



Summer Event Wrap Up

Our City came alive with arts, music, connection, and community spirit as 10,000 people experienced Colwood at the Eats & Beats Beach Party and weekly Music in the Park events as well as National Indigenous Peoples Day at Royal Roads University and the Lagoon Arts & Culture Festival. Thank you to everyone who came out, volunteered, and helped make events a success.

Upcoming events Join us at the Halloween Bonfire, Pumpkin Smash, Remembrance Day, Lighted Truck Parade, Colwood Christmas Light Up! Get details at Colwood.ca/events

Spotlight on NEW Community Groups



PICK Colwood (Promoting Involvement for Community Kleanup)

Dedicated to protecting our community, environment, and local wildlife, PICK Colwood hosts regular litter-pick events, leading the charge in litter reduction and data collection to help prevent future waste. Since their inception in February 2025, PICK Colwood has already made a remarkable impact—bringing residents together, fostering community pride, and making Colwood a cleaner, healthier place to call home. Learn more or get involved by visiting PICKColwood.ca



9 LITTER PICKING EVENTS	242 VOLUNTEER HOURS	OVER 3,503 CIGARETTE BUTTS COLLECTED	614 LBS OF LITTER REMOVED
14,062 METERS OF STREETS & SHORELINES CLEANED	OVER 5,440 PIECES OF LITTER PICKED UP		

Volunteer Looking for an impactful volunteer opportunity? If a fire, flood or other emergency forces people out of their home with no place to stay, the Emergency Support Services Team is there to help. Want to join the team? Contact EmergencyProgram@colwood.ca or **250-478-8321**.

Picture your photo in the 2026 Colwood Calendar!

Photographers of all skill levels are invited to share their photos for a chance to be featured in the 2026 Colwood Calendar. We're looking for photos highlighting the beauty of Colwood and showcasing residents enjoying our neighbourhoods and public spaces. **Deadline to submit is Oct. 31, 2025.** Learn more and share your photos for a chance to be featured: Colwood.ca/CalendarContest



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Community Connections

Arts & Culture Colwood Society
 170 Goldfinch Road | artsandculturecolwood.ca
 ColwoodCENIC@gmail.com

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

Juan de Fuca Seniors (55+) Association
 1767 Island Highway | 250-474-8618
jdfseniors.weebly.com

Pacific Centre Family Services Association
 324 Goldstream Avenue | 250-478-8357
pacificcentrefamilyservices.org

PICK Colwood
PICKColwood.ca | PICKColwood@gmail.com

Relmagine West Shore
RelmagineUs.ca | connect@reimagineus.ca

West Shore Parks & Recreation
 1767 Island Highway | 250-478-8384 | wspr.ca

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

Branch Drop-Off
PUBLIC WORKS 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 First & Third Saturday December thru February
Colwood.ca/BranchDrop

City Meeting Information
Colwood.ca/Meetings

Action Requests
 Streetlight out? Mess in a park? Issue on the roads?
Colwood.ca/ActionRequest

Let's Talk Colwood
 Share your thoughts about many initiatives that will shape our community.
LetsTalkColwood.ca

City Hall Closures
 Remembrance Day - Nov. 11
 Christmas Closure - Dec 24 - Jan. 2



Colwood Connection

Keeping you informed about our seaside community and encouraging you to get involved.

Fall 2025

The twists and turns of fall in the Japanese Gardens
 by Cecile Brisebois Guillemot

WATERFRONT PATHWAY Q & A

Won't a path increase visitors and negatively impact the environment?

The Lagoon area has already become very popular. The pathway will formalize a single walking and cycling route that minimizes activity in sensitive areas.

Why can't people just walk on the beach the way they do now?

The beach is not accessible or comfortable for all users, so many people walk along the narrow shoulder or behind the parked cars, which creates serious safety issues for all users. The path will improve safety.

Why not use the grant for road improvements?

Grants come with specific criteria based on federal and provincial priorities. They select the projects they'll fund.

Colwood is well positioned to take advantage of grants thanks to master plans with well defined projects.

This project was selected based on grant criteria of being large in scale with positive regional impact on the environment and economy.

'Ducks in a row' to complete the Waterfront Walkway by Jan 2028

Imagine a safe and accessible 4km waterfront walking and cycling route from the Lagoon Bridge to The Beachlands

Colwood's 4km Waterfront Multi-Use Pathway to create a safe and accessible route for people walking and cycling along the waterfront is on track.

