

Community Events

Colwood is home to an amazing variety of events that help us stay healthy, connected and vibrant. Find a complete list and submit your event at www.colwood.ca/events.

Oct 29 Best of the West Shore Community Awards Banquet Presented by the WestShore Chamber of Commerce. 6-8pm at the Westin Bear Mountain

Oct 31 Community Halloween Bonfire at Colwood Fire Hall Free hot dogs, hot chocolate, coffee and treats plus costume contest, music, prizes and fun. Colwood Fire Hall, 6:30-9pm

Nov 11 Remembrance Day at Veteran's Memorial Park In honour of those who have served their country. Veteran's Memorial Park, 10:45am

Nov 25 - Dec 20 Gifts & Wishes Show at Coast Collective Art Centre 3221 Heatherbell Road, 12-5pm, Wed-Sun

Dec 5 Annual Truck Light Convoy Parade of 80 festively decorated commercial trucks cruising through the streets of the capital region. Goldstream & Veterans Memorial Parkway at about 8pm.

Dec 9 Colwood Christmas Light-Up Reconnect with friends and neighbours over music, crafts, treats and hot chocolate as you wait for Santa to arrive by fire truck. Colwood City Hall, 6-8pm

Dec 12-15 Winter Wonderland Skates JdF Arena is transformed into a winter wonderland with music, treats and a visit from Santa. Celebrate the season with this fun family activity! Find times online at westshorerecreation.ca

Royal BC Museum pergolas donated to Colwood

Colwood is honoured to have received two beautiful pergolas donated by the Royal BC Museum. Designed by renowned west coast architect, John di Castri, the pergolas will be a beautiful addition to our community.

Thank you to the many neighbours who took the time during the spring of 2015 to provide input into the location and uses of the pergolas.

The pergolas are being installed now at **Herm Williams Park** on Kelly Road. They will provide a seating and gathering place for small seasonal events and performances.

Stay tuned for updates as installation progresses, and watch Colwood.ca for announcements about events and activities planned for the site.



Community Connections

Colwood City Hall
3300 Wishart Road
250-478-5999

West Shore Parks & Recreation
1767 Island Highway
250-478-8384

Juan de Fuca Public Library
1759 Island Highway
250-940-4875

West Shore Child, Youth & Family Centre
345 Wale Road
250-391-4320

Juan de Fuca Seniors (55+) Association
1767 Island Highway
250-474-8618

Coast Collective Art Centre
Set to open at their new location in the Holiday Inn Express & Suites on Wale Road Dec. 1, 2015!
250-391-5522

Branch Drop-Off Dates

FIRST AND THIRD SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

November 7 and 21
December 5 and 19

Council Meetings

SECOND & FOURTH MONDAY OF THE MONTH

October 26, 2015
November 9, 2015
November 23, 2015
December 7, 2015
December 21, 2015

City Hall closed for Statutory Holidays

Remembrance Day - Wednesday, Nov 11, 2015
Christmas Closure - Dec 24, 2015 to Jan 3, 2016

Colwood Connection

Inviting your involvement in decisions about our vibrant waterfront community.

Fall 2015

Galloping Goose Trail, Colwood, BC
Photo Credit: Paul Rioux

Westside Solutions: Fine Tuning Wastewater Options

Thank you to the many community members who have participated in surveys & workshops about wastewater treatment during the spring of 2015. Your input will continue to be important as plans progress.

Determining where and how to treat our wastewater is one of the most important decisions faced by our region. Westside Solutions (the Westside Wastewater Treatment and Resource Recovery Select Committee) has been working since late 2014 to develop options for wastewater treatment and resource recovery.

The committee has worked to identify several potential sites for a wastewater treatment facility. Further technical analysis is happening now to provide more detailed information about costs and considerations for specific sites. Analysis will include options for a single facility as well as a distributed system of two or four facilities.

For more information, visit:
www.westsidesolutions.ca



Royal Bay Secondary School

A strong foundation for the new Royal Bay Community

Set on the waterfront in the prestigious Royal Bay community, Royal Bay Secondary School provides state of the art learning opportunities for West Shore students.



Community focus is what makes this school truly unique. It will provide arts, culture and recreational programming through a neighbourhood learning centre and an all-weather field shared with West Shore Parks & Recreation. The 350 seat theatre will bring the community together for performances and celebrations, and the trades programs will provide apprenticeships and applied learning within our community.

Creating safe routes for students The City is working with the owner of Royal Bay and the School District to create safe pathways to the new school, beginning with new walking paths along Latoria and Metchosin Roads and cycling lanes on the Metchosin hill. Work is ongoing to create connections from Wishart Road near the Parkside development and through Painter Road to Ryder Hesjedal Way.

The new Latoria Boulevard Along with the new school came the opening of the new Latoria Boulevard, which is uniquely designed for safety and comfort. Landscaped boulevards create a safe and attractive buffer between pedestrians and vehicles. Bike lanes make cycling enjoyable and street lights provide pathway lighting that reduces glare and minimizes light pollution.

More information about the opening of Latoria Boulevard can be found at www.Colwood.ca/LatoriaBoulevard.

"Latoria Boulevard is designed to encourage people to get out and walk or cycle. It sets the standard for road design in Royal Bay and future enhancements throughout Colwood."

- Mayor Carol Hamilton



We love to hear from you.

