

Colwood Connection

Involving you in decisions about our seaside community connected to nature.

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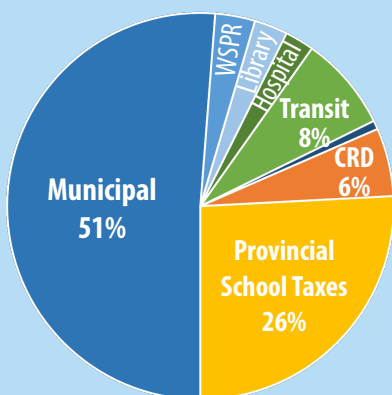
Colwood Tax Notice Newsletter

West Shore Parks & Recreation
Colwood, BC

PROPERTY TAXES ARE DUE Jul 2, 2025

Did you know? Only about **half** your tax bill is municipal tax.

49% is collected for **OTHER AGENCIES**. It all goes on one tax notice so you don't have to pay multiple bills.



BUDGET 2025

POLICING SERVICES
3.35%

CITY SERVICES
3.02%

INFRASTRUCTURE
1.53%

TOTAL TAX INCREASE
7.90%

www.colwood.ca/Budget

Supporting the needs of our growing community

Public Safety To ensure we continue to meet public safety needs, Colwood Fire has shifted to a 24 hour hybrid staffing model to support emergency response. As well, Colwood, Langford, and View Royal are working to expand the jointly owned West Shore RCMP Detachment facility. Colwood.ca/RCMP

Parks & Recreation Enhancements to parks & trails with public washrooms, shade, seating, and signage. New park spaces and an interconnected beach to mountain trail network. Colwood.ca/Parks

Family doctors Working to connect residents with a family doctor at the new City-run medical clinic. Colwood.ca/Health

Volunteers & youth Connecting volunteers, seniors, and youth to people and activities that advance goals for health, environment, safety, well-being, and sense of community. Colwood.ca/Youth

Disaster Resilience To increase community safety and well-being we're developing plans for disaster risk reduction and climate adaptation. LetsTalkColwood.ca/Disaster-Resilience-Initiative

Improving how we move

Intersection upgrades, new sidewalks and cycling infrastructure like the Galloping Goose Bridge, and updates to the Transportation Master Plan guided by public input, traffic modeling, technical data, and guiding documents such as the OCP, Climate Action, and Parks & Rec plans. Colwood.ca/Transportation

Keeping up with housing demand

Our Official Community Plan positions us well to address Provincial housing mandates. As new developments require sewer service we will be seeking community input on sewer expansion options based on the Sewer Master Plan. Colwood.ca/Housing

Arts & Culture The City worked with Arts & Culture Colwood to establish the Goldfinch Arts Centre in the City-owned building at Lagoon West Park. We're also working to strengthen relationships with local Nations and make Indigenous history and culture more visible in Colwood through art installations, events, and other collaborations. Colwood.ca/Arts

BY THE NUMBERS

3.35% for Policing Increases are required to support public safety including E-Comm dispatch services and increased police strength.

3.02% for City Services: To keep pace with the service, operational and capital demands of our growing community, including maintenance and repair of expanding roads, parks, and stormwater infrastructure.

1.53% for Infrastructure: .53% supports safe routes to school improvements. 1% is set aside to plan ahead for repair and replacement of aging critical infrastructure and mitigate against unexpected tax increases.

7.90% overall: The average property in Colwood has an assessed value of \$1.039M and will pay about \$181 more in municipal taxes than in 2024.

Q&A

Doesn't new development lower taxes? New tax revenue is primarily allocated to covering the cost of maintaining additional roads, storm systems, sidewalks, parks and trails, as well as the public safety and service needs of a growing population.

Does my BC Assessment property value affect my tax bill? BC Assessment determines the value of all properties in BC. An increased assessment doesn't always mean a higher tax bill. Taxes may be influenced if assessed value increases **more than the average property**.

Average Colwood Property

Assessed Value:	\$1,039,000
Change from 2024:	(1%)
2025 Municipal Tax:	\$2,658
Change from 2024:	\$181

