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INSIDE VIEW ROYAL

Town of View Royal Monthly e-Update



VIEW ROYAL 2050 Our Future View

We're excited to announce the launch of **View Royal 2050: Our Future View**, a comprehensive update of the Town's Official Community Plan (OCP). This important initiative will set the long-term vision for our community and guide future growth and development over the next 20 years.

The last OCP update was adopted in 2011, and while it has served us well, we're embarking on this process to ensure it aligns with the needs and aspirations of our growing community.

GET INVOLVED

The success of View Royal 2050 depends on input from residents like you! Share your thoughts through our [online survey](#) until February 16, 2025 and stay tuned for opportunities to participate in shaping the plan.

STAY INFORMED

Visit [Engage View Royal](#), our new engagement platform, for updates on key milestones, opportunities to get involved, and project news. Register to share your ideas and receive notifications about upcoming events.

2025 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:
Monday, March 3, 2025



Discover Engage View Royal

We are excited to introduce **Engage View Royal**, a new online platform designed to connect you with the projects, policies, and initiatives shaping our community. This interactive tool offers a range of ways for residents, businesses, and organizations to share ideas and provide feedback, ensuring your voice helps guide our town's future.

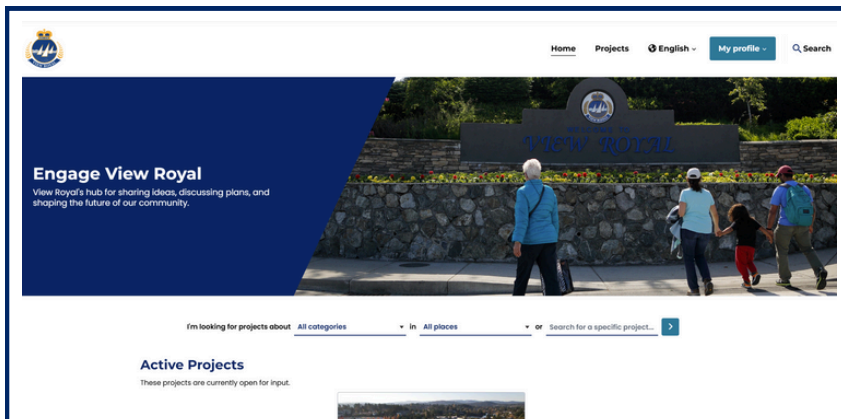
WHAT TO EXPECT

Engage View Royal is built around our commitment to meaningful, open, and inclusive engagement. You'll find:

- **Surveys and Quick Polls** – Share your thoughts in minutes.
- **Interactive Maps** – Highlight areas of interest or concern in our community.
- **Idea Boards and Stories** – Contribute your vision for the future of View Royal.
- **Project Updates** – Stay informed about topics that matter to you.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Visit engage.viewroyal.ca to explore current opportunities, sign up for updates, and participate in shaping the projects and initiatives that matter most to you.



West Shore Seedy Saturday 2025

Come and connect with farmers, seed vendors, gardeners, and community groups to find your local seeds for the season, swap seeds and seed origin stories, learn how to grow more of your own food, and create nurturing spaces for pollinators.

Date: Saturday, March 8

Time: 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Location: 3041 Langford Lake Rd





Type 2 Secondary Suite Permit Renewal

Type 2 Secondary Suite permits for 2025 are now open for renewal. The deadline to renew is **February 28, 2025**. 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

Lost Your Renewal Form? No problem!

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

Volunteer Opportunity: Help Restore Local Habitat at Edwards Park

Join the Greater Victoria Green Teams on Saturday, February 22, for a rewarding community volunteer event in Edwards Park. Volunteers will help improve local habitat by removing invasive plants. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet new people and give back to the environment!

No prior experience is required—everyone is welcome! The event runs rain or shine from 9:45am to 1:00pm, and participants can join for as long as they like.

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.

QUESTIONS?

For more information, please contact:



buildingpermits@viewroyal.ca



250-708-2254



For more information and to sign up, visit bit.ly/gvgt-feb22-2025



FireSmart BC Wildfire Mitigation Program

As of January 1st, the Home Partners Program has officially transitioned from FireSmart™ Canada to FireSmart™ BC and is now the FireSmart BC Wildfire Mitigation Program.

In partnership with the Fire Chiefs' Association of BC (FCABC), FireSmart BC, has developed a new property assessment platform used to assess the risk of wildfire to your property and ways you can reduce your risk.

Residents, businesses and organizations can now request their **FREE** FireSmart Assessment of their property through the platform.

Learn more at firesmartbc.ca/wmp

Click here to request a **FREE** property assessment, selecting "View Royal" as your jurisdiction.

For more information on the View Royal FireSmart Program visit viewroyal.ca/firesmart

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250-479-7322

Repair Café West Shore

Got a broken toaster, misaligned bike wheel, or moth-eaten sweater? Don't toss it! Bring it to the Repair Café, where the fantastic volunteer team can assess and more than likely help you get your item repaired.

For DIY enthusiasts, tools and materials will be available for you to try your hand at fixing things!

Date: Saturday, February 22

Time: 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Location: Gordon United Church (935 Goldstream Ave)





Upcoming Meetings

February 4, 2025
7:00pm

Council Meeting

February 11, 2025
3:30pm

Committee of the
Whole Meeting

February 18, 2025
7:00pm

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 information, visit [Council Meetings](#).

Engage View Royal

Looking to have your say on Town projects and initiatives? Visit Engage View Royal, our online engagement platform, to share your feedback, explore current consultations, and stay updated on what's happening in our community. Get involved today!

engage.viewroya.ca

CAO Update

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

Explore the monthly CAO 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 8, 2025 CAO Update](#)

