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# INSIDE VIEW ROYAL

Town of View Royal Monthly e-Update



## Help Shape the Future of Transportation in View Royal

Getting around View Royal is an important part of daily life, whether you are walking to school, biking to a park, catching the bus, or driving to work. With the region continuing to grow, it is time to look ahead and plan for the next 10 years.

The Town has launched an update to its Transportation Master Plan (TMP) to improve safety, accessibility, and connections for everyone. This plan will help guide transportation improvements and support walkable neighbourhoods, sustainable travel options, and future transit needs.

Public input will be key to shaping the updated TMP. Opportunities to get involved will begin this fall. Watch for details on how you can share your ideas and priorities.

**Learn more and subscribe for updates:**

[engage.viewroyal.ca/TMP](https://engage.viewroyal.ca/TMP)

## National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation will be observed on Tuesday, September 30. This day is dedicated to reflecting on and honoring the lost children and Survivors of residential schools, along with their families and communities.

Town Hall will be closed, with regular business hours resuming on Wednesday, October 1.



National Day for  
**Truth and  
Reconciliation**

September 30



## Thank You for Helping Shape View Royal's Future

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Vision Survey over the summer. Your feedback is helping shape the long-term blueprint for how our community will grow and change. We are now reviewing and summarizing what we heard and will share results soon.

### WHAT'S NEXT

The next phase of engagement focuses on the Western Gateway Community Corridor, along Island Highway between the Colwood border and the Atkins interchange. This area plays a key role in connecting neighbourhoods, businesses, parks, and transit. We're exploring future land use options for the corridor, including opportunities for new housing, businesses, services, and employment space.

### UPCOMING ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **Online Survey:** October 10 to November 9
- **Open Houses:**
  - Saturday, October 18, 10:45am – 2:30pm, Juan de Fuca 55+ Activity Centre
  - Wednesday, October 22, 5:00 – 8:00pm, View Royal Town Hall
- **Community Workshop:** Saturday, October 18, 9:30 – 10:30am, Juan de Fuca 55+ Activity Centre  
*Registration required. Please arrive 5-10 minutes early to sign-in.*

Visit [Engage View Royal](#) for full details, registration, and to have your say.



## Fourth Annual South Island Powwow

Join the Songhees Nation on Tuesday, September 30 at Royal Athletic Park for the Fourth Annual South Island Powwow. This free, family-friendly event honors Survivors and their families in the spirit of reconciliation. Experience the power of song and dance while celebrating the strength and beauty of Indigenous cultures.

### EVENT DETAILS:



Tuesday, September 30



Gates open at 10:00am



Royal Athletic Park,  
1014 Caledonia Avenue

Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

For more information, visit:

[songheesnation.ca](http://songheesnation.ca)



photo credit: Songhees Nation



## Celebrating Our Volunteers

On September 13, the Town hosted its annual volunteer appreciation event, bringing together the dedicated individuals who give their time and energy to support our community programs, events and services.

Held at Victoria Scottish Community Centre, the event was an opportunity for Council to formally recognize the incredible efforts of volunteers from across the community. From advisory committee members to event helpers and community group leaders, every volunteer plays a vital role in making View Royal a welcoming, vibrant and inclusive place to live.

Guests enjoyed lunch, meaningful conversation and a heartfelt thank you from Council. The event also offered a chance for volunteers to connect with one another and celebrate the collective impact of their contributions.

For more information on volunteer opportunities, please visit [viewroyal.ca/volunteer](https://viewroyal.ca/volunteer).

**To all our volunteers, past and present:** thank you for everything you do. Your commitment and community spirit are truly appreciated.

*Thank  
you!*





## Stay FireSmart This Fall

As we transition into fall, it's the perfect time to clean up your yard and decrease your risk of wildland fire.

Here are simple steps you can take today:

- **Clear out your gutters:** Remove leaves, needles and other debris from your gutters.
- **Clean up your yard:** Remove dead plants, leaves and branches from your yard.
- **Maintain your landscape:** Trim trees, shrubs, and dense plants.
- **Remove combustibles:** Keep combustible items away from your home.

