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Town of View Royal Monthly e-Update



Explore View Royal's 2024 Annual Report

View Royal's 2024 Annual Report is now available! Approved by Council on July 2, 2025, the report highlights key projects and accomplishments from the past year, tracks progress on municipal goals, and offers a glimpse into what's ahead in 2025.

It also includes a full financial summary to provide transparency around how public funds are managed.

Check out the full report:

[2024 Annual Report](#)

Upcoming Town Hall Closure

Please be advised that Town Hall will be closed on Monday, August 4, for the August long weekend. Summer business hours of 8:00am to 4:00pm will resume on Tuesday, August 5.

Property Taxes: Now Past Due

A reminder to property owners: 2025 property taxes were due on Wednesday, July 2. A 10% penalty has been applied to any unpaid taxes or unclaimed Home Owner Grants as of 12:01am on Thursday, July 3.

If you haven't paid yet, please contact the Finance Department as soon as possible.



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Share Your Thoughts on the draft Vision & Goals – Survey Now Open!

The Town has launched a new survey to collect community feedback on the draft vision and goals for View Royal’s updated Official Community Plan (OCP). These draft ideas are based on what we heard from you during Phase 1, including workshops, open houses, surveys, and mapping activities. Your input will help inform how we move forward with a preferred vision statement and goals.

Since our last update, Council has made important changes to the scope of the OCP Review and Update. At the June 17, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council, a motion to amend the project scope of Phase 1 was carried to focus on the following components of the OCP:

- Align the OCP with new provincial housing legislation,
- Focus land use changes along the proposed Western Gateway Community Corridor, and
- Continue engaging the community on the draft vision, goals, the Western Gateway Community Corridor, and the proposed policies in the OCP.

More opportunities to share your thoughts are coming this fall, but for now, we want to hear from you on the draft vision and goals.

Take the survey before September 7:

engage.viewroyal.ca/view-royal-2050

CRD Arts & Culture Impact Report

The Capital Regional Districts Arts & Culture Support Service is a sub-regional service that distributes grants to non-profit organizations to develop local arts programming.

Supported by nine jurisdictions (including View Royal), funding creates artistic, social and economic benefits for the region. Through outreach, the Arts Service fosters collaboration between arts organizations, funders and audiences.

[View the 2024 Impact Report](#)





New Start Time. Same Civic Engagement.

On July 2, Council adopted an amendment to the Town's Procedure Bylaw (No. 677, 2007) to move the start time for Council and Committee of the Whole meetings to 6:00pm.

Previously, Committee of the Whole meetings began at 3:30pm and Council meetings at 7:00pm. The new start time is intended to improve accessibility and support broader participation in local government by making it easier for people with daytime commitments to attend.

To learn more, view the updated bylaw:

[Procedure Bylaw \(No. 677, 2007\)](#)



Help Shape the Gorge Coastal Flood Adaptation Strategy

The municipalities of View Royal, Victoria, Esquimalt and Saanich are working together to plan for rising sea levels and flood risks along the Gorge Waterway and Portage Inlet. Share what areas matter most to you by taking the survey, pinning locations on the map or attending a pop-up.

Engagement is open until September 30, 2025.

To learn more visit:

engage.victoria.ca/gorge-flooding

Canada Day in View Royal 2025:

That's a Wrap!

A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who helped make our Canada Day celebration at Craigflower Manor such a success!

From setting up and greeting guests to supporting activities and helping things run smoothly throughout the day – your time, energy, and dedication truly made a difference.

We couldn't have done it without you!





Wildfire Season is Here. We are Ready. Are You?

Firefighters across the province are responding to wildfires – but wildfire preparedness, prevention and mitigation is a shared responsibility. When homeowners, first responders and all levels of government work together, we can collectively reduce the risk and impact of wildfires to our communities.

Our climate is changing and wildfire seasons are becoming longer and drier. In 2023 alone, B.C. experienced a record-breaking wildfire season with 2,252 wildfires, which burned more than 2.8 million hectares – impacting communities, ecosystems, and air quality province-wide.

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. Research shows that doing simple tasks like mowing your lawn, cleaning your gutters and removing combustible vegetation and debris away from your home can increase your home's wildfire resilience while supporting the efforts of wildland and structural firefighters.

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

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

Volunteer Work Party: Nursery Hill Park

Join the View Royal Habitat Restoration group for a morning of invasive species removal and habitat care at Nursery Hill Park.



Sunday, July 27



9:30am – 12:30pm



Nursery Hill Park

Meet at the picnic table on the south side of Garry Oak Meadows Park on Nursery Hill Drive.

For more details, please contact Chris Junck, Habitat Restoration Coordinator:

restorevr@gmail.com





Upcoming Meetings

Note: No meetings during August

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

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

engage.viewroyal.ca

CAO Update

Looking for more detail about the Town's activities and projects?

Explore the monthly CAO Update for an in-depth look at key initiatives, community updates, and the progress of various programs shaping our town.

Stay informed and engaged with the latest from Town Hall!

[July 2, 2025 CAO Update](#)

