



## Use Your Mug. Get Rewarded.



Join the **Show Us Your Mug** challenge! Grab a stamp card at participating Colwood coffee shops or post a photo with your to go mug on Facebook or Instagram and tag @CityofColwood for a chance to win some great prizes! This Contest runs from now until April 22 (Earth Day).

This campaign is in partnership with **PICK Colwood** volunteer group, whose volunteers are doing incredible work to remove litter and tackle waste reduction in our community.

Full contest details at [Colwood.ca/ShowUsYourMug](http://Colwood.ca/ShowUsYourMug)

### Thank you to our Show Us Your Mug Partners

Pick up a stamp card and earn stamps at any of these participating Colwood businesses:



## Connect with Neighbours at upcoming events!

### Easter at Royal Bay

Hunt for Easter Eggs and enjoy family fun at Meadow Park in Royal Bay on April 4.

### Colwood Connect Fest

Enjoy family fun & connect with your neighbours and community groups at City Hall on April 21.

### Music in the Park

Come out to the park every Saturday evening starting in May, for live music and dancing in the sunshine Colwood parks throughout starting May.

### National Indigenous Peoples Day

Join us at Royal Roads University on June 19, for a day of celebration and community relations on the ancestral lands of the Lekwungen People.

### Canada Day

Watch for July 1st Canada Day celebrations in Colwood.

### Eats & Beats Beach Party

The best beach party of the summer will be back with music, food and fun!



[Colwood.ca/Events](http://Colwood.ca/Events)

## Community Connections

### Arts & Culture Colwood Society

170 Goldfinch Road | [artsandculturecolwood.ca](http://artsandculturecolwood.ca)

### Citizens' Environment Network Colwood (CENiC)

ColwoodCENiC@gmail.com

### Friends of Colwood Parks (Park Stewardship)

[friendsofcolwoodparks.ca](http://friendsofcolwoodparks.ca)

### PICK Colwood (Litter + Waste Reduction)

[PICKColwood.ca](http://PICKColwood.ca)

### RelImagine West Shore (Sustainability)

[RelImagineUs.ca](http://RelImagineUs.ca)

### Juan de Fuca Public Library

1759 Island Highway | 250-940-4875

### Juan de Fuca Seniors (55+) Association

1767 Island Highway | 250-474-8618

### Pacific Centre Family Services Association

324 Goldstream Avenue | 250-478-8357

### West Shore Parks & Recreation

1767 Island Highway | 250-478-8384 | [wspr.ca](http://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.**

Saturdays Mar-Nov, excluding Statutory Holidays

[Colwood.ca/BranchDrop](http://Colwood.ca/BranchDrop)

## City Meeting Information

[Colwood.ca/Meetings](http://Colwood.ca/Meetings)

## Action Requests

Streetlight out? Mess in a park? Issue on the roads?

[Colwood.ca/ActionRequest](http://Colwood.ca/ActionRequest)

## Let's Talk Colwood

Share your views to shape our community.

[LetsTalkColwood.ca](http://LetsTalkColwood.ca)

## City Hall Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday | 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Excluding Statutory holidays

# Colwood Connection

Keeping you informed and involved in our caring and connected seaside community.



## Get ready to cruise into Colwood on the Galloping Goose Bridge

The new Galloping Goose pedestrian and cycling bridge over Sooke Road is set to open in April.

The bridge will create a safer and more direct connection to the 55km regional Galloping Goose Trail that runs through the heart of Colwood on its path from Victoria to Sooke. Once open, the bridge is expected to serve more than 6,000 pedestrians and cyclists each week.

Behind the scenes, crews have been completing the final approach ramps, which are designed with a gentle 5% grade to ensure the bridge is comfortable and accessible for users of all ages and abilities.

Made possible through a \$3.6 million grant, the project supports our community's goals related to health and well-being, easing traffic congestion, attracting customers to nearby businesses, improving air quality, and reducing climate impacts.

Watch [Colwood.ca](http://Colwood.ca) for details about the opening date!

[Colwood.ca/BridgeApproach](http://Colwood.ca/BridgeApproach)



## Understanding your needs and expectations around Sewer Service

**If sewer service came to your Colwood neighbourhood, would you pay to connect? It's a complex question of cost and timing for most residents.**

About half of Colwood properties are connected to sewer service, with the remainder served by septic systems. While most of Colwood has great soil percability, making septic systems an effective and environmentally friendly option, most were installed a generation ago and may require upgrade or replacement in the coming years.

The City has not initiated any project to expand sewer service, but has done the work to update the Sewer Master Plan and clarify the technical details, cost estimates, and steps that would need to be taken.

Colwood Council understands the importance of making resident input the basis of any future decisions about sewer service in Colwood. They would like to gain a better understanding of what priority residents wish to place on sewer expansion in long term infrastructure planning.

Cost is a major factor for residents. Some have recently spent tens of thousands to replace their septic system which will serve them well for many years. Others are waiting to hear if sewer service might come their way before investing in septic replacement.