Use the [FireSmart Begins at Home Guide](#) to make your property and neighbourhood FireSmart. Explore the [Landscaping Hub](#) for fire-resistant plants, landscaping tips, and the FireSmart BC Plant Program.

For more FireSmart tips and to and book a FREE FireSmart Home Assessment, visit [www.viewroyal.ca/firesmart](http://www.viewroyal.ca/firesmart).

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## Halloween at the View Royal Public Safety Building

### SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars for a spooktacular night with the View Royal Firefighters Association. Join for Halloween fun with free hot dogs, hot chocolate, sweet treats, and a Haunted House... **if you dare!**

#### EVENT DETAILS:



Friday, October 31



6:00 – 9:00pm



Public Safety Building,  
333 Island Highway



## Smashing Pumpkins

Don't toss your pumpkins after Halloween. Bring them to our Pumpkin Smash for a fun, eco-friendly send-off!

#### EVENT DETAILS:



Sunday, November 2



10:00am – 2:00pm



Public Safety Building,  
333 Island Highway



## Celebrate the Harvest at Community Sharing Day

Get ready for a fun, family-friendly day at Welland Orchard! Community Sharing Day is a chance to enjoy the fall harvest with free fruit, fresh apple cider pressing, a heritage apple tasting table, seed bomb making, and a scavenger hunt for the kids. Parking at the orchard is limited, so consider biking or walking if possible.

A **free shuttle service** will run between the LifeCycles warehouse (808A Viewfield Road) and the orchard throughout the day to make it easier to get there.

### EVENT DETAILS



Saturday, September 27



11:00am – 3:00pm



Welland Legacy Park Orchard  
1215 Stancil Lane

For more information, visit the [LifeCycles Project](#) website.

## Bear Aware: Reduce Attractants

Bears are active in our area, and leaving out food sources like garbage can lead to dangerous encounters.

Help keep wildlife wild and our community safe by following these tips:

- Put garbage bins out after 5:00am, **never the night before**
- Store bins indoors or in a secure wildlife-resistant enclosure
- Keep bins clean and odor-free
- Pick ripe fruit and remove fallen produce from the ground
- Feed pets indoors and store pet food securely

Small changes can make a big difference in keeping both bears and our community safe.



### SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

Leaves Lifecycles 808 Viewfield Rd.	Leaves Welland 1215 Stancil Lane
11 AM	11:30 AM
12 PM	12:30 PM
1 PM	1:30 PM
2 PM	3 PM

Ride for free!

Ride on bio-diesel!

Super limited parking at Welland!

LIFECYCLES



## Help Shape the Future of the Gorge

Climate change is causing sea levels to rise, including in the Gorge Waterway and Portage Inlet. Flooding is already happening in this area, impacting private, public and natural spaces.

Municipalities along the Gorge Waterway and Portage Inlet are working together on a coastal flood adaptation strategy. Once complete, it will identify coastal adaptation options that minimize the risk of flooding in the Gorge, from the Johnson Street Bridge to the end of Portage Inlet.

Share your feedback on what areas you value most along the Gorge. Input will help shape adaptation options to protect homes, businesses, infrastructure and natural areas from current flood risks and rising sea levels caused by climate change.

Engagement is open until September 30, 2025.

**To learn more visit:**

[engage.victoria.ca/gorge-flooding](https://engage.victoria.ca/gorge-flooding)

## Let's Restore Nature Together!

Come out to Game Nature Park with the **View Royal Habitat Restoration** group for a fun and meaningful community work party.

### Event Details:



Saturday, September 27



9:30am – 12:30pm



Game Nature Park

Meet at the park entrance on Game Road (off Watkiss Way).

For more information, visit:

[viewroyal.ca/events](https://viewroyal.ca/events)



## View Royal Garden Club: October Meeting

Join the View Royal Garden Club for their next monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 15, at 7:00pm.

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

For more information, visit:

[viewroyalgardenclub.ca](https://viewroyalgardenclub.ca)



# Upcoming Meetings

October 7, 2025 6:00pm	Council Meeting
October 14, 2025 6:00pm	Committee of the Whole Meeting
October 21, 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](https://engage.viewroyal.ca)

# Departmental Update

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

Explore the monthly **Departmental 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!

## September 2025 Update

