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View Royal Votes 2026: Upcoming General Local Election

An election is being held to elect one (1) Mayor, six (6) Councillors, and School Board Trustees for either Greater Victoria School District No. 61 or Sooke School District No. 62. General Voting Day is Saturday, October 17, 2026 from 8:00am to 8:00pm at View Royal Elementary School (218 Helmcken Road) and at Eagle View Elementary School (97 Talcott Road).

Advance voting will be on Wednesday, October 7, 2026 and Tuesday, October 13, 2026 from 8:00am to 8:00pm at View Royal Town Hall (45 View Royal Avenue). Registered electors may also vote by mail by submitting an application to request a mail ballot. Applications are available at Town Hall or on the Town's election webpage.

For more election information, including voter eligibility, candidates and required identification, please visit the Town's election webpage or contact the Chief Election Officer at 250-479-6800.

www.viewroyal.ca/elections

Short-term Rental Plebiscite

As part of the General Local Election, View Royal voters will be asked a non-binding plebiscite question on whether short-term rentals should be allowed in View Royal, provided they comply with provincial legislation.

The plebiscite does not create any legal obligations. A vote for or against the question will not, on its own, change Town bylaws or permit short-term rentals. Results will be provided to the incoming Council to help inform future discussions and decisions on short-term rentals in View Royal.

More information is available on the Town's election webpage.



Join the Songhees Nation on Wednesday, September 30 for the Fifth Annual South Island Powwow. This free, family-friendly event honours Survivors and their families in the spirit of reconciliation. Through song and dance, you are invited to celebrate traditional Indigenous cultures and resiliency.

EVENT DETAILS:



Wednesday, 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)

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation will be observed on Wednesday, September 30. This day is dedicated to honouring the lost children and Survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities, and to reflecting on the lasting impacts of the residential school system in Canada.

Residents are encouraged to take time to learn, reflect and participate in activities that support truth and reconciliation.

Please note, Town Hall will be closed on September 30 to observe the day and will reopen for regular business hours on October 1.



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Reconciliation**

September 30



Celebrating the Volunteers Who Help Make View Royal Shine

On September 13, the Town hosted its annual volunteer appreciation event at the Victoria Scottish Community Centre, celebrating the dedicated volunteers who help make View Royal a vibrant and welcoming community.

The event brought together volunteers from across the community for an afternoon of recognition, connection and celebration. Council thanked the many individuals who contribute their time and talents to local programs, events and services, from advisory committee members and community leaders to event volunteers.

Guests enjoyed lunch, connected with fellow volunteers and reflected on the positive impact of their efforts. The event was a heartfelt reminder that volunteers are at the heart of our community and make a lasting difference every day.

For more information on volunteer opportunities, please visit:

www.viewroyal.ca/volunteer





West Shore RCMP Facility Expansion Advances to Construction

The City of Langford, City of Colwood, and Town of View Royal have authorized the execution of the CCDC 30-2025 contract, which marks a significant milestone in the West Shore RCMP Facility Expansion Project, reinforcing their shared commitment to public safety.

The West Shore RCMP facility, jointly owned by the three municipalities, serves one of the fastest-growing areas in British Columbia. Working together, the municipalities are advancing plans to expand and modernize the detachment at 698 Atkins Avenue in Langford to support current operational needs and accommodate future growth.

The project includes replacing the original 1966 section of the facility with a new four-storey expansion, while renovating the existing 1999 building. Once complete, the expanded detachment will meet current RCMP operational requirements and provide capacity to support policing services for more than 25 years of projected growth.

With key approvals now in place and design on-going, the project is moving into the construction phase. Preparatory work is underway, with demolition of the original 1966 building expected to begin in October 2026.

For additional project information, please visit:

westshorercmpexpansion.ca

Open House for View Royal Candidates

Meet local election candidates and learn about their priorities at an open house organized by MLA Darlene Rotchford and hosted by Mayor Sid Tobias.



Thursday, September 24



6:30 – 8:00pm



1803 Admirals Road

[Reserve a Spot](#)

View Royal All Candidates Forum

Hear directly from local candidates at a virtual all candidates forum hosted by the WestShore Chamber of Commerce.



Monday, September 28



6:30pm



[Online Zoom event](#)

For details, visit:

westshore.bc.ca



Thank You, View Royal: New Official Community Plan Adopted

On September 2, 2026, View Royal Council adopted the Town's new Official Community Plan, marking a major milestone in the View Royal 2050 process.

The new OCP provides a long-term plan for how View Royal will grow and change over the next 20 years. It will guide decisions about land use, housing, transportation, parks and recreation, the natural environment, climate action, economic development, community wellbeing, and infrastructure.

The plan was shaped through extensive community engagement over the past two years. Residents, businesses, community organizations, and other community members participated through surveys, workshops, open houses, pop-ups, and other opportunities to share their ideas and feedback.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to participate and help shape the future of View Royal.

For more information on the View Royal 2050 process, visit:

engage.viewroyal.ca/view-royal-2050

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 plant, leaves and branches from your yard.
- **Maintain your landscape:**
Trim trees, shrubs, and dense plants.
- **Remove combustibles:**
Keep combustible items away from your home.

For more FireSmart tips and to request a FREE FireSmart Home Assessment, visit:

www.viewroyal.ca/firesmart

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Community Open House Celebrates Fire Service Leadership

The community is invited to a special Open House celebrating two significant milestones for View Royal Fire Rescue. After 42 years of dedicated service, Fire Chief Paul Hurst will be recognized for his remarkable career and lasting contributions to the fire service and the communities he has served. The event will also include a ceremonial change of command, welcoming Assistant Chief Kris Malinosky as View Royal's new Fire Chief. Residents, community partners and friends are invited to join us in recognizing Chief Hurst's legacy while welcoming the new Chief.

 Saturday, September 26

 1:00 – 3:00pm

 Public Safety Building, 333 Island Highway



#FilltheBoot: Annual Boot Drive for Muscular Dystrophy

Support View Royal firefighters at their annual Boot Drive for Muscular Dystrophy on September 25 and 26 at Four Mile Liquor and Six Mile Liquor. Every donation supports services, advocacy and research for people living with muscular dystrophy.

Halloween at the View Royal Public Safety Building

SAVE THE DATE!

Get ready for a frightfully fun Halloween with the View Royal Firefighters Association! Enjoy free treats, hot dogs, hot chocolate, and a Haunted House that's sure to delight and spook.

 Saturday, October 31

 6:00 – 9:00pm

 Public Safety Building, 333 Island Highway



Smashing Pumpkins

Give your Halloween pumpkins one last fright! Bring them to our Pumpkin Smash for a smashing good time and an eco-friendly send-off.

 Saturday, November 7

 10:00am – 2:00pm

 Public Safety Building, 333 Island Highway



Upcoming Meetings

There will be no meetings in October due to the 2026 General Local Election

November 3, 2026 6:00pm	Council Meeting
November 10, 2026 6:00pm	Committee of the Whole Meeting
November 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!

[September 2026 Update](#)

