Colwood is big on Volunteering: You in?



The City of Colwood supports community groups and citizen involvement in our City, where we are fortunate to have many active and passionate volunteers. It's an important way we foster community connections, cultivate a sense of belonging, offer opportunities to build skills and relationships, and promote community pride. With groups focused on parks & environment, arts & culture, litter & waste management, community gardening & food security, and emergency preparedness & community resilience, there's something for everyone!

Learn more and join the fun at Visit Colwood.ca/Volunteers

Connect with friends and neigbours at Colwood events!

Thanks to everyone who attended the Annual Colwood Pumpkin Smash Nov 1st!
Great to see so many happy families disposing of pumpkins rather than leaving them lying around to attract bears and other wildlife into neighbourhoods.





Christmas in Colwood and Truck Parade
Saturday, Dec 5 at Royal Bay Commons
Celebrate the season as the truck parade rolls into Royal Bay Commons in Colwood

Colwood Christmas Light Up
Dec 9 from 6-8pm at Colwood City Hall
This favourite Colwood holiday tradition for Colwood families features local school choirs, kids crafts, and visits with Santa when he arrives on the Colwood fire truck!

Get the details at Colwood.ca/Events

Submit your photos for the 2027 Colwood Calendar!

Would you like your photo featured in Colwood's 2027 calendar? Here's your chance to share that amazing pic you have of your favorite Colwood park, cozy streetscape, or breathtaking view. From now until Nov. 15, submit your photos and vote for your favorites at **Colwood.ca/CalendarContest**



We can't wait to see how you've captured the spirit of Colwood!

Community Connections

The Colwood Clinic
345 Latoria Blvd | www.colwoodclinic.ca

Arts & Culture Colwood Society
170 Goldfinch Road | artsandculturecolwood.ca

Citizens Environment Network in Colwood (CENIC)
ColwoodCENIC@gmail.com

Friends of Colwood Parks (Park Stewardship)
friendsofcolwoodparks.ca

PICK Colwood (Litter + Waste Reduction)
PICKColwood.ca

ReImagine West Shore (Sustainability)
ReImagineUs.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

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

Branch Drop-Off

PUBLIC WORKS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
Saturdays Nov 7, 14, 21, 28, Dec 5, 19
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 views to shape our community.
LetsTalkColwood.ca

City Hall Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday | 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Excluding statutory holidays

We love to hear from you.

Subscribe at Colwood.ca/Subscribe and follow @CityofColwood on Facebook, Instagram & YouTube
www.Colwood.ca | 3300 Wishart Road | Colwood, BC | V9C 1R1 | 250.478.5999



Colwood Connection

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

Introducing your 2027-2030 Colwood Mayor & Council



Councillor Deborah Law - 1st four year term
Councillor Eugene Tseng - 1st four year term
Mayor Doug Kobayashi - 2nd four year term as Mayor following one four year term on Council
Councillor Misty Olsen - 2nd four year term
Councillor Ian Ward - 2nd four year term
Councillor Harold Bloomenthal - 1st four year term
Councillor David Grove - 2nd four year term

What's YOUR role with Council?

Stay in the know: Subscribe for City news and events by email at www.colwood.ca/Subscribe and follow @cityofcolwood on Facebook and Instagram

Have your say: Share your perspective at City engagement opportunities at in-person events and online at LetsTalkColwood.ca

Tune in to meetings: Watch for "What's on the Agenda" posts on meeting Mondays and watch discussion of topics that interest you. Visit www.Colwood.ca/Meetings for Council meeting details.

Learn more at Colwood.ca/MayorandCouncil

Help Shape the City Budget

Community input is an important part of decision making. What are your priorities for our community? Which City services matter most to you?

Your participation in City surveys and input into guiding documents like the Official Community Plan, Parks & Recreation Master Plan, Transportation Master Plan, and other engagement opportunities help to shape the City budget.

Community input forms part of a broader decision-making process that also considers technical advice, financial capacity, legislative requirements, and adopted plans and policies. Together, this information supports Council and City staff in making well-informed decisions for the community.

