

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, stay tuned to find out how to get a copy for yourself.

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.

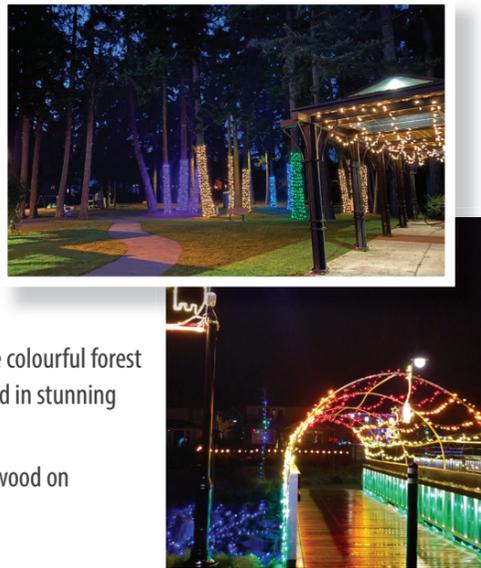
Looking forward to the holiday light up!

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.

When It Snows

It takes a community!

- property owners clear their walkways
- neighbours lend a hand
- drivers park off the road for plows
- people stay off the roads if possible

Streets are cleared by priority:

- major roads
- steep hills
- school zones
- connectors
- local streets

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 seven priority routes where sidewalk and cycling upgrades are scheduled to be designed in 2022. See the list on the inside page.

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.

www.Colwood.ca/ActiveTransportation



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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 valuable input on early concepts which were designed to create robust conversation about possibilities.

Concepts like a viewing platform and footbridge received lower support 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 continues along with road works including new sidewalks, cycling lanes, transit lanes, landscaping, lighting, and seating.

Allandale District, Veterans Memorial Parkway near Sooke Road: This mixed-use employment area will bring new jobs and amenities while expanding our tax base. Seaspan Victoria Shipyards offices and inventory is under construction as 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: Along with the Royal BC Museum building, work is underway on a Quality Foods, a Cascadia Liquor, shops, services, day care centres, an elementary school, and a seniors care facility. This will be supported by intersection upgrades, new roads, trails, parks, and public spaces.

Royal Beach, Metchosin Road: Zoning is in place to create a seaside village with new homes, waterfront shops and eateries, parks, trails, and amenities. The owner, Seaciff Properties, is preparing plans.

Olympic View, Latoria Road: Work is underway on new roads and a roundabout at Latoria Road & Veterans Memorial Parkway with access to new homes being constructed at Olympic View Golf Course.

www.Colwood.ca/FeatureDevelopments



Na'tsa'maht Gathering brings people together 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. Hych'ka Siem.

www.Colwood.ca/NatsamahtImages

Stay Healthy: Get Your Shots!

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:

- **Latoria Pharmacy IDA**
250-590-7012
- **London Drugs**
250-474-6657
- **Rexall**
250-478-1735
- **Peoples Pharmacy**
250-474-9331

Royal BC Museum coming to Colwood

The BC government is building a new Collections & Research facility in Colwood that will have galleries and features open to the public.

An international design competition is underway for the state of the art, mass timber facility overlooking the Colwood shoreline in Royal Bay.

The project will be awarded to the winning design team, with two runners-up each receiving \$1 million for the significant work required to submit a proposal of this scale.



"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

The building will generate more than 950 direct and indirect jobs here in Colwood.

Museum staff are eager to get to know our Colwood community. In September they hosted a series of "Meet the Museum" events at the Juan de Fuca Library, the Lagoon Beach, and at Royal Beach to reintroduce Colwood residents to their cool collections and the work they do to preserve and celebrate the history of our Province.

Planning the future of parks for everyone to enjoy

Have you seen Colwood's new Parks & Recreation Master Plan? It envisions beach to mountain trail connections and a range of park enhancements.

Thanks to everyone who has shared their thoughts as we draft the first three Management Plans for Colwood Creek, Lookout Lake & Ocean View Parks.

Through the summer we asked what you love about these parks, what could be improved, and what changes would you like to see? We hosted:

- 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



Seven new sidewalk projects to get underway



Watch for opportunities to help scope the next seven new sidewalks on Council's list of priority routes, planned for parts of **Kelly Road, Benhomer Drive, Owens Road, Hagel Road, Lagoon Road, and Fulton Road along with a neighbourhood bikeway along Adye Road** to connect Sooke & Metchosin Roads to the Galloping Goose Trail.

Your input will help create a shared understanding of travel habits, the interface between private property and City infrastructure, and how street parking, landscaping, and drainage may be integrated.

Read more at www.Colwood.ca/Sidewalks2022

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