Your BC Assessment Property Value Change

LOWER than the average change your bill may reflect

a lower increase
AVERAGE CHANGE

SIMILAR to the average change your bill may reflect

the average increase
AVERAGE CHANGE

HIGHER than the average change your bill may reflect

a higher increase
AVERAGE CHANGE

2024

Fast facts: *Serving & maintaining a seaside community connected to nature*

22,256
RESIDENTS

722
BUSINESSES

1 RCMP
OFFICER FOR EVERY
985 PEOPLE

857
FIRE CALLS

12
CAREER
FIREFIGHTERS

34
PAID ON CALL
FIREFIGHTERS

7,688
HOUSEHOLDS

16,605 sq ft
NEW COMMERCIAL
SPACE

211
NEW HOMES

99
NEW RENTAL
APARTMENTS

435
BUILDING PERMITS

123
DEVELOPMENT
APPLICATIONS

240
TREES PLANTED

12 sq km
URBAN FOREST

227acres
PARKLAND

1
SPRAY PARK

69
CITY PARKS

7
PLAYGROUNDS

7.6km
OCEANFRONT

400m
NATURE STAIRS

1
NATIONAL
MIGRATORY BIRD
SANCTUARY

3
NATIONAL
HISTORIC SITES

1
LAKE

3
CREEKS

11
BRIDGES

9
ZERO EMISSION
VEHICLES

101km
PAVED ROAD

45km
SIDEWALKS

1,105m
NEW
SIDEWALKS

16km
BIKE LANES

61km
SEWERS

69
NEW SEWER
CONNECTIONS

10
PUMP
STATIONS

69km
STORM DRAINS

1,320
CATCH BASINS

22,047
BRANCH DROP OFFS

555,464
TRANSIT
BOARDINGS

233,599
GALLOPING GOOSE
CYCLING TRIPS

8
PEDESTRIAN &
CYCLING COUNTERS

36
WAYFINDING
SIGNS

65
STREET
BANNERS

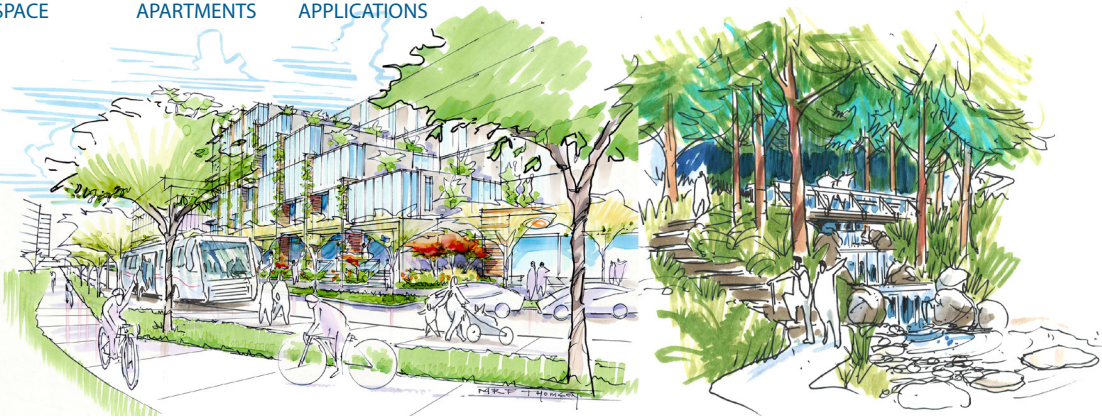
56
FREE COMMUNITY
EVENTS

59
LIVE-STREAMED
MEETINGS

5,168
LET'S TALK
REGISTRANTS

4
VIDEOS
PRODUCED

14,701
FOLLOWERS ON
SOCIAL MEDIA



Top 5 ways the City works to keep you informed and involved

- 1

Detailed plans for our community Review the Official Community Plan, Strategic Plan, Financial Plan, Transportation Plan, Parks & Recreation Plan, Climate Action Plan and more. Colwood.ca/Plans
- 2

Live streamed public meetings Join us to get a sense of the many complex considerations. Colwood.ca/Meetings
- 3

Engagement opportunities like the Ideas Fair, Citizen Satisfaction Survey, Life in Colwood Survey, and Let's Talk Colwood engagement platform. www.LetsTalkColwood
- 4

Public participation and committees bring a broader citizen viewpoint for Council to consider when making decisions about land use, transportation, infrastructure, parks, culture, heritage and more. Colwood.ca/Committees
- 5

Access to information about projects & initiatives Keep an eye on Colwood.ca as it updated with new tools to provide more timely and complete information about projects, initiatives, and development proposals in your neighbourhood. Colwood.ca


Get involved in a community group!

We work with amazing volunteers groups who help to advance our community's goals. Learn more about Arts & Culture Colwood, Colwood Garden Society, Relmagine West Shore, CENiC, Friends of Havenwood, Friends of Latoria Creek Park, PICK Colwood, Emergency Support Services, and more. Colwood.ca/Volunteers



Living with animals and wildlife

One thing that makes Colwood a great place to live is the animals and birds that thrive here. We are updating bylaws to support a safe and enjoyable environment for people, pets, and wildlife. This includes on and off-leash areas, regional consistency regarding dangerous animals, discouraging bird feeding, the importance of securing wildlife attractants and wildlife safety. Colwood.ca/Wildlife + Colwood.ca/Pets



PROPERTY TAX DUE Jul 2, 2025

1. Claim your homeowner grant:
Online only at etax.gov.bc.ca/btp/HOG
2. Pay one of several ways:
- Through online or phone banking
 - 24 hour drop box at City Hall
 - Mail to 3300 Wishart Rd. V9C 1R1
 - Through your mortgage lender
 - At your banking institution
 - Tax deferral program
 - At City Hall

What's the fastest way to pay?
Through your Online Banking!

CONNECT WITH COLWOOD

We want to make it easy for you to have a say in decisions about your community.

- Get in touch, share ideas, and get involved.
- Phone: 250-478-5999
- Online: www.colwood.ca
- Email: info@colwood.ca
- Requests: colwood.ca/ActionRequest
- Engage: LetsTalkColwood.ca
- Subscribe: colwood.ca/subscribe
- Social: [@CityofColwood](https://www.instagram.com/CityofColwood)

JOIN US AT SUMMER EVENTS!

- Music in the Park Saturdays 5:30 -7:30
- Canada Day at Fort Rodd Hill July 1
- Eat & Beats Beach Party July 26
- Arts & Culture Colwood events at 170 Goldfinch Road
- Visit www.colwood.ca/Events
- LET'S TALK, COLWOOD



We need your input to help guide improvements. Please share your thoughts at www.LetsTalkColwood