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INSIDE VIEW ROYAL

Town of View Royal Monthly e-Update



Share Your Thoughts on View Royal's Future

What do you want View Royal to look and feel like in the years ahead? We've drafted three vision statements and 11 goals for the updated Official Community Plan (OCP) based on what we heard from you earlier this year, and now we want to know if we got it right.

This is your chance to help refine the big-picture direction that will guide how our community grows and changes over time.

Have your say before **September 7:**

engage.viewroyal.ca/view-royal-2050

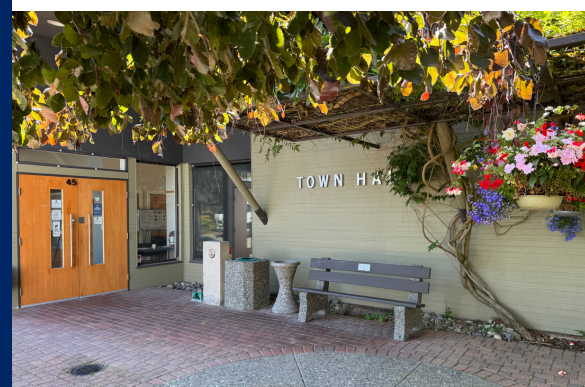
Upcoming Town Hall Closure

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, September 1, for the Labour Day long weekend. Regular business hours will resume on Tuesday, September 2.

Summer Hours at Town Hall

Summer is winding down, and fall hours will begin soon. Until Friday, August 29, Town Hall will continue to operate on its summer schedule of 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday (excluding statutory holidays).

Starting Tuesday, September 2, regular business hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm will resume.





Share Your Input on the Future of School Trustee Representation

Our community is invited to a public information and engagement session, hosted by the Greater Victoria School District, to discuss a proposed change to how trustees are elected within the district.

The proposal recommends moving from the current “at large” election model to a system with seven trustee electoral areas aligned with municipal and First Nations boundaries. This model, already used in most multi-municipality school districts in BC, is intended to create more localized, equitable, and inclusive representation.

SESSION DETAILS

The event includes a presentation, then time to speak with representatives from the school district, First Nations, municipalities, and the CRD.



Tuesday, September 9



7:00 – 9:00pm



SJ Willis gymnasium, 923 Topaz Avenue

For those unable to attend in-person, an online feedback form is available until September 11.

www.sd61.bc.ca

View Royal Garden Club Fall Season Kicks Off September 17

The View Royal Garden Club will open its fall season on Tuesday, September 17, at 7 pm at Esquimalt United Church (lower level, 500 Admirals Road).

Guest speaker Bonita Elliott, a lifelong gardener with expertise in landscape design, will share tips on creating colourful containers for all four seasons. Her presentation will cover colour theory, design principles, and the pros and cons of different container types.

For details, visit:

viewroyalgardenclub.ca





Your Summer Plans Could Change in an Instant - Get FireSmart Now

Wildfires are burning across the province and the Fire Danger Rating in the South Island is at EXTREME. Residents, especially those living in Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) areas are at the greatest risk. Wildfires need fuel – like trees, grass, or other vegetation – to ignite and spread. Embers can easily spark fires by landing on flammable materials around your home, leading to significant damage or even total structure loss.

For a free wildfire risk assessment of your property, visit www.viewroyal.ca/firesmartassessment.

When homeowners, first responders and all levels of government work together, we can collectively reduce the risk and impact of wildfires to our communities.

Visit www.viewroyal.ca/firesmart to find out how to make your property more resilient to wildfire.

Ryan Eason, FireSmart Coordinator



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Film Screening: “Incandescence” Wildfire Documentary

Join View Royal FireSmart for a free screening of Incandescence, a powerful documentary blending immersive footage with personal stories from Indigenous Elders, first responders and evacuees affected by the 2021 White Rock Lake and 2023 McDougall Creek wildfires.

MOVIE NIGHT DETAILS:



Friday, August 22



6:00 – 8:30pm



Public Safety Building,
333 Island Highway

Seating is limited, reserve your seat today:



firesmart@viewroyal.ca



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View Royal Archives Presents: What Should I Do With My Stuff?

Do you have boxes of family mementos, personal papers or old photographs tucked away and are unsure what to do with them? The View Royal Archives invites residents and friends to the final session in its complimentary three-part information series, **What Should I Do With My Stuff?**

SESSION 3 – HOW DO I STORE IT?

This session will explore practical ways to preserve your keepsakes, both physical and digital. Learn about recommended storage methods, supplies that help protect your items, and how to ensure your memories last for generations to come.

EVENT DETAILS



Friday, August 22



2:00 – 4:00pm



View Royal Town Hall, Council Chambers
45 View Royal Avenue

For more information, contact View Royal Archives:



archives@viewroyal.ca



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2025 School Supply Swap

Have extra school supplies to donate or need a few things for back to school? The View Royal Community Association is hosting a free School Supply Swap for new and gently used school supplies.

SWAP EVENT

Come to swap or simply collect what you need.



Wednesday, August 20



5:00 – 8:00pm



View Royal Community Hall, 279 Island Highway

For more information, please contact the View Royal Community Association:
vrca2011@gmail.com

VIEW ROYAL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION





Upcoming Meetings

September 2, 2025 6:00pm	Council Meeting
September 9, 2025 6:00pm	Committee of the Whole Meeting
September 16, 2025 6:00pm	Council Meeting

MEETING TIME CHANGE

On July 2, 2025, View Royal Council adopted an amendment to the Procedure Bylaw (Bylaw No. 1155, 2025). All Council and Committee of the Whole meetings will now begin at 6:00pm.

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 a full list of upcoming meeting, visit: 2025 Council & COW Meeting Schedule.

Engage View Royal

Looking to have your say on Town projects and initiatives?

Visit Engage View Royal, our online engagement platform, to share your feedback, explore current consultations, and stay updated on what’s happening in our community.

Get involved today!

engage.viewroya.ca