We very much value your input on this complicated subject. Survey results are expected to be presented to Council in the coming months and will help guide next steps and future decisions. Get advance notice of Council meeting agendas by subscribing for City updates at [Colwood.ca/Subscribe](http://Colwood.ca/Subscribe).

Learn more about sewer services at [Colwood.ca/Sewers](http://Colwood.ca/Sewers)

## Something strange in your neighbourhood?

### Use the online ACTION REQUEST form!

Notice a streetlight out? A mess in the park? An issue on the roads? Or just something you've been scratching your head about?

The Colwood Action Request form is the fastest and best way to let the City know. Your request goes directly to the team that can help, and is tracked every step of the way as it's followed up on. [Colwood.ca/ActionRequest](http://Colwood.ca/ActionRequest)



We love to hear from you.

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[www.Colwood.ca](http://www.Colwood.ca) | 3300 Wishart Road | Colwood, BC | V9C 1R1 | 250.478.5999





## Bored teens? Drop in to WSPR!

- \$2 Youth Skate | Daily at 6:30 (+ \$2 rental)
- \$2 Drop-in Basketball | Tue, Wed, Fri at 3:00 pm
- \$2 Drop-in Volleyball | Tue to Thu at 3:00 pm
- \$2 Youth Swim Night | Fri at 6:30 pm
- FREE Youth Night (Youth Room & Sports Floor) | Fri, 6:30 - 8 pm
- FREE Art & Movement at Centennial Centre | Fri, 6:30 - 8 pm

Check out the full activity schedule at [WSPR.ca](http://WSPR.ca)

## Project UPSTREAM: Supporting Community Safety & Well-being

Colwood is one of 10 communities across Canada selected to participate in Project UPSTREAM, a Public Safety Canada initiative led by the Canadian Centre for Safer Communities (CCFSC).

What steps can we take to ensure Colwood continues to be a safe and connected community in a shifting landscape of political differences, cultural tension, and global conflict?

To understand risks and explore strategies, the City will receive extensive Colwood-specific safety data and is working with youth and partners like the School District, the RCMP, and many others through a series of focus groups. The City will then be paired with national experts and funding from Public Safety Canada to implement a pilot project designed to improve life in Colwood.

*"This is an incredible opportunity to benefit from the expertise of national partners to pull together Colwood-specific data that helps to clearly define what makes our community safe, where there may be risks, and how to implement strategies to address risk before harm takes place."*

- Colwood Mayor Doug Kobayashi

A project update is scheduled to be presented to Colwood Council March 23th. Learn more at

[Colwood.ca/ProjectUPSTREAM](http://Colwood.ca/ProjectUPSTREAM)



## Draft Transportation Master Plan

GET YOUR WHEELS TURNING: INPUT OPPORTUNITIES COMING SOON!

The draft Plan details what is proposed for the future road network, pedestrian, cycling and transit routes, and priority infrastructure actions such as intersection improvements. It is intended to bring policies up to date with the current values and priorities of the community and to guide how the City invests in safe and efficient movement in and around Colwood. When you see posts on the City website and social media, in the newspaper or around the community, please take a moment to review the draft Transportation Master Plan and share your thoughts!

Learn more at [Colwood.ca/NewTMP](http://Colwood.ca/NewTMP)



The beautiful forested areas of Havenwood Park and Latoria Park are special places in Colwood. The Parks team is working to establish accessible trails and safeguard sensitive areas with fencing. Please help protect this unique environment by refraining from off-trail cycling in natural areas.

[Colwood.ca/HavenwoodPark](http://Colwood.ca/HavenwoodPark)

## Don't miss Colwood Connect Fest!

Celebrate spring and connect with community at Colwood Connect Fest on Tuesday, April 21 from 6 to 8 pm at Colwood City Hall.

This fun, family-friendly evening brings together local clubs, volunteer groups, and community organizations to showcase the many ways residents can get involved. Plus a special award presentation by Mayor Kobayashi.

Enjoy treats and prizes, explore displays and demonstrations, learn about upcoming activities and ways to get involved in community groups, and join games and activities fun for all ages.

Whether you're looking to volunteer, join a club, or simply learn more about what's happening in Colwood, this is a great opportunity to meet the people who make our community thrive.

[Colwood.ca/ConnectFest](http://Colwood.ca/ConnectFest)



## Reducing the tax hit to residents

Colwood Council is working to reduce the 2026 property tax increase from a proposed 7.54% to a targeted 4.25% while continuing to fund essential services.

Cost pressures are significant for increases related to policing, fire rescue, union contracts, and other necessary services.

Colwood has maintained a strong track record of responsible financial management, keeping average annual property tax increases below 5% since 2020. Council is committed to supporting affordability for residents.

Watch meetings that took place on March 12 and 30 to learn more about the budget process and complex tax considerations.

