

Colwood Calendar

Photographers of all skill levels were invited to share their photos for a chance to be featured in the 2022 Colwood Calendar.

Over 215 photos were submitted throughout September and October. We received so many fantastic images and thank everyone for submitting and voting for their favourites.

Mayor Rob Martin will have the difficult task of deciding which photos will be included this year. Calendars will be available in early December, a limited supply will be available for pick-up at City Hall.

Visit www.Colwood.ca/Calendar for updates.



Summer Music Events

If there's one thing the pandemic taught us, it's the importance of getting outside in the fresh air, enjoying the benefits of nature and staying active and connected.

This summer, the City encouraged residents to get out and enjoy our spectacular natural surroundings by hosting music events in our parks and at the beach. Performances aligned with the BC Restart Plan to bring people back together safely.

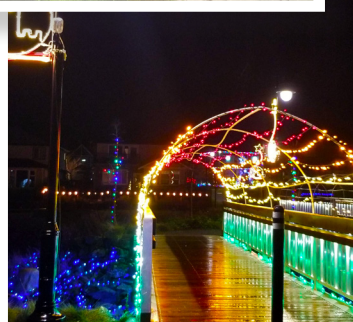
Looking forward to the holiday light up!

We're looking forward to spreading holiday cheer this season by sprinkling lights around Colwood.

Bundle up the family, grab your hot chocolate, and take a holiday stroll to enjoy the festive scenes.

Herm Williams Park will be decked out with the colourful forest lights and Meadow Park bridges will be adorned in stunning tunnels of lights.

Check Colwood.ca often and follow @CityofColwood on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for updates.



Community Connections

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
324 Goldstream Avenue, 250-478-8357

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

Colwood Medical Treatment Centre
102-1910 Sooke Road, 250-474-8833

Branch Drop-Off Dates

PUBLIC WORKS 8:30am - 4:00pm

Every Saturday in November
December 4 and 18

Council Meetings

SECOND & FOURTH MONDAY OF THE MONTH 6:30PM

November 8 and 22
December 13

Committee of the Whole

FIRST & THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH 6:30PM

November 15
December 6

City meeting agendas, reports, minutes, & videos

WWW.COLWOOD.CA/MEEETINGS

City Hall Closures

Remembrance Day - Thursday, November 11
Christmas Closure - December 24 to January 4

*Dates may be subject to change after publication.
Please confirm all dates at Colwood.ca*

Colwood Connection

Inviting your involvement in decisions about our spectacular seaside community.

Fall 2021

Sunrise from Promenade Park by Jeremy Cook

Seniors Care Facility coming to Royal Bay

Colwood seniors will soon have more opportunities to continue living in the community they know and love as they age.

The CRD Hospital Board has purchased land and budgeted \$205M for a 306-bed facility on Metchosin Road and Latoria Boulevard next to the site of the new Royal BC Museum Collections and Research building.

The facility is envisioned as a dementia care centre to help create a safe and familiar home-like atmosphere for seniors.

To help achieve this, the four, 3-storey buildings proposed for the site would be laid out in a village format to support resident independence, social connections and overall wellness.

Encouraging Active Transportation

Making it easier, safer, and more enjoyable to walk or cycle has benefits for our health and our environment. More people walking and cycling means fewer cars on the roads and a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

Walk or Wheel to School

The more kids there are walking or cycling to school, the safer school zones become for everyone. Consider walking kids to school from a different drop-off location.

New sidewalks and cycling lanes are coming

Council has identified 7 priority routes for sidewalk and cycling upgrades in 2022. See the list at www.colwood.ca/ActiveTransportation

As we work to better connect our community, please remember: bike lanes are reserved for cyclists at all times. Do not drive or stop in bike lanes and always yield to cyclists when crossing a bike lane to access driveways or parking spots.

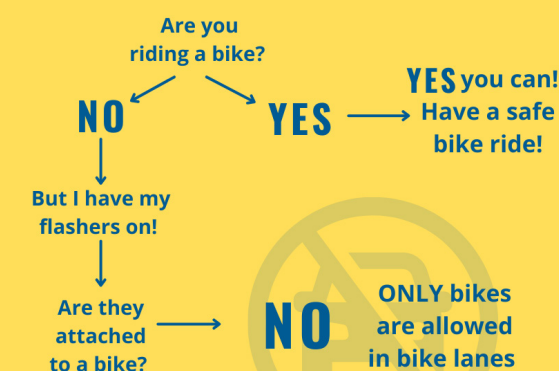
Working to bridge the Galloping Goose with an overpass

The City is actively working to obtain funding for the Galloping Goose Overpass bridge to improve a disconnection of the regional trail at Wale Road.

The City has applied for funding to construct an overpass as part of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program and the decision on this funding is anticipated to be shared in the coming months.



Can I stop in a BIKE LANE?



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Waterfront stewardship plan

Planning is underway to protect the sensitive ecology and archaeology of Colwood's coastline and lagoon areas.



A multi-use pathway is envisioned from the Lagoon Bridge to Royal Beach to guide people safely and thoughtfully through the space while maintaining vehicle access and parking.

The plan will identify options for protecting the highly sensitive wildlife habitat and archeological resources with design that enhances accessibility and shifts events and activities to the most appropriate areas beyond the lagoon area.

Involving stakeholders and residents

The plan process began early in 2021 with detailed background analyses and meetings with stakeholders such as First Nations, the Canadian Wildlife Service, Parks Canada and others.

