



# MONTHLY ELECTRONIC UPDATE

## MARCH 2024

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### Citizen Budget Engagement Tool

As part of Council's ongoing commitment to transparency and engaging with residents, the Town of View Royal is inviting you to provide your input and voice your opinions on the annual budget prior to final adoption of the 2024-2028 Financial Plan (the Plan) using the Citizen Budget engagement tool (Citizen Budget).

Citizen Budget allows participants to enter their property value and allocate their personal tax bill across the various municipal departments. It demonstrates how the choices you make in each area could affect your tax bill if those changes were implemented and also suggests some of the potential implications your changes could have for the affected services.

#### Why get involved with Citizen Budget?

- Get an estimate of the municipal portion of your 2024 property taxes, based on the proposed financial plan currently being considered by View Royal Council;
- Become better informed about the services funded by your property taxes and user fees;
- Give feedback to View Royal Council about the services the Town provides;
- Influence the allocation of limited public resources to the services that matter most to you!



[Launch the Citizen Budget Engagement Tool](#)

The deadline to participate is 11:59pm, Monday, April 1, 2024.

#### Contact

- Dawn Christenson, Director of Finance  
250-708-2270  
[finance@viewroyal.ca](mailto:finance@viewroyal.ca)

## View Royal Garden Club Spring Show

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"Cheers to 75 Years"

Saturday, April 13, 2024

1-3 pm

Wheeley Hall, Esquimalt United Church



Wheeley Hall will be open for setup on Friday, April 12th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Exhibits may be placed Friday night after set-up is complete, up to 8 pm, and on Saturday April 13th from 8:30 am to 9:45 am.

Late entries will not be accepted. Judging starts at 10:00 am.

**\$5 dollars admission includes Refreshments and Door Prizes**

**Accredited BC Judges**

**Non-members are welcome to exhibit**

**Information – Carol Ann Elliott – 250-858-9568**

**View Royal Garden Club**

[viewroyalgc@outlook.com](mailto:viewroyalgc@outlook.com)

## 2023-2026 Strategic Plan Update

The Strategic Plan is the guiding document for the Town that defines the community's vision for the future, and sets the goals and objectives to achieve that vision. The [draft 2023-2026 Strategic Plan \[PDF - 527 KB\]](#) was presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday, March 12, and is now available for the public to review and provide feedback.

The draft 2023-2026 Strategic Plan is available [online](#) or at Town Hall, Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm (excluding statutory holidays). Anyone wishing to provide comments regarding the draft 2023-2026 Strategic Plan may do so in writing by **April 8, 2024**:

- By Email: [info@viewroyal.ca](mailto:info@viewroyal.ca)
- By Mail: 45 View Royal Avenue, Victoria, BC, V9B 1A6

Following collection of feedback, the Plan will return to the regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 16 for deliberation and approval.

### Contact:

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

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## 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** (formerly Canteen Composting) located at 605 Canteen Road is open Tuesday-Sunday 8:00am- 5:00pm. For more information, please call 250-883-8683.
  - 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 is open Monday-Friday 7:30am-5:00pm and Saturday-Sunday 8:30am-5:00pm. For more information, please contact the facility by phone at 250-386-4342 or visit [www.ellicerecycle.com](http://www.ellicerecycle.com).
  - Fees: regular depot rates for yard and garden waste apply.



### Contact:

- Engineering Department  
Website: <https://www.viewroyal.ca/EN/main/municipal/lawn-garden-waste.html>  
Email: [engineering@viewroyal.ca](mailto:engineering@viewroyal.ca)  
Phone: 250-708-2258

### CRD Fix a Leak Week



## It's the perfect week to track down leaks.

Undetected leaks around your home can add up to a lot of household water waste every year.

**Fix a Leak Week**, running **March 18-22**, is the perfect time to find and repair leaky toilets, faucets and other fixtures.

To help get you started, the CRD is offering **FREE leak detection kits** that include dye tablets, a faucet aerator, a shower bag to measure flows and a household water efficiency guide.

**Lots of FREE leak detection kits still available for pick up at Town Hall (45 View Royal Avenue)!**

### View Royal Offers Heat Pump Top-Up for CleanBC Rebate Program

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.

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### Capital West Accessibility Advisory Committee - Accessibility & You Survey

Seven municipalities in the centre and western part of the Capital Regional District – Colwood, Esquimalt, Highlands, Langford, Metchosin, Sooke, and View Royal – have partnered to form the Capital West Accessibility Advisory Committee and to prepare a joint Accessibility Plan (the “Plan”). The purpose of the Plan is to identify, remove, and prevent barriers to individuals in or interacting with the partner municipalities.

**CAPITAL WEST  
ACCESSIBILITY  
ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE**  
Accessibility & You Survey

The Plan will be informed, in part, by the Accessibility & You survey (the Survey) as well as partially by facilitated public engagement sessions. The Survey is completely anonymous and will only be reported back as a summary of feedback. It is estimated to be completed in 10-15 minutes or less.

Please feel free to share the Survey link with others. The Survey is open until 11:59pm on Sunday, April 7, 2024.

[TAKE SURVEY](#)

#### Contact:

- City of Langford  
250-478-7882  
[accessibility@langford.ca](mailto:accessibility@langford.ca)

### **View Royal Council Awards Grant to Recruit Physician**

View Royal Council committed to help address the shortage of maternity and primary care physicians in the Town with a \$30,000 grant to the Westshore Primary Care Society (WPCS) for the rapid recruitment of a foreign-trained physician.

The funds will assist GROW Health, a View Royal family practice and maternity clinic that has lost three family physicians since 2022, to increase its patient care capacity. The clinic operates as a non-profit by WPCS.

*“The shortage of primary care physicians is one of the greatest challenges facing residents of our town and region,” said Mayor Sid Tobias. “Community wellness is a town priority and with many of our residents now lacking prenatal and primary care, Council is proud to respond to WPCS’s request for funds to recruit a new physician.”*

Until 2022, GROW Health had nine family physicians serving 7,200 patients, many of whom were orphaned with the loss of three doctors.

*“The importance of recruiting family doctors cannot be overstated,” said WPCS president, Dr. Spencer Cleave. “It has become a regular occurrence that women are delivering babies with no prenatal care and hundreds of patients, many of them in View Royal, are now without a family doctor. We are grateful to View Royal for recognizing and helping address the urgent need.”*

The grant to WPCS is one of several grants in aid View Royal Council awarded to not-for-profit organizations. Others include the School District 61 crossing guard program for up to \$50,000, \$7,500 for LifeCycles Project Society, \$3,000 for View Royal Out of School Care Society, \$3,000 for Victoria Sexual Assault Centre, \$2,500 for Vancouver Island South Film and Media Commission, \$2,000 for Juan de Fuca Performing Arts Society, \$725 for ReImagine West Shore Community Society, \$500 each for Capital Region Food and Agriculture Initiatives Roundtable, View Royal Elementary School PAC, and Victoria Brain Injury Society, and \$250 for Access West Shore Society.

**Contact:**

- Mayor Sid Tobias  
250-216-5339

### Upcoming Meetings

April 2, 2024	<b>Council Meeting</b> 7:00pm, View Royal Town Hall or Live Webcast
April 9, 2024	<b>Committee of the Whole Meeting</b> 3:30pm, View Royal Town Hall or Live Webcast
April 16, 2024	<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](#).



Looking for more highlights of significant activities of the Town?

Check out the monthly CAO Update!

[March 12, 2024 - CAO Update](#)