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Town of View Royal Monthly e-Update



Have Your Say on View Royal's 2025 Budget!

Budget season is here! Each year, the Town of View Royal develops a financial plan to fund essential services like emergency response, parks, infrastructure, and more.

The proposed 2025 budget includes funding for police, fire, and asset management, with a projected 9% to 11% average home property tax increase. To ensure future infrastructure needs are met, a 3.4% tax increase will go toward saving for future asset replacement. This is the Town's Strategic Infrastructure Replacement Plan financial strategy to get to sustainable funding levels with a 1% annual tax increase and new property assessment revenue, estimated at 2.4% for 2025.

We want to hear from you! Review the <u>draft budget</u> and share your feedback for the April 8 budget meeting. An online survey is available until April 2.

engage.viewroyal.ca/budget-2025

Be Part of Regional Water Supply Planning

The CRD is updating its
Regional Water Supply
Strategic Plan to guide water
management for the next 510 years. This plan will help
ensure a reliable, high-quality
water supply for the growing
region. Residents are invited
to review the draft plan and
provide feedback through an
online survey, available until
March 31.

To learn more and share your input, visit: getinvolved.crd.bc.ca







Share Your Thoughts on View Royal's Growth – Survey Now Open!

We are updating our Official Community Plan (OCP) through a process called **View Royal 2050**, and we want your input! This phase of engagement focuses on the **Community Development Framework**, which will help guide where and how View Royal grows over the next 20 years.

We're looking for feedback on important topics like land use, housing, building height, and density. What we hear from the community will help shape draft land use scenarios and influence future policies.

The survey is open until March 31. Don't miss this opportunity to help shape View Royal's future!

For more information and to participate visit:

engage.viewroyal.ca/view-royal-2050

Get Social with Us

Stay connected with the Town on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u> and <u>Bluesky</u>. Follow us for updates, events, and community news.



Follow us on **Instagram**



Find us on Bluesky



Like and follow us on Facebook

Fix a Leak Week: March 17-23

Even small household leaks can waste thousands of litres of water each year. Fix a Leak Week is an annual campaign that helps homeowners detect and fix leaks to reduce water waste.

View Royal residents can pick up a free Fix a Leak Week toolkit at Town Hall (45 View Royal Avenue) during Fix a Leak Week and beyond—while supplies last! Each kit includes toilet dye tabs, a flow-rate measurement bag, a faucet aerator, and helpful resources.

Stop by Town Hall to grab yours and start saving water today!

For more details, visit the <u>CRD's website</u>.



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Get FireSmart – Choose Fire- Resistant Plants

Working in your yard and garden this spring? Be sure to incorporate FireSmart principles wherever possible. From yard maintenance tips and landscaping best practice to choosing fire-resistant plants, the <u>FireSmart BC Landscaping Hub</u> provides helpful information to reduce the risk of wildfire to your home.

You'll also find the <u>FireSmart BC Landscaping Guide</u>, which provides practical tips for creating a more fire-resistant landscape on your property.

For more information on the View Royal FireSmart Program visit www.viewroyal.ca/firesmart

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View Royal Garden Club – April Meeting

Join the View Royal Garden Club for their next monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 16, at 7:00pm. This month's guest speaker, Bethany Couture, is a sustainable horticulturist and permaculture expert. She will share how permaculture principles can help you create low-maintenance, high-yield edible gardens by working with nature.

Meet fellow garden enthusiasts and gain valuable tips to enhance your garden!

For details, visit viewroyalgardenclub.ca.



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Upcoming Meetings

April 1, 2025 7:00pm

Council Meeting

April 8, 2025 3:30pm Committee of the Whole Meeting

April 15, 2025 7:00pm

Council Meeting

Meetings are held in person in Council Chambers as well as virtually via <u>Live</u> <u>Webcast</u>. The meeting duration will vary according to the agenda. Agendas are normally posted on the Friday prior to the meeting on the <u>Agendas</u>, <u>Minutes & Videos</u> page of the website.

For a full list of upcoming meeting, visit: <u>2025</u> <u>Council & COW Meeting Schedule</u>

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.viewroya.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!





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