

Community Events - get the scoop!

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

Sep 10 Royal Bay Beachpark Opening Event

Royal Bay Community opens the new Beachpark with music, food, volleyball, paddling and fun. *Metchosin Road at Latoria Boulevard, on the waterfront. 12-5pm*

Sep 18 Colwood Seaside Festival

Free horse drawn carriage rides, historic ghost tours, live music, puppet shows, heritage artisans, paint-in & more. *Fort Rodd Hill & Fisgard Lighthouse 11am-4pm*

Oct 15 Raise the Roof for Coast Collective

A fabulous evening of music and dancing with Groove Kitchen. *Langford Legion, 8pm - 11:30pm*

Oct 20 Great BC Shake Out

At 10:20 am millions of people worldwide will "Drop, Cover and Hold On" in an Earthquake Drill. *Wherever you are, 10:20am*

Oct 27 Happening Places - Speaker's Night

& Talk Back Dave Witty from Vancouver Island University will expand our thinking about what makes a successful city. *Royal Bay Secondary, 6:30-8:30pm.*

Oct Wild in the City - Speaker's Night

& Talk Back Will Marsh from UBC will challenge us to preserve our natural landscapes as we build a beautiful, sustainable city. *Date and location to be confirmed. Check www.colwood.ca/OCF*

Oct 31 Halloween Bonfire at Colwood Fire Hall

Hot dogs, hot chocolate, treats, costume parade, music and prizes by the bonfire! *Colwood Fire Hall 6:30pm to 9:00pm*

Nov 5&6 JDF Seniors 55+ Craft Fair

Don't miss this 28th annual showcase of arts & crafts on the West Shore! *Juan de Fuca Activity Centre, 1767*

Dec 7 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*

Get details on all these and more at

www.colwood.ca/events.



Please tell us what you think about this summer's events at the waterfront

Did you come down for Eats & Beats & Beach Food?

Now that the City has hosted the second annual *Eats & Beats at the Beach* and a summer trial of *Beach Food Fridays & Saturdays*, we want to hear what you think about these events, and what suggestions you have to make future community celebrations successful.

Take the quick survey at www.Colwood.ca/BeachFood.

The survey closes on Monday, October 10, 2016. Results will be posted on the Beach Food web page along with a summary report to Council on Friday, October 21, 2016.



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. Subscribe at Colwood.ca/subscribe and follow @CityofColwood on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram. www.colwood.ca | 3300 Wishart Road | Colwood, BC | V9C 1R1 | 250.478.5999

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

School District 62

3143 Jacklin Road, 250-474-9800

West Shore Child, Youth & Family Centre

345 Wale Road, 250-391-4320

Pacific Centre Family Services Association

345 Wale Road, 250-478-8357

Juan de Fuca Seniors (55+) Association

1767 Island Highway, 250-474-8618

Coast Collective Art Centre

318 Wale Road, 250-391-5522

Branch Drop-Off Dates

FIRST AND THIRD SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

September 3 and 17

October 1 and 15

November 5 and 19

December 3 and 17

Council Meetings

SECOND & FOURTH MONDAY OF THE MONTH

September 12, 2016

(no meeting Sept 26 due to UBCM conference)

October 11 and 24, 2016

November 14 and 28, 2016

December 5 and 19, 2016

City Hall Closures

Labour Day - September 5, 2016

Thanksgiving - October 10, 2016

Remembrance Day - November 11, 2016

Christmas Closure - December 23 - January 2

Colwood Connection

Inviting your involvement in decisions about our vibrant waterfront community.



Fall 2016

Making Waves for a better Colwood

Great cities don't just happen—they are created by people who care about their community and are willing to rock the boat to find ways to make their city great.

Over the next several months, Colwood Council will be making decisions about updates to the City's Official Community Plan, and your input is vital. Join the conversation about creating a plan for Colwood's future.



So many ways to have your say

Go online during October

A quick, fun way to give input. Rate images of community features, mark special places on a map, and drag your priorities to the top of the list.

Sound off at your local coffee shop

Scribble your thoughts on one of our *Sounding Boards* at places like Pilgrim Coffee, Royal Bay Bakery, Jasmine's Restaurant or Red Barn Market.

Attend a 'Making Waves' Speaker's Night & Talk Back - learn more & share ideas

Happening Places with David Witty, Vice President, Vancouver Island U.
Wed. Oct 27, 6:30pm at Royal Bay School

Wild in the City with Will Marsh, Adjunct Professor, UBC School of Architecture & Landscape Architecture
Date & time to be announced

Be there if you care

Drop in to Steering Committee meetings where plans are considered & recommendations are made. Find times on the Meeting Calendar at www.colwood.ca/city-hall.

Where would you create town centres in Colwood? What would make you spend time there?

'Happening' cities have enjoyable town centres where people naturally gather—places that make you want to stop and explore, socialize and relax. This plan will determine where the heart of Colwood is and what it should look like. Help shape that vision.

Which natural features are important to preserve in Colwood as our community grows? Are there areas where new development makes sense to you?

The community plan guides where new construction takes place and how new structures fit into the landscape—hillsides, rock faces, forests and wild places. Bring your voice to this conversation.

What steps can we take to manage traffic and improve transportation choices?

Many people who live in Colwood rely on their cars to commute to work in other communities. The community plan will determine whether Colwood is designed to make car travel the highest priority, or focuses on making it easier to take transit, cycle or walk in and through our City. Your perspective on this important.

How would you like to see Colwood's waterfront protected and enjoyed?

The Colwood waterfront and lagoon offer Colwood residents spectacular ocean views and easy access to miles of beaches and natural areas. Like other waterfront cities around the world, we need to plan for how changing sea levels may impact waterfront assets such as roads and bridges as well as enjoyment of these shared areas. Let us know what you think are the most important considerations for the waterfront.