The pathway will guide people thoughtfully through sensitive areas near Esquimalt Lagoon National Migratory Bird Sanctuary and provide an accessible route beyond the Lagoon washroom, through the waterfront areas of Perimeter Park and connecting to new trail networks at The Beachlands. (see thebeachlands.com)

The City received a \$6M grant for the project and began with First Nations and stakeholder engagement, preliminary design, surveying, and archaeological permitting for the project. Plans have shifted slightly from early options which focused heavily on engineering coastline areas, which added cost and complexity.

Green Shores design will focus on using natural materials and eco-friendly techniques that work with the coastline to help restore and protect natural areas.

Project design, archaeological and environmental permitting, and detailed construction plans are expected to be complete by January 2027, followed by tendering and construction to complete Colwood's Waterfront Multi-Use Pathway in advance of the grant funding deadline of January 2028.

Colwood.ca/WaterfrontNextSteps



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Meet Dr. Mo! Joining the Colwood Clinic team this fall

The Colwood Clinic will welcome its second physician, Dr. Muthanna Yacoub ("Dr. Mo") to the clinic team in November. Dr. Yacoub grew up in Richmond Hill, Ontario and has been practicing medicine as a family physician in Colorado for the last six years. He and his wife were keen to return to Canada, and were drawn to the Colwood Clinic model and our beautiful seaside community.

"I respect Canada's nationalized model of health care delivery. If the poorest can get high quality care to the same calibre as the rich, that makes philosophical sense to me."
- Dr. Muthanna Yacoub

Since the Clinic's opening in January 2025, over **700 Colwood residents** who didn't previously have a doctor are now in the care of Dr. Cassandra Stiller Moldovan.

Add your name to the Health Connect Registry to access the Colwood Clinic.

[Colwood.ca/ColwoodClinic](https://colwood.ca/ColwoodClinic)



Connecting to community is good for your health!

Check out these family friendly activities in our community this season.

- Take in a Grizzlies hockey game at the Q Centre in Colwood. [VictoriaGrizzlies.com](https://victoriagrizzlies.com)
- Head to the Goldfinch Arts Centre to see the latest art show, pick up a unique local gift, or learn a new creative skill. [ArtsandCultureColwood.ca](https://artsandculturecolwood.ca)
- Get active with a swim, skate, fitness class, golf, pickleball or many other options at West Shore Parks & Recreation [WSPRR.ca](https://wsprr.ca)

Building a Balanced Future: Colwood Exceeds Year-One Housing Targets

(Aug. 2024–July 2025)

178 new homes assigned for completion in year one of five-year housing target

397 new housing units occupied
42% of five-year goal achieved in one

1,214 additional units in development

50.2% proposed units for ownership
49.8% proposed units for rental

940 new homes targeted for completion in the next five years

[Colwood.ca/Housing](https://colwood.ca/Housing)

Galloping Goose Bridge Coming In!

Colwood has a beautiful new gateway feature with the installation of the Galloping Goose Bridge over Sooke Road. The new pedestrian and cycling overpass will create a safe, seamless connection that encourages more people to travel in and around Colwood on foot or by bike, and to enjoy this picturesque multi-use trail that runs through the heart of Colwood as it follows the old railway line on its 55km journey from Victoria to Sooke.

This project, made possible through a \$3.6M grant, supports our community's goals related to health and well being, easing traffic congestion, attracting customers to nearby businesses, improving air quality, and reducing our climate impact.

[Colwood.ca/GooseBridgeComing](https://colwood.ca/GooseBridgeComing)



6,085
PER WEEK



How many people actually use the Goose in Colwood? The pedestrian and cycling counter at Wale Road shows average weekly traffic of 6,085 counts each week.

Colwood Rent Bank

Since 2023, Colwood Council has provided small, interest-free loans to ease the financial burden of low income residents who are facing temporary financial hardship.

"A small amount of support at the right time can make all the difference between stability and homelessness," said Mayor Doug Kobayashi.

The budget for the Rent Bank comes from the City's Affordable Housing Reserve, which is funded by developer contributions, so the program does not impact property tax rates for residents.

In the 12-month period from July 2024 to July 2025, the program benefitted 34 Colwood residents, including 19 children.

