



# VIEW ROYAL ocpreview 2009

## Community Visioning WORKSHOP

Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>

9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
View Royal Elementary School

Go to [www.viewroyalocp.ca](http://www.viewroyalocp.ca)  
to register.

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## Help Shape the Future of View Royal!

View Royal is updating its Official Community Plan. The new plan will guide change and growth for decades to come. If you live, work, shop, play or go to school in View Royal, the plan affects YOU.

There are multiple ways to get information or become involved.

### What is an OCP?

An OCP is a Council-adopted bylaw that sets out a community vision. It will guide future growth, land use and change.

Many OCPs are leading their communities towards a more sustainable future. These plans support resource conservation, providing good jobs close to home, making neighbourhoods safe and friendly for young and old, and honouring local heritage.

Provincial legislation provides direction and guidance about the OCP. This includes setting targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.



New housing on Burnside Road

### WHY IS AN OCP IMPORTANT?

Town Council cannot make decisions that are inconsistent with the plan, without formally changing it. This provides some certainty to residents about what their neighbourhoods will look like in years to come. It also shows landowners, developers and investors where change is welcomed or acceptable, and under what conditions.



Source map: CRD Natural Areas Atlas

## WHY UPDATE THE OCP NOW?

The OCP doesn't reflect current thinking. Its origins were in the mid-1990s. Since then, the CRD extended trunk sewer services to all of View Royal, and the population grew quickly. In 1996, the population was 6,441; today it is about 9,000. There is additional potential for growth and redevelopment.

The plan also needs to embrace "sustainability principles". Our planning horizon has stretched — it's not only about the next 10 years, but the next 100 years.



Victoria General Hospital



Fort Victoria R.V. Park on the Old Island Highway

## How do we...

- Enhance our neighbourhoods and create real community gathering places?
- Provide shopping, services and jobs close to where people live?
- Reduce traffic on the Old Island Highway, and make it easier to walk, bike and use transit?
- Ensure high quality housing for everyone?
- Reduce green house gas emissions?
- Improve access to the waterfront along Portage Inlet and Esquimalt Harbour?
- Create a strong sense of place throughout View Royal?

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Share your vision for the future of View Royal. Discuss ideas and possibilities with your neighbours. Meet the Mayor and Councillors. Listen to inspiring speakers. Bag lunch and child care provided for pre-registrants.

**Please register at [viewroyalocp@cityspaces.ca](mailto:viewroyalocp@cityspaces.ca)  
or call 250.383.0304, x. 40.**

## Get Involved!

The OCP Review is the community's best opportunity to visualize possibilities, and create a shared vision that endures long into the future. This planning process is a "fresh start". It can unite the community, build identity and make the shift to being a sustainable place.

You can join the discussion by attending a community workshop or meeting, participating in the Community Conversations group, and sharing your ideas.

Find out more about getting involved at [www.viewroyalocp.ca](http://www.viewroyalocp.ca)



### For more information:

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Shopping Centre on the Old Island Highway



Knocken Hill Park