

ISSUE 6 • JUNE 2025

INSIDE VIEW ROYAL

Town of View Royal Monthly e-Update



Deadline Approaching: Property Taxes Due July 2

A friendly reminder that 2025 property taxes are due Wednesday, July 2. A 10% penalty will be applied to any unpaid taxes or unclaimed Home Owner Grants as of 12:01am on July 3.

If you have not received your tax notice by mid June please contact our Finance department at finance@viewroyal.ca or 250-708-2270.

To learn about payment options or the Property Tax Prepayment Plan, visit: viewroyal.ca/property-taxes

How to claim your home owner grant

Apply for your home owner grant with the Province online: [Apply online](#) or by phone: 1-888-355-2700.

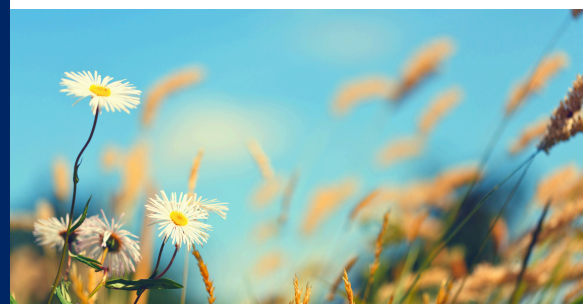
In order to avoid penalties and interest, apply before the tax due date.

Summer Hours are Back at Town Hall

Starting Thursday, July 3, Town Hall will be shifting to summer hours. We'll be open a little earlier, from 8:00am to 4:00pm, Monday to Friday (excluding statutory holidays).

Whether you're stopping by to ask a question, drop off documents, or just say hello, we're here to help.

Regular hours, 8:30am to 4:30pm, will resume on Tuesday, September 2.





Help Shape the Future of View Royal's Urban Forest

Thank you to everyone who shared their thoughts during the first phase of engagement on the Town's first-ever Urban Forest Strategy. The draft strategy is now available, and we want to hear from you again.

This long-term strategy outlines how View Royal will care for, protect, and expand its urban forest over the next 20 years. It includes a community-driven vision, five overarching goals, and a set of strategies and actions focused on enhancing biodiversity and fostering resilience in the face of climate change. The draft strategy also explores options for the future of View Royal's tree canopy.

Now's your chance to review the draft and let us know if we got it right. Feedback received through this final round of engagement will help shape the final version of the Urban Forest Strategy before it is presented to Council for adoption later this year.

Feedback Opportunity

Complete the online survey by July 13. The survey takes about 15–20 minutes and includes questions about the vision, goals, proposed actions, and future canopy targets. Participants can enter a draw for a \$10 gift card to A Kinder Cup.

engage.viewroyal.ca/urban-forest-strategy

Volunteer Work Party: Knockan Hill Park

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



Saturday, June 28



9:30 am – 12:30 pm



Knockan Hill Park

Meet at the High Street entrance

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

restorevr@gmail.com





Film Screening: “The Test” Wildfire Documentary

Join us for a free screening of *The Test*, a documentary that follows the Town of Logan Lake’s 18-year journey to becoming Canada’s first FireSmart community and how their efforts were put to the ultimate test during the 2021 Tremont Creek wildfire.

After the film, take part in a community panel discussion featuring wildfire mitigation specialists, emergency preparedness experts and local responders. Learn how to prepare your home and neighbourhood for wildfire with practical tips and insights.

Light refreshments and popcorn will be provided. Sponsored by the View Royal FireSmart Program.



Friday, June 27



6:30 – 8:30 pm



View Royal Public Safety Building
(333 Island Highway)

Reserve Your Seat



firesmart@viewroyal.ca



250-479-7322

To learn more about what you can do to reduce the risk of wildfire, check out viewroyal.ca/firesmart

Thinking of Hosting a Block Party This Summer?

Summer is the perfect time to bring neighbours together! Whether you're planning a simple potluck or a lively street celebration, our **Block Party Toolkit** outlines everything you need to get started.

The toolkit includes:

- Step-by-step planning tips
- Creative theme and activity ideas
- A handy checklist
- Street use permit info
- Tips for a greener event

From community building to just having fun, block parties are a great way to connect with your neighbours and celebrate your street.

[Download the Toolkit](#)



Celebrate Canada Day 2025 in View Royal!

The Town is hosting a family-friendly Canada Day celebration at the historic Craigflower Manor, in partnership with the **Victoria Highland Games Association**. Enjoy live entertainment, cultural displays, and activities for all ages. *Please note there is no on-site parking. You are encouraged to walk, cycle, or take transit to the event.*

For more information visit viewroyal.ca/canadaday.

Canada Day in View Royal Schedule of Events



Craigflower Manor | July 1, 2025 | 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Available All Day:

- Manor Tours
- Community Tents
- Scottish Heavy Events Demo
- VRFD Fire Truck Tours
- Food & Beer

Activities for Kids:

Clown Balloon Maker

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Face Painting

11:30 AM - 2:30 PM

10:00 AM	The Victoria Scottish Gaelic Choir	Outside Stage
11:00 AM	Iəkʷəŋən Traditional Dancers	Outside Stage
11:40 AM	Greater Victoria Police Pipe Band	Outside Stage
12:00 PM	Opening Ceremony MLA D Rotchford & Mayor Sid Tobias; James Maxwell/ Brian Bowman	Outside Stage
12:15 PM	K. White's Island Highland Dance Academy	Community Centre
12:30 PM	Tom Morrissey	Outside Stage
1:00 PM	Victoria Chinese Opera Club	Community Centre
1:30 PM	O'Brien School of Irish Dance	Community Centre
1:45 PM	The Hounds of Cuchulainn	Outside Stage
2:00 PM	Scottish Country Dancers	Community Centre
3:00 PM	The Slieves	Outside Stage



Upcoming Meetings

July 2, 2025 7:00pm	Council Meeting
July 8, 2025 3:30pm	Committee of the Whole Meeting
July 15, 2025 7:00pm	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!

[June 3, 2025 CAO Update](#)