[Colwood.ca/Budget](http://Colwood.ca/Budget)

## Updating our Storm Water Plan

Managing stormwater is one important way we protect our environment, reduce flood risk, support healthy waterways, extend the life of drainage infrastructure, and create a safe and healthy, sustainable community. Watch for the updated Storm Water Plan to be presented to Council and the community in the fall of 2026.

[Colwood.ca/StormWater](http://Colwood.ca/StormWater)

## Hike to High Gound GET TSUNAMI READY

Take a walk with Colwood Firefighters to learn about Tsunami Preparedness in the Hike to High Ground at Royal Roads. It's an interactive event designed to practice evacuation and learn about emergency preparedness along the way.



Saturday, April 18, 2026  
10 am - 12 pm  
Royal Roads University  
2006 Sooke Road  
Lower parking lot

[Colwood.ca/HighGround](http://Colwood.ca/HighGround)

## OUR PARKS

### Bridging people and nature

More than just making it easy for visitors to enjoy Colwood parks, pedestrian bridges protect vital streams and waterways in our community. They help maintain natural waterflow and allow aquatic ecosystems to thrive undisturbed by people and pets, and they protect the riparian plant life that stabilizes stream banks and prevents erosion.

These recent bridge upgrades advance the City's Parks Management Plan, which guides upgrades to park trails, connectivity, environmental conservation, and park maintenance.

### Latoria Creek Park Pedestrian Bridge



The old wooden bridge near the park entrance has been replaced with a new aluminum bridge designed to last up to 50 years. Its fibre mesh deck provides a slip-resistant surface, improving safety and comfort for people exploring this scenic creekside trail between Latoria Road and Pelican Drive. [Colwood.ca/LatoriaCreekPark](http://Colwood.ca/LatoriaCreekPark)

### Latoria Walk Park Pedestrian Bridge



The beautiful new boardwalk bridge has been replaced along the trail in Latoria Walk Park where the old bridge had become unsafe. The new bridge is expected to last approximately 50 years, helping maintain this popular connection between Latoria Road and Havenwood Park.

### Colwood Creek Park Pedestrian Bridge



The pedestrian bridge crossing Colwood Creek along the trail parallel to Veterans Memorial Parkway has also been upgraded. The new structure provides a safer, longer-lasting crossing for walkers, dog owners, and anyone enjoying the park's peaceful creekside pathway. [Colwood.ca/ColwoodCreekPark](http://Colwood.ca/ColwoodCreekPark)

## What's up next for the Waterfront Walkway

Colwood's work to create a multi-use pathway along the waterfront from the Lagoon Bridge to meet trails planned at the Beachlands is on track for completion by the 2028 grant deadline, thanks to a \$6M grant from the Canada Community-Building Fund.

It's a complex project due to the sensitive archaeological and ecological features, factors like erosion and sea level rise, the various landscapes it encompasses: the Lagoon shore, the ocean shore, the small section of Ocean Boulevard, the treed area of Perimeter Park, and connections to the trails, plaza, and sidewalks planned in the new Beachlands neighbourhood.

Staff continue to work through archaeological permitting, stakeholder engagement, and design. Over the coming months, watch for opportunities to learn more about aspects like the trail surface, landscaping, vegetation, accessibility features, interpretive signs, and more.

[Colwood.ca/WaterfrontWalkway](http://Colwood.ca/WaterfrontWalkway)

## Connect with Colwood!

The City of Colwood sits on the ancestral lands of Teechamista and the Lekwungen-speaking people now known as the Songhees and Xwsepsum Nations.



Report an issue at [Colwood.ca/ActionRequest](http://Colwood.ca/ActionRequest)

Subscribe for email updates at [Colwood.ca/Subscribe](http://Colwood.ca/Subscribe)

Follow @CityofColwood on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram

## Don't spray that pesticide!

Pesticides cannot be confined. They move through air, land, and water, contributing to the cumulative chemical load absorbed by our environment. Colwood's Pesticide Bylaw limits use to protect our natural assets, waterways, ecological habitats, and cultural heritage.

[www.Colwood.ca/PesticideUse](http://www.Colwood.ca/PesticideUse)

## National Urban Park

Share your thoughts about the Parks Canada initiative to explore establishing a National Urban Park in our area.

Learn more at [LetsTalkColwood.ca](http://LetsTalkColwood.ca)



## Please don't feed the birds!



We know you mean well, but human food is unhealthy for birds. It changes foraging habits, creates an environment for disease, and puts them in harms way.

## New EV Chargers in Parks



EV Chargers are now available at Meadow & Lagoon West Parks, thanks to coordination by the CRD and funding from the Government of Canada and CleanBC. Expanding EV charging infrastructure helps reduce emissions and increase low-carbon transportation options.

Up next, Herm Williams Park and Colwood Creek Park!

Learn more at [Colwood.ca/ClimateAction](http://Colwood.ca/ClimateAction)