



# MONTHLY ELECTRONIC UPDATE

## SEPTEMBER 2023

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### Battery Disposal

Did you know batteries are banned from being disposed of in the garbage?

According to the [CRD's myrecyclopedia](#), household batteries are responsible for 50-70% of all heavy metals found in the world's landfills. Though modern batteries often contain lower levels of toxic metals, they are still dangerous to soils and groundwater and should always be recycled.

Batteries not only have the potential to cause harm to the environment, they are also one of the greatest causes of landfill fires!

With so many drop off locations, it's easy to recycle your household batteries.

Drop off batteries at:

- Hartland Depot
- Canadian Tire
- Home Depot
- London Drugs
- and many more!



For a full list of drop off locations, visit <https://www.crd.bc.ca/service/waste-recycling/recycle/myrecyclopedia/products/Batteries--household-including-rechargeable->.

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### View Royal Garden Club – General Meeting

The View Royal Garden Club will hold a general meeting on Wednesday, September 27 at 7:30pm in Wheeley Hall, 500 Admirals Rd, entrance off Lyall Street.



The speaker this month will be Maria Hendrix from West Bay Rock Gardens. Maria grew up exposed to an alpine nursery and started her own business in 2020 constructing rock gardens. Her presentation will include information on how to create successful, long-lived, drought-tolerant, low maintenance rock gardens.

As well, a judged mini show will feature exhibits from members' gardens. Everyone welcome, there is a \$5 drop-in fee for non-members. Further information available at [viewroyalgardenclub.ca](http://viewroyalgardenclub.ca).

### New Public Artwork Complete

Work on the 128m<sup>2</sup> (1,375sq ft) multi-wall mural on the Helmcken Road trestle by artist [Collin Elder](#) is complete. This is the third large-scale public artwork for the Town of View Royal since the creation in 2011 of [“Love Story” by Andreas Kunert](#) along Island Highway and the 2007 Chilco Tunnel Community Mural by Morgan Macaulay.

[Located adjacent to View Royal Elementary School](#), the Helmcken Road trestle mural covers six concrete faces that constitute the underpass of the E&N Rail bridge. The mural has taken three weeks to complete.

Collin’s botanical representations of Douglas Fir and Western Red Cedar, important tree species in this eco-region, are mirrored in the mural on either side of Helmcken Road.



Helmcken Road Mural - West Side



Helmcken Road Mural - East Side

Collin has a degree in wildlife biology and works professionally in ecological conservation. This background informs his artwork, which often depict the natural world. He has completed many murals on Vancouver Island, Salt Spring Island, and in mural festivals across Canada.

A celebration event will take place in late September with the school community at View Royal Elementary School.

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**Upcoming Meetings**

October 3, 2023	<b>Council Meeting</b> 7:00pm, View Royal Town Hall or Live Webcast
October 10, 2023	<b>Committee of the Whole Meeting</b> 3:30pm, View Royal Town Hall or Live Webcast
October 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.

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



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