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Town of View Royal Monthly e-Update



View Royal Council Endorses West Shore RCMP Facility Expansion Project

At the January 20, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council, View Royal Council endorsed the West Shore RCMP Facility Expansion Council Validation Report and supported next steps to move forward with construction of the project. This follows Council's December 2025 approval of the funding mechanism for the project through the Capital Regional District.

Built in 1966 and expanded in the late 1990s, the facility has outgrown its capacity. A new, modern post disaster facility is needed to support growing policing needs and serve the RCMP for the next 25 years.

This endorsement confirms the Town's support for the Validation Report, which found the expansion can be delivered for \$87.5 million while meeting RCMP requirements for operations, safety, accessibility, and sustainability.

To learn more about the project visit:

engage.viewroyal.ca/RCMP

2026 Grants in Aid

The Grants in Aid Program provides funding to non-profit and community organizations for projects, programs, and special events that benefit View Royal residents, with priority given to initiatives based in or serving the community.

Applications must be submitted using the official Grant in Aid Application Form and include required supporting documentation.

Application Deadline:

Sunday, March 1, 2026

For more information about this program visit:

[Grants in Aid](#)



Type 2 Secondary Suite Permit Renewal

Type 2 Secondary Suite permits for 2026 are now open for renewal. The deadline to renew is **February 28, 2026**. Renewal submissions, along with payment, can be made:

- **By mail**
- **In person** at Town Hall
- **Dropped off** in the mail slot next to the front entrance of Town Hall

Lost Your Renewal Form?

- [Download a replacement form](#) from our website
- Call us at **250-708-2256** to have a form emailed or mailed to you

New Homeowner with a Suite?

Before purchasing a home with a suite, confirm it's permitted. A suite is permitted if it has a valid Type 2 Secondary Suite Permit or was created through a building permit. Permits do not automatically transfer. Type 2 permits must be renewed by the deadline. If not renewed, the homeowner will need to obtain a building permit to bring the suite up to the current BC Building Code or decommission it.

For more information, please contact:



buildingpermits@viewroyal.ca



250-708-2256

Looking for Help Caring for Your Fruit Trees?

LifeCycles Project Society offers a Prune Along service, designed to teach the basic skills of pruning and fruit tree care. During this 90-minute session, a fruit tree specialists will:

- Assess the health and condition of your tree(s)
- Teach you how to care for and maintain them
- Demonstrate proper pruning techniques
- Provide a tailored pruning plan to meet your goals
- Instruction is hands-on and interactive, and our tree care specialists are happy to answer any questions you may have about your trees.

For more information, visit:

lifecyclesproject.ca





FireSmart™ Canada Wildfire Community Preparedness Day Award

Attention View Royal, Time is Running Out!

Apply by January 31, 2026, to receive \$500 towards wildfire preparedness through the FireSmart Canada Wildfire Community Preparedness Day Award.

Wildfire Community Preparedness Day is a national campaign that encourages homeowners to take action to increase their home, neighbourhood and community's resilience to wildfire.

Wildfire Community Preparedness Day occurs on the first Saturday in May and in 2026, it will take place on Saturday, May 2, 2026.

Groups can apply for a \$500 award to fund their Wildfire Community Preparedness Day activities. Last year, FireSmart Canada awarded more recipients than ever before with 404 neighbourhoods. Let's make 2026 even bigger!

Apply Now: firesmartcanada.ca

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

If you have any questions, please contact:

Ryan Eason, FireSmart Coordinator



firesmart@viewroyal.ca



250-479-7322

Volunteer Work Party: Eagle Creek Park

Join the View Royal Habitat Restoration group for a series of January work parties focused on removing invasive species and caring for the natural areas at Eagle Creek Park.

Two More Chances to Help Restore Nature in January!



January 24, 31



9:30am – 12:30pm

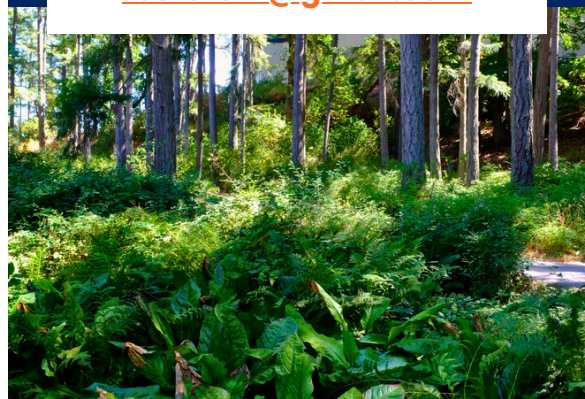


Eagle Creek Park

Meet at the park entrance near the Watkiss Way traffic circle.

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

restorevr@gmail.com





Statistics Canada is hiring for the 2026 Census!

Statistics Canada will conduct the next census in May 2026 and is hiring for approximately 32,000 census jobs across Canada. Census workers play a vital role in helping to collect high-quality demographic, social and economic data to help provide an accurate statistical portrait of the country. The data informs decisions about child care and education services, health care, public transportation, housing, community planning, and a wide range of programs that support Canadians.

Join the 2026 Census team for meaningful work and community impact.

Important to Know:

- Pay is \$25.87 per hour for non-supervisory positions and \$31.32 per hour for supervisory positions, plus authorized expenses.
- The time frame for census jobs is between March and July 2026, depending on the position and location.
- You must be available to work flexible hours, including days, evenings, and weekends.

For more information and to apply, visit:

census.gc.ca/jobs



Upcoming Meetings

February 3, 2026
6:00pm

Council Meeting

February 10, 2026
6:00pm

Committee of the
Whole Meeting

February 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

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

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!

[January 2026 Update](#)