Balancing needs and understanding trade-offs

Each year, the City faces rising costs, aging infrastructure, a growing community, and evolving service needs, all while trying to balance affordability with a high quality of life for residents.

There are no easy answers, and often a choice involves trade-offs. That is exactly why your perspective matters. Your input helps Council understand what residents value most as they make decisions about the City's budget.



Watch for opportunities to participate in the City budget process

It's important to let Council know which services matter most to you. Talk it over with your family and neighbours and be ready to have your say. Together, we can build a budget that reflects our community's priorities.

Learn more at Colwood.ca/Budget

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INTERSECTION UPGRADE: Cairndale + Veterans

With final designs approved and the construction contract awarded, work is set to begin on the addition of a traffic light at the intersection of Cairndale Road and Veterans Memorial Parkway.

A roundabout was considered, but ruled out based on traffic rates, land required, elevation changes, sight lines, and entry angles. Look for upgraded sidewalks, curbs, retaining walls, lighting, and paving, plus safety and flow improvements at the intersection of Cairndale Road and Mary Anne Crescent.

Scheduled for completion in 2027, this project is partially funded by development cost charges with the remainder coming from City reserve funds.

Learn more at Colwood.ca/Cairndale

Making Colwood a FireSmart community

Did you know? Simple actions like clearing leaves from your roof and gutters, moving combustibles away from your home, and tree care can significantly reduce wildfire hazards?

Colwood's forested areas and rugged coastlines are what make Colwood special, but they can also create unique wildfire challenges.

Every action we take protects homes and makes our community resilient to wildfire.

Book a free FireSmart Home Assessment
Residents of Colwood can request a free, confidential home assessment. A trained FireSmart staff member will evaluate your property and identify opportunities to reduce risk with a few simple actions that suit your home. No indoor access is needed.

Contact firesmart@colwood.ca to learn more and book your assessment today.
Learn more at Colwood.ca/FireSmart

BRITISH COLUMBIA FireSmart™

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS on TRANSPORTATION
Help finalize the draft Transportation Master Plan

The draft Plan details what is proposed for the future road network, expanded pedestrian and cycling networks, a future transit network, and priority infrastructure actions such as road corridor upgrades, intersection improvements and active transportation connections.

The goal is to update policies to reflect the values and priorities of the community and to guide how the City invests in safe and efficient movement in and around Colwood. Underway now are a Metchosin Corridor Study and the intersection upgrade at Cairndale Road and Veterans Memorial Parkway.



In the coming months a survey will hit your mailbox.
We hope you will take a moment to share your thoughts!

Learn more at Colwood.ca/NewTMP

Check out the new Colwood Community Dashboard

Have you ever heard rumours about a City project and wished you could find more information? Seen surveyors taking measurements in your neighbourhood and wondered what they are up to? Watched a project start and wondered when it is scheduled to be complete?

Colwood's new Community Dashboard is intended to give residents more insight into recent Council decisions and improvements happening in their neighbourhoods. The goal is to present information in an accessible, user-friendly, and timely way.

This is a new and evolving tool. We need your input to help us improve and refine how the tool works and how information is presented. **Please take a look and let us know what you think!** If you have ideas, you may want to be a part of our Community Panel to help shape this and other City tools designed to make it easier for residents to find the information they need.

Learn more at Colwood.ca/CommunityDashboard

Age Friendly Plan Review

Is Colwood age friendly? How do we make sure it's a great place to live at age 12, 22, and 82?



An age friendly community benefits all residents. A safe sidewalk is better for anyone with mobility challenges, youngsters, and parents with strollers. Supports for seniors can help alleviate stress for families and caregivers. Intergenerational programs and events create a sense of community connection for everyone.

How do you think Colwood measures up in terms of age friendly housing, transportation, health, social inclusion, and outdoor spaces?

Take the Age Friendly Community Survey now to help guide recommendations for Colwood's Age Friendly Community Plan review!

The latest on sewer service

In May 2026, findings of a **community survey on Sewer Service Expectations** were presented.