★ Get the latest updates at www.Colwood.ca/OCF ★



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What's building in Colwood

Colwood Corners, Sooke Road - The City is working through the new development application submitted by Onni Group.

Ocean Grove, Goldfinch Road - A development agreement is now in place for new housing and amenities including single family homes, townhouses, a park and a cafe in this lagoon neighbourhood.

Pacific Landing, Heatherbell Road - Construction has begun on the first phase, including three condominiums of between 3 and 4 stories each to provide 33 units.

Royal Bay, Latoria Boulevard - New home-owners are moving in, and two new parks will open this fall. Building permits have been issued for the Neighbourhood House and townhomes on Latoria Boulevard.

Find development information at: <http://www.colwood.ca/developments>

Ilaria Townhomes, Sooke Road - Four townhouse buildings are now under construction on Sooke Road to provide fourteen, three storey, contemporary west coast townhomes.

Painter & Metchosin - Construction is underway on nine single family homes and two 3-storey, 18-unit apartment buildings.

Centre for Well-being, Goldstream Ave - Construction is underway on this Pacific Centre Family Services Association project.

468-474 Landmark, Goldstream Ave - A rezoning application is in process for 472 and 474 Goldstream. Plans include three apartment buildings for a total of 160 units, as well as a park that features the historic Colwood Dairy building. (See sidebar for more on the Dairy.)

Royal Bay Beachpark - new waterfront access

A new waterfront park operated by Royal Bay opened in Colwood on September 10th. The Royal Bay Beachpark features beach volleyball pits, landscaped areas, a bridge over the water channel, stairs down to the beach access, a small snack shack and washrooms. A children's play park will be installed this fall.

The park provides a new access point to Colwood's beautiful ocean beach, which stretches from Fisgard Lighthouse all the way to the Metchosin border and beyond.

The Royal Bay Beachpark is on Metchosin Road at Latoria Boulevard. While construction continues, the beachpark will be open Saturday & Sunday from dawn until dusk.



New street banners celebrate Colwood

Colourful new "coastal-themed" street banners on Wale Road in Colwood feature images from a colouring book called 'A Colourful Coast' created by the talented artists of the Island Illustrators Society.



Fresh start planned for Colwood Corners

Colwood Corners is one of the City's most visible and significant sites. The 12.5 acre parcel on Sooke Road has the potential to bring new apartments, eateries, shops and services to Colwood.

The property was purchased in 2014 by Onni Group, a development company from Vancouver. The City received a development application from Onni in June 2016. Plans include commercial space and 284 rental housing units in buildings between one and six storeys high. The current London Drugs building remains in the plans.

Preserving our history as we build our future

Built in 1852 by the Hudson's Bay Company, the **Colwood Dairy & Cheese House** was the first dairy on Vancouver Island and is considered to be the oldest building on the West Shore. The proposed development in the 400-block of Goldstream Avenue would give the community new access to the historic Colwood Dairy & Cheese House by relocating it to the front of the property as the focal point of a new public park space.



“ There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about. ” ~ Margaret Wheatley

Metchosin Road improvements focus on safety

Preliminary designs have been developed for new sidewalks, bike lanes and a crosswalk on Metchosin Road between Lagoon Road and Hatley Drive. These improvements are intended to encourage drivers to slow down in this area, and are especially important for students and families who walk, cycle, bus or drive to Sangster Elementary and Dunsmuir Middle Schools.



The design includes new features such as:

- **A raised concrete sidewalk** on the Royal Bay Bakery side of the street.
- **Buffered bike lanes** along both sides of this section of Metchosin Road.
- **A crosswalk** near the transit stop at Dunsmuir Middle School.
- **Three islands;** one at the crosswalk near the transit stop, a second between Daniel Place and Hatley Drive and a third between Gratton and Cotlow Roads.

Learn more and share ideas at an on site meeting

View the preliminary designs online at www.colwood.ca/metchosinroad.

Join City staff for an on site meeting on Wednesday, September 21 at 6:30pm in Wickheim Park (next to the Lagoon Market on Metchosin Road.)

You can also contact Emmet McCusker, Deputy Director of Engineering at 250-478-5999 or info@Colwood.ca.

Protecting the Lagoon Pump Station

This past winter, Ocean Boulevard was closed on a couple of occasions when high tides and storm surges tossed water and debris onto the road.

Seawater also washed over the equipment at the lagoon pump station next to the washrooms at the waterfront. The pump station supports sewer service for homes in the Lagoon neighbourhood.

To protect the pump station this winter, the City will increase the size of the berm in front of it with additional rocks.

The long term plan is to relocate the pump station to a new location. Input from residents will be encouraged to assist Council in determining the new location.

There may be opportunities to include amenities such as artwork, a bandshell or other public space as part of the relocation. Get ready to share your ideas!

The new Painter Trail creates an artful connection

There's a new trail that links the Wishart neighbourhood to Royal Bay. It's especially helpful for students headed to Royal Bay Secondary, but also a great recreational trail that connects surrounding neighbourhoods to the new Meadow Park and down to the waterfront Beachpark.

The trail begins at the corner of Painter and Dressler Roads and meanders down through the sloped park area. It's designed at a 6% grade with lighting through the park to allow for safe use by people of all ages and levels of mobility.

Stop signs have been added at the intersection of Painter and Dressler Roads to allow for safer crossings to the trail.

Trees and plantings will be added through the fall, featuring fruit & nut trees and edible plants that will create a unique food forest.

Did you know?

Renowned artist, Emily Carr, was known to camp on the hillside near the gravel pit and paint the spectacular landscapes, seascapes and skies that inspired this 1936 painting called "Above the gravel Pit".



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