Aligning the plan with feedback

Community members have provided very valuable input on early concepts designed to create robust conversation and sharing of ideas.

Concepts like a viewing platform and footbridge received lower support than and are not included in the latest draft.

The final draft of the Stewardship Plan will include an implementation plan and cost estimates for proposed improvements. It is expected to be presented to Council late in 2021.

Get Involved

Learn more and watch for input opportunities at www.LetsTalkColwood.ca

Keeping an Eye on Development

Colwood Town Centre

Colwood Corners, Sooke Road: Building construction is underway. Onni is currently completing project road works including constructing new curbs & sidewalks, cycling lanes, transit improvements, landscaping, lighting and seating.

Allandale District, Veterans Memorial Parkway near Sooke Road: This mixed use employment area will bring new jobs and amenities to our community while expanding our tax base. Seaspan Victoria Shipyards offices and inventory is the first of many new businesses to come.

"With this one proposal, Omicron and Victoria Shipyards will bring a \$26 million dollar construction investment to Colwood along with nearly 100 construction jobs and significant long term employment."

Mayor Rob Martin

Royal Bay / Royal Beach / Latoria

Royal Bay Commons, Latoria Boulevard: Work is underway starting with a grocery store and the RBCM Collections & Research, then retail, offices, day cares, health services, parks and an elementary school.

Royal Beach, Metchosin Road: Seacliff Properties plans to create a world class seaside village with new homes, waterfront eateries, boutique shops, parks, trails and amenities. Rezoning is complete and Seacliff Properties is working on next steps.

Olympic View, Latoria Road: Site work is underway in preparation for a roundabout at the intersection of Latoria Road & Veterans Memorial Parkway and access into the new homes being constructed now at Olympic View.

www.Colwood.ca/featureddevelopments

Lekwungen host Na'tsa'maht Gathering in honour of Truth and Reconciliation



On Thursday, September 30th, the Lekwungen People of Songhees and Esquimalt Nations hosted the Na'tsa'maht Gathering at Royal Beach in Colwood to commemorate the first National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.

Na'tsa'maht is a Coast Salish term meaning 'working together as one'.

Hundreds of community members, young and old, attended to witness the retelling of elders' history and experience and stand together with Indigenous neighbours, recognizing that we all have a role to play in the path to reconciliation.

"Here in Colwood, we are truly ready to learn and better understand the history and experience of the Indigenous people who are our neighbours as well as those across the country. We know we have much to learn."

Mayor Rob Martin

We look forward to opportunities to work together as one – Na'tsa'maht – and build new working relationships grounded in honesty, humility and respect.

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Stay healthy: get your shots! Royal BC Museum Research and Collections Building

Visit your favourite Colwood pharmacy to get your flu shots. It's more important than ever to stay healthy and protected.

Seasonal influenza is a serious, infectious, and contagious respiratory illness. You can spread the flu 24 hours before showing any symptoms, and five to seven days after symptoms begin.

Getting your flu shot is particularly important this year to stay healthy while COVID-19 continues to circulate in our communities.

A flu shot can reduce your chance of developing symptoms that resemble COVID-19, which would require you to get tested and self-isolate.

Where to get your flu shot:

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| • Latoria Pharmacy IDA
250-590-7012 | • London Drugs
250-474-6657 |
| • Rexal
250-478-1735 | • Peoples Pharmacy
250-474-9331 |

To make the Royal BC Museum's collections and archives more accessible, the B.C. government is building a new collections and research building in Colwood.

There is an international competition underway to design an exceptional building overlooking the Colwood shoreline in Royal Bay. The new facility will use mass timber construction and meet CleanBC energy efficiency standards. Building construction will generate more than 950 direct and indirect jobs.

The facility will house the Royal BC Museum's archives, collections and research department. The new building will offer learning opportunities for students, both in person and online.

"This is going to be a game changer for Colwood in terms of high quality building design, exciting learning opportunities, and new employment and investment in Colwood."

~ Mayor Rob Martin

In September, Colwood residents were invited to Meet the Museum. At three locations the Royal BC Museum shared information about the museum's programs, collections, research and exhibitions.

Visitors had the opportunity to discover the natural history collection at each of the three pop-ups. Participants guessed what specimens from the eight different collections were, and played sorting games.

Planning the Future of Parks for Everyone to Enjoy

Thanks to everyone who has shared their thoughts about new Park Management Plans being created for Colwood Creek, Lookout Lake, and Ocean View Parks.

These Plans will help guide future park upgrades, environmental considerations, and recreational use.

Through the summer we've been asking residents: what do you love about these parks, what could be improved, and what changes would you like to see?

Park Management Plans are being drafted based on feedback we've received from:

- 3 parks walks
- 2 rounds of online questionnaires
- 7 pop-up park events
- 1 online workshop

Review the draft concept plans and subscribe to the project to stay up to date as we continue to finalize the Park Management Plans.

www.LetsTalkColwood.ca/OurParks



Places to rest and reflect



There's a lovely new bench at Wickheim Park on Metchosin Road next to the Royal Bay Bakery and Lagoon Market.

This is the first in a series of benches envisioned to become a Rest & Reflection Pathway throughout Colwood.

Watch for additional enhancements and standardization of seating and street furniture in the community as we continue to create a familiar and welcoming sense of place and foster community pride in Colwood.

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