[Colwood.ca/RentBank](https://colwood.ca/RentBank)



Colwood Pumpkin Smash Returns

Instead of displaying jack-o-lanterns along the road after Halloween — which, is too tempting to local wildlife — bring your pumpkins to City Hall for the **Pumpkin Smash** event on **Saturday, Nov. 1st from 12 – 2 p.m.**

- Get family photos with your pumpkin
- Blast your pumpkin with a fire hose, roll it down the hill into the blower & more!
- Free face painting & other fun activities
- Get a bite or hot drink at **The Hot Dog Guys** food truck

We're fortunate to be connected to nature in Colwood, but **DON'T GIVE BEARS A REASON TO STICK AROUND**

REMOVE OR SECURE ATTRACTANTS:

- GARBAGE
- FALLEN FRUIT
- BIRD FEEDERS
- BARBECUES
- PET FOOD
- COMPOST



OUR PARKS

We're putting parks plans into play!

Quarry Park Playground and Bike Zone



Have you checked out the new Bike Zone? Little ones zoom around the pump track and experienced riders hit the big jumps. It opened in August 2025 next to the Quarry Park Playground. Next up: washrooms, shade and playing fields! [Colwood.ca/QuarryPark](https://colwood.ca/QuarryPark)

New public washrooms at Lagoon West Park

This peaceful park on the shore of the Lagoon is home to the Goldfinch Arts Centre, where the City has added new public washrooms. They increase the occupancy of the building, allowing for larger events and they'll be appreciated by park visitors and people enjoying the trails that run between Royal Roads and the Lagoon Beach. [Colwood.ca/LagoonWestPark](https://colwood.ca/LagoonWestPark)

New pergola at Ocean View Park



Relax in the shade while the kids play, have a picnic, or gather with family and friends in the new pergola. Up next: A washroom facility is planned in 2026. [Colwood.ca/OceanViewPark](https://colwood.ca/OceanViewPark)

Herm Williams Park washrooms planned

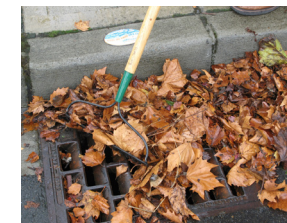
Site preparation has begun for a new washroom at Herm Williams Park on Kelly Road, a popular spot for kids play, fitness activities, and music in the park! [Colwood.ca/HermWilliamsPark](https://colwood.ca/HermWilliamsPark)

Help Prevent Flooding this Fall

With rainy weather on the way, Colwood Public Works is asking residents to help keep stormwater flowing by checking catch basins, ditches, and driveway culverts on property frontage. When these drainage systems are blocked by leaves or debris, water can back up causing flooding, damage, and erosion.

A quick sweep can make a big difference.

Take a moment to clear away debris. Be sure to wear gloves and sturdy footwear. Please stay



safely away from the road on the sidewalk or boulevard. Never remove a catch basin grate.

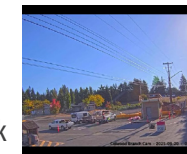
See a blockage you can't safely clear?

Let us know by submitting an action request at www.colwood.ca/ActionRequest.

Thank you for helping keep our community safe, clean and flood-free!

New BranchCam

If you're loading up your branches and leaves, check the BranchCam on drop-off Saturdays for a live feed of the line-up at the Colwood Public Work yard to help time your trip. *Note: People and plates are not identifiable and video is not stored. Feed is only live during Branch Drop-Off hours and intended for public convenience.



NEW ON LEASH AREAS

Please keep pups on-leash at Latoria Creek & Havenwood Parks

Based on community input into the Parks & Recreation Master Plan, dogs must now be on-leash when enjoying Latoria Creek and Havenwood Parks.

The majority of participants felt these parks should be on-leash to increase safety and comfort for all park users, and to protect environmentally sensitive creekside areas and steep slopes.

Cairndale & Veterans Intersection Upgrade



Traffic data shows that the Cairndale Road and Veterans Memorial Parkway intersection is due for upgrades.

A 2024 analysis determined it will be a traffic signal rather than a roundabout, based on factors such as vehicle volume, pedestrian and cyclist safety, available land, elevation, sight lines, and entry angles.

The intersection will accommodate a future multi-use pathway along Veterans Memorial Parkway to further improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

The project is now in the design and engineering phase, with detailed design expected to be complete in spring 2026. Construction is targeted to begin in late spring or early summer 2026.

[Colwood.ca/Cairndale](https://colwood.ca/Cairndale)

Connect with Colwood!

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