

Moving Around

Transportation and the ways we get around



WHAT'S YOUR VIEW? - FACT SHEET SERIES

Transportation and View Royal

View Royal is like some of its neighbours in that it is largely a residential community for those who work elsewhere in the Greater Victoria region. With a more suburban development pattern, and major transportation routes (e.g., Trans-Canada Highway, Island Highway, E&N Rail corridor) making north-south connections difficult, moving between and around neighbourhoods is often challenging for people without a vehicle.

Regional traffic is a significant and ongoing concern for View Royal. Impactful as it is, it should not prevent the Town from achieving its goals. We recognize the importance of reducing our automotive dependency, which in turn will help reduce associated greenhouse gas emissions, improve public safety, and help make View Royal a more

livable, healthier community. Over the years, we have been working to improve transit connections in our community and to expand and improve more active transportation (i.e., walking, rolling, cycling) options.

Since our last OCP update, we have completed and supported several major transportation projects and improvements, including:

- The Casino Highway Improvement Project which included new sidewalks, streetlights, bike lanes, and landscaped treed boulevards to provide buffers between pedestrians and traffic.
- Improvements and connections to the E&N rail trail
- The 2016 Transportation Master Plan that sets new priorities for the Town

transit, cycling, and pedestrian routes and connections

- Zoning bylaw changes now require electric bike and vehicle charging in all new multi-family residential buildings

Planning for transportation

Our current OCP outlines several priorities for transportation. These have been supported by actions in our Strategic Plan 2019-2022. Key actions include:

- Participate in the update of the Transit Master Plan to be more consistent with our OCP
- Work with BC Transit to improve local transit service and connections
- Plan for both shorter term and long-term sidewalk and bike path construction and upgrades



- Develop an Active Transportation Master Plan by 2022
- Develop a Transportation Demand Management Guide and funding to implement it
- Take a targeted approach to achieving our goal of 25% of all trips to work and school being made by transit / walking / cycling
- Improve existing infrastructure for safer routes to schools
- Advocate for the province to review the feasibility of a Colwood/Victoria commuter ferry

What's your view?

- What are the obstacles to getting around View Royal without a car?
- What else can View Royal do to create more active and sustainable transportation options?

Watch for opportunities this fall to provide feedback on these questions and others. To learn about other OCP update issues visit the OCP project website or send us an email.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

We are updating our Official Community Plan (OCP). Last updated in 2011, the Plan provides a long-term vision for the community and provides guidance on future planning and development.

The current OCP has served the Town of View Royal well, so this work will be an update and not a major re-write. Still, there are some important issues and topics that require attention, feedback from the community, and focus in the updated OCP. Some of the key areas that Council and staff identified for additional review include:



Housing Matters. View Royal housing needs, diversity, and options



Placemaking. Neighbourhood centres and urban design



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Our Natural Connections. Parks, protected areas, and shorelines

The OCP update process is an opportunity to explore these areas (and others) in more detail and to get community feedback on how we can best direct and prepare for change. While this fact sheet provides an overview of just one area, we know that the six additional topics listed above are interconnected and will require a coordinated and integrated approach in the updated OCP.

Want more information?

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