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INSIDE VIEW ROYAL

Town of View Royal Monthly e-Update



Grow Our Urban Forest, Plant a Free Tree This Spring

View Royal homeowners are invited to take part in the Resident Tree Planting Program and receive a free tree to plant on their property.

This program supports a healthier urban canopy by adding trees to private yards throughout the community. Trees provide shade, improve air quality, support local wildlife, and enhance neighbourhood character.

You are eligible if you own a home in View Royal, have suitable outdoor space, and are able to plant and care for the tree long term.

Apply by February 28 to receive a tree this spring!
Submit your application today:



Traffic Advisory: Plan Ahead for Island Highway Lane Closure

BC Hydro will be completing underground transmission maintenance along the 200 block of Island Highway, between Stewart Avenue and Plowright Drive, from February 23 to March 6.

The eastbound lane toward Esquimalt will be closed for up to 14 days, with detours in place. Transit service, emergency access, businesses, and street parking will remain available. Drivers are encouraged to plan ahead and allow extra travel time.

Find full detour information in the [news release](#).



Transportation Master Plan: Phase 1 Engagement Summary Report Now Available

Thank you to everyone who participated in the first round of engagement for the Transportation Master Plan update. Your feedback has been compiled into the [Phase 1 Engagement What We Heard Report](#), which is now available in the document library on the project website. The report summarizes input from Survey #1. What we heard will help inform the project team on priority transportation modes, overall planning direction, and specific locations or issues that may require more in depth analysis and consideration for improvements. It also identifies areas of agreement and disagreement, which can highlight topics that may require further study and mitigation analysis.

The project is now moving into Phase 2: Future Network Evaluations. As part of this next phase, the Town will launch a second survey and host a series of pop up kiosks at key locations around View Royal. Engagement will also include discussions with neighbouring local governments, the Province of BC, outreach to First Nations, and conversations with other interest groups and stakeholders.

For more information on the Transportation Master Plan update and to subscribe for updates, visit:

engage.viewroyal.ca/TMP

Type 2 Secondary Suite Permit Renewal

The deadline to renew Type 2 Secondary Suite permits for 2026 is approaching. Be sure to renew by **February 28**. Renewal submissions, along with payment, can be made:

- **By mail**
- **Dropped off** in the mail slot next to the front entrance of Town Hall (45 View Royal Avenue)
- **In person** at Town Hall

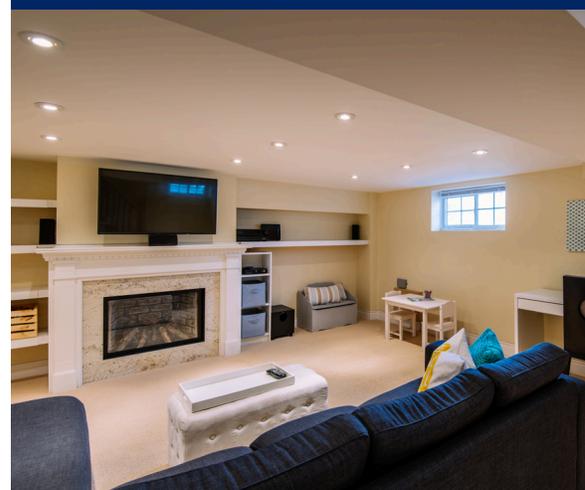
For more information, please contact:



buildingpermits@viewroyal.ca



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New Online Map Helps You Plan Around Road Closures and Construction

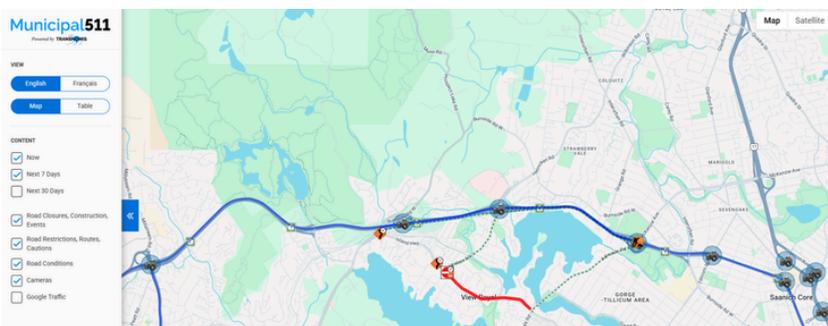
We know that getting around View Royal in a safe and timely manner is important. To make things easier for View Royal residents, the Town has launched a new web based map that provides live information about road closures, construction activity, and other disruptions that may affect your commute. Whether you are heading to work, dropping kids off at school, or running errands, knowing what is happening on local roads can help you plan ahead and avoid delays.

The Town is now using [Municipal 511](#), a map based road information program that displays closures and disruptions at a glance. The interactive map makes it simple to see where work is taking place and choose the best route before you leave home.

Residents can also [sign up to receive public notices through the RSS feed](#), making it even easier to stay informed.

You can explore the new road information map anytime through the Town’s website and start planning your commute with confidence.

www.viewroyal.ca/Municipal511



2026 Grants in Aid

The [Grants in Aid Program](#) supports non-profit and community organizations in achieving their goals and objectives. The View Royal Town Council may provide financial assistance to organizations whose projects offer significant benefits to the community.

HOW TO APPLY

- [Grant in Aid Policy and Application Forms](#) are available online.
- Contact the **Finance Department** at finance@viewroyal.ca or **250-708-2270** to request forms by email or mail

Application Deadline:
Sunday, March 1





Attention Landscapers and Gardeners!

FireSmart BC has launched a free, online landscaping course designed to equip landscapers and others to help reduce the risk of wildfire in their communities.

Topics include:

- Wildfire science and FireSmart fundamentals
- Site layout and wildfire-resistant landscape considerations
- Appropriate fire-resistant plant selection
- Year-round maintenance best practices

Course details:

- Free and available online
- Approximately 5–8 hours to complete
- Open to anyone interested in FireSmart landscaping practices

Learn More and Enroll Today!

Industry professionals who complete the course can be added to FireSmart BC’s map of trained landscaping professionals, helping them stand out as trusted FireSmart landscaping experts.

To learn more about the View Royal FireSmart Program visit: www.viewroyal.ca/firesmart

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Volunteer Work Party: Portage Park

There is just one more opportunity this month to roll up your sleeves and make a difference at Portage Park. Join the View Royal Habitat Restoration group for the final February work party, help remove invasive species, care for local natural areas, and see the impact of your efforts firsthand.



February 28



9:30am – 12:30pm



Portage Park

Meet at the park entrance beside 1-1500 Glentana Road.

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

[**restorevr@gmail.com**](mailto:restorevr@gmail.com)





Upcoming Meetings

February 24, 2026 6:00pm	Special Council Meeting
March 3, 2026 6:00pm	Council Meeting
March 10, 2026 6:00pm	Committee of the Whole Meeting
March 17, 2026 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 meetings, visit: [2026 Council & COW Meeting Schedule](#).

Engage View Royal

Visit our online engagement platform to explore current consultations and stay up to date on what is happening in the community.

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!

[February 2026 Update](#)