The findings indicate that less than half of property owners who responded are interested in paying to connect to sewers. As a result, Council asked staff not to proceed with City-wide expansion at this time, maintaining the current approach where properties adjacent to a sewer line may apply to connect and those not adjacent can work with neighbours to explore bringing service to the area.

Survey findings at a glance:

- 43% of homes are on septic, 57% on sewer
- 368 responses received from 50 of 57 zones
- 26.9% WOULD PAY to connect
- 45.8% WOULD NOT PAY to connect
- Respondents' interest in connecting declined as the estimated cost increased

Read more at www.colwood.ca/SewerService

Putting OUR PARKS plans into play!

Good things are happening in Colwood parks! Thanks to community recommendations captured in the Colwood Parks & Recreation Master Plan, our City has been making excellent use of our **Growing Communities Fund grant**. From washrooms and play places to trail connections and interpretive shelters, these park improvements are one important way Colwood is working to strengthen community connections, support well-being, and preserve natural areas in Colwood.

- **Herm Williams Park**: A new playground has been added, a washroom building is in progress, and EV-ready electrical service has been added to the park.
- **Ocean View Park**: A new picnic shelter is in place, the sport court is being upgraded, a new nature classroom has been added and new washrooms are underway.
- **Quarry Park:** A new washroom building and playing fields are complete and the redesigned slide is open and ready for kids aged 5 - 12.
- **Meadow Park** has a new zipline and **Meadow Park South** has a new play structure.
- **Pathside Park:** A brand new grassy park space has been created at the top of the Metchosin Hill featuring a fenced dog park including a dedicated small dog area.

Learn more about Colwood's Parks & Recreation Plan, specific Park Management Plans and some of the projects underway now at **www.colwood.ca/ParksPlanning**


Herm Williams Park


Quarry Park


Ocean View Park


Pathside Park

Herm Williams & Outlook Park Management Plans:

Protecting and enhancing Colwood's parks into the future is a priority for our community. One of the key recommendations of the Colwood Parks & Recreation Master Plan is to create detailed Park Management Plans to guide improvements for specific parks over the next 10+ years.

Plans are being created for Herm Williams Park and Outlook Park now. Join the conversation to ensure the plans consider your vision for your favourite Colwood parks. Help shape the future of Outlook Park and Herm Williams Park now at **LetsTalkColwood.ca**

What's up next for the Waterfront Walkway

The multi-use waterfront pathway from the Lagoon Bridge to The Beachlands is on track for completion by 2028, supported by a $6M grant from the Canada Community-Building Fund.

The design is complete and takes into account sensitive archaeological and ecological features, erosion and sea level rise, as well as unique landscapes like the Lagoon shore, the ocean shore, the forested portion of Perimeter Park, and connections to the trails, plaza, and sidewalks planned in the new Beachlands neighbourhood. Staff continue to work through archaeological permitting, coordination with the Beachlands, and stakeholder engagement, to tender the first phase of construction within 2026 for work to begin in 2027.
www.Colwood.ca/WaterfrontWalkway

Watch for updates from our November 7 Waterfront Pathway Pop Up at the beach:
Coffee and conversation about the route, crossings, trail surface, plantings, amenities + accessibility, signs, and more.

Practice Petiquette

Pups are an important part of many families, and we appreciate the efforts of responsible dog owners. Petiquette is about respecting people and places to keep our parks, beaches and trails safe, clean and welcoming for everyone.

Leash up: Esquimalt Lagoon Bird Sanctuary, Havenwood Park, Latoria Creek Park & Royal Roads are **on leash** areas.

Pick up after your pet: to protect public health and our environment.



Give people space: Your pup may be friendly, but not everyone is comfortable with dogs. Dogs must be under effective control & recall.

Respect Wildlife: Don't let dogs disturb fragile ecosystems, waterways, or nesting birds.

Colwood.ca/Petiquette

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 birds in harm's way. **Colwood.ca/Birds**

Connect with Colwood!

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

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