

# Colwood Connection

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

May 2025

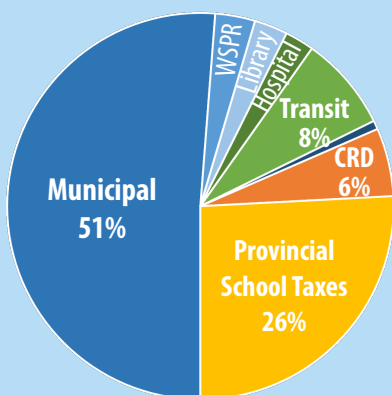
Colwood Tax Notice Newsletter

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](http://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](http://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](http://Colwood.ca/Parks)

**Family doctors** Working to connect residents with a family doctor at the new City-run medical clinic. [Colwood.ca/Health](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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

\$350M  
INFRASTRUCTURE

555,464  
TRANSIT  
BOARDINGS

7,688  
HOUSEHOLDS

16,605 sq ft  
NEW COMMERCIAL  
SPACE

211  
NEW HOMES

99  
NEW RENTAL  
APARTMENTS

101km  
PAVED ROAD

233,599  
GALLOPING GOOSE  
CYCLING TRIPS

435  
BUILDING PERMITS

123  
DEVELOPMENT  
APPLICATIONS

45km  
SIDEWALKS

83m  
NEW  
SIDEWALKS

16km  
BIKE LANES

8  
PEDESTRIAN &  
CYCLING COUNTERS

240  
TREES PLANTED

12 sq km  
URBAN FOREST

61km  
SEWERS

65  
STREET  
BANNERS

227acres  
PARKLAND

1  
SPRAY PARK

69  
NEW SEWER  
CONNECTIONS

56  
FREE COMMUNITY  
EVENTS

69  
CITY PARKS

7  
PLAYGROUNDS

10  
PUMP  
STATIONS

59  
LIVE-STREAMED  
MEETINGS

7.6km  
OCEANFRONT

400m  
NATURE STAIRS

69km  
STORM DRAINS

5,168  
LET'S TALK  
REGISTRANTS

1  
NATIONAL  
MIGRATORY BIRD  
SANCTUARY

3  
NATIONAL  
HISTORIC SITES

1  
LAKE

3  
CREEKS

11  
BRIDGES

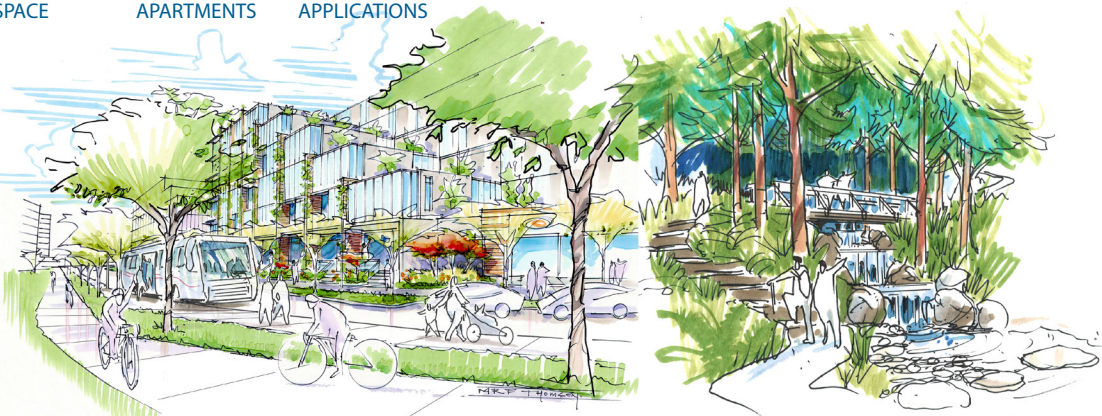
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ZERO EMISSION  
VEHICLES

1,320  
CATCH BASINS

4  
VIDEOS  
PRODUCED

14,701  
FOLLOWERS ON  
SOCIAL MEDIA

22,047  
BRANCH DROP OFFS



## 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](http://Colwood.ca/Plans)

2

**Live streamed public meetings** Join us to get a sense of the many complex considerations. [Colwood.ca/Meetings](http://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](http://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](http://Colwood.ca/Committees)

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**Access to information about projects & initiatives** Keep an eye on [Colwood.ca](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://Colwood.ca/Wildlife) + [Colwood.ca/Pets](http://Colwood.ca/Pets)



### PROPERTY TAX DUE Jul 2, 2025

1. **Claim your homeowner grant:**  
Online only at [etax.gov.bc.ca/btp/HOG](http://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](http://www.colwood.ca)

Email: [info@colwood.ca](mailto:info@colwood.ca)

Requests: [colwood.ca/ActionRequest](http://colwood.ca/ActionRequest)

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

Subscribe: [colwood.ca/subscribe](http://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](http://www.colwood.ca/Events)

LET'S TALK, COLWOOD

We need your input to help guide improvements. Please share your thoughts at [www.LetsTalkColwood](http://www.LetsTalkColwood)