We want to make it easy for you to have a say in decisions that make Colwood a vibrant, connected community that we all take pride in. Check your city website at colwood.ca for ways to share your ideas, and get involved.

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Thanks for coming to the first ever **Eats & Beats AT THE BEACH**

It was wonderful to see so many neighbours, friends and people from around the region enjoying the Colwood waterfront at the first ever Eats & Beats at the Beach on Friday, August 28, 2015.

The event had all the right ingredients for a great time: good people, a breathtaking natural setting, music, food and fun.

We were overwhelmed by the positive response to the event, and by the number of people who came out to join us! There were such great numbers that our food vendors were cleaned out.

Rest assured that with the success of this year's event, future events at the beach will have more food, more great music and more activities.

Find information about upcoming events in and around Colwood, visit www.colwood.ca/events.



New life at Colwood developments

In the coming months, watch for new life at developments around the City. Here are just a few of the projects in the works:

City Centre - This site at Colwood Corners has been purchased by Onni Group and the City is working with them on next steps for the site in advance of Onni making formal applications for redevelopment.

Ocean Grove - Already home to four condo buildings, this Esquimalt Lagoon neighbourhood plans additional housing and amenities like single family homes, townhouses, a park and a cafe. The bylaw to amend the original plans is currently at 3rd reading.

Pacific Landing - The City has received a development application for Phase 1 of the development, which would include three condominiums of between 3 and 4 stories each to provide 33 units.

Royal Bay - Latoria Boulevard and Ryder Hesjedal Way are now open along with the new Royal Bay Secondary School. The community plan calls for construction to begin on the first phase of homes in 2015.

Westridge Landing - The new Legacy apartments are now occupied, the new **Orca Grillhouse** restaurant is open for business, and the **Holiday Inn Express** is scheduled to open in November 2015. **Coast Collective Art Centre** will be moving in, along with a Business Services and Networking Centre.

Dwight School, Sooke Road near Royal Roads - The property between Colwood Crescent and Royal Roads Cafe has been purchased with plans for a new private school.

Pacific Centre Families Association new Wellness Centre - The city has received development plans for a major new wellness centre at 324 Goldstream Avenue.

Holiday Inn Express set to open on Wale Road in time for Christmas!

Community Mailboxes

The Canada Post decision to switch to community mailboxes rather than door to door delivery will be a big change for many in our community.

Community mailbox locations were determined by Canada Post based on the survey input provided by homeowners. The City was also given the opportunity to provide input around transportation safety, lighting and city infrastructure.

If you have questions or concerns about the location Canada Post chose for your community mailbox, please contact them at 1-844-454-3009.

Life in a growing community: living with new construction

Anyone who has undertaken a project to renovate their home or yard knows it can cause some temporary inconvenience. Similarly, construction activity around the city may cause short-term noise, dust or traffic disruptions in order to bring new housing, work opportunities, businesses and road improvements to Colwood.

The City is reviewing its bylaws related to blasting, rock crushing, dust and other construction-related activities to help mitigate the impact of construction on neighbours while supporting smart growth in our community. Amended policies and bylaws will be brought forward for review by the public and Council. You are encouraged to join us when these public city meetings take place.

Please don't hesitate to contact Colwood City Hall if you have safety concerns about work happening in your neighbourhood.



“Great things are done by a series of small things brought together.”

~ Vincent Van Gough

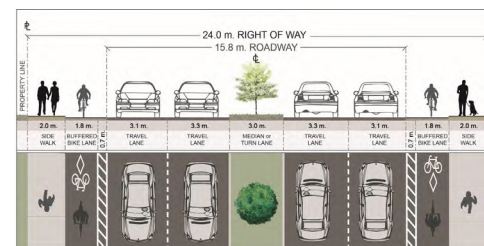
Colwood on the move with a new Transportation Master Plan

With input from community members and other stakeholders through surveys, open houses and public meetings, the City of Colwood has created a Transportation Master Plan to improve how we travel in and through our city - whether we are driving, walking, biking or using transit.

The plan is about more than how we get around. It strives to bring about refreshing changes in Colwood, improving safety, quality of life and sustainability - goals outlined in our Official Community Plan.

These improvements will attract the kind of housing, businesses and employers that will enrich our city, so that it makes sense to work, shop, play and do business here in Colwood.

In the plan you will find detailed descriptions of upgrades envisioned for specific streets and neighbourhoods, like the Sooke Road cross section shown below.



The plan is designed to support healthy neighbourhoods that are connected to vibrant centres by safe and comfortable walking, cycling and road networks.

Review the plan at www.colwood.ca/transportation.



Making Colwood an age-friendly community

We're creating a Colwood Age-Friendly Community Plan to make Colwood more welcoming, comfortable and safe for older adults and people of all ages and levels of mobility.

Thank you to everyone who shared their views through the age-friendly survey and workshop held this fall.

Watch for your opportunity to review the draft document and provide feedback that will help fine tune the plan.

We are grateful to the BC Seniors' Housing and Support Initiative who This project is funded through an Age-friendly Community Planning grant of \$20,000 from the BC Seniors' Housing and Support Initiative.

“Every one of us is aging. We need communities that will meet our needs in every stage of life. Thank you to the many residents who shared ideas to help our city grow in a way that provides the highest quality of life for people of every age and ability.”

- Mayor Carol Hamilton

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