that the public could rent for a range of events, including art exhibitions, musical performances, meetings and weddings. The anticipated revenue will go towards supporting the maintenance of Craigflower Manor, allowing it to become completely self-sufficient in its operations.

VHGA is a registered non-profit society established in 1937 and is the largest Scottish and Celtic cultural organization in Greater Victoria. VHGA has a renewable 30-year nominal rent tenure with the provincial government for its stewardship.

Respectfully,

Mayor Sid Tobias



(Photo Credit: MLA Hon. Mitzi Dean's Office)

2023 Grants in Aid

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

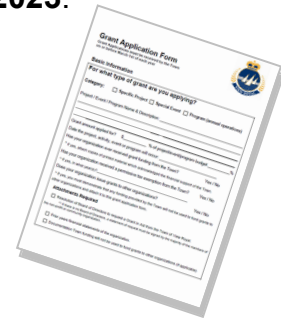
Council may provide financial assistance to organizations whose projects are deemed to be of considerable benefit to View Royal.

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**
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Secondary Suite Permit Renewal

Renewal Information

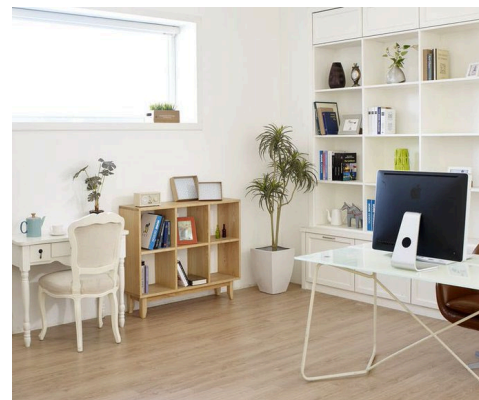
Secondary Suite permits are now being renewed for 2023. The deadline for renewal is **February 28, 2023**. Renewals can be submitted with payment by mail, dropped off in the mail slot beside the front entrance of Town Hall or in person (45 View Royal Avenue).

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.

View Royal 2023-2027 Financial Plan

Built on View Royal's Strategic Plan, the Financial Plan supports the enhancement of livability in View Royal through investments in roads, parks and trails, fire services equipment, technology and a commitment to service excellence. Each year the financial plan is updated, or rolled forward, for the next five-year cycle.

The [2023-2027 Financial Planning meeting schedule](#) lists key dates for you to let Council know your thoughts on the upcoming budget! Members of the public can express their opinions in-person or by calling in during the [public participation](#) segments of meetings when Council is considering these items, or by watching recorded videos of the meetings and providing feedback.

For more information:

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Contactless Ways to Renew, Replace or Purchase Your Dog Licence

Did you know you can renew, replace or purchase your CRD dog licence without an in-person visit to Town Hall (or another facility)? Check out these contactless options to renew, replace or purchase your dog licence:

- **Online Banking:** using [online banking](#) and the account number on your invoice (starts with 8);
- **Phone:** call 250-478-0624 or 1-800-665-7899 extension 0 with a credit card;
- **Email:** send an email to the CRD by [clicking here](#).

Once you have paid for your dog tag(s), the CRD will mail them to you free of charge.



For more information, please contact the CRD Bylaw & Animal Care Services at 250-478-0624 or visit <https://www.crd.bc.ca/service/animals-pets/licencing-for-dogs>.

Current Employment Opportunities

**WE ARE
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JOB POSITIONS:

- Building Inspector
- GIS Technician
- Bylaw Enforcement Officer

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Full details for each position, including job ads, job descriptions, closing dates and how to apply, are available at <https://www.viewroyal.ca/EN/main/town/employment-opportunities.html>.

Proclamation: Chamber Week – February 13-17, 2023

The Town of View Royal is supporting the work of local Chambers with a proclamation for Chamber Week: February 13-17, 2023.

[Read the Proclamation from Mayor Sid Tobias](#)

More information regarding Chamber Week events is available at <https://www.victoriachamber.ca/chamber-week.html>.

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Upcoming Meetings

March 7, 2022	Council Meeting 7:00pm, View Royal Town Hall or Live Webcast
March 14, 2022	Committee of the Whole Meeting 3:30pm, View Royal Town Hall or Live Webcast
March 21, 2022	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 info@viewroyal.ca. 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 to the website at [Agendas, Minutes & Videos](#) on the Friday prior to the meeting.



Looking for more highlights of significant activities of the Town?

Check out the monthly CAO Update!

[February 14, 2023 - CAO Update](#)