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Watch video of the [March 27, 2023 Council Meeting](#)

- **Resolution Released:** (Video Time Stamp 03:35)  
Council appointed Albert Davis to the Board of Variance for a three-year term to expire April 1, 2026 during an in camera meeting on March 13, 2023.  
  
Read the [Minutes](#).
- **Mayor's Message:** (Video Time Stamp 04:00)
  - The Mayor thanked the Greater Victoria Green Team who along with 26 volunteers removed about 19 cubic meters of invasive species on March 18 at Ocean View Park
  - The annual Easter Egg hunt is back, April 8 in Meadow Park starting at 11am. The start line for the easter egg hunt will be off Latoria Boulevard, bring your own baskets and enjoy fun for all ages.
  - The CENiC Speaker Series is taking place every Tuesday night until April 18.
- **Public Participation:** (Video Time Stamp 06:05)
  - Two written submissions were received and circulated to Council.
  - One member of the public speaking on behalf of CENiC spoke to a number of agenda which are of interest to the group.
  - One member of the public spoke about cutting carbon emissions and the importance of retaining trees in our community.
- **Royal BC Museum Presentation:** (Video Time Stamp 12:10)  
Staff from Royal BC Museum provided Council with an update on the Collections and Research Building (CRB) that will be built in Colwood. The contract has been awarded and construction will begin this summer with a public opening date in summer 2026.

The CRB will house the Province's collections, research departments and the BC Archives. Once built the CRB will be open to the public. People will be able to view artifacts and displays, access the BC Archives, watch researchers at work through accessible lab areas, and engage with museum staff on site.

View the [Presentation](#).

- **Delegation – South Island Prosperity Partnership:** (Video Time Stamp 37:00)  
The CEO of South Island Prosperity Partnership (SIPP) presented Council with an update from SIPP and presented their key initiatives. SIPP’s mission is to build a more innovative, diversified, inclusive and sustainable South Island economy. The 70+ members include businesses, government, and community leaders with a goal to build vibrant and resilient prosperity.

View the [Presentation](#).

- **Letter of Support for Arts & Culture Colwood Society:** (Video Time Stamp 48:35)  
Council will provide a letter of support as Arts & Culture Colwood Society applies for a Provincial Community Gaming Grant to help fund visual arts shows, flatdeck musical theatre, and the In Sight Festival.
- **Notice of Motion:** (Video Time Stamp 50:05)
  - Mayor Kobayashi – Pay Parking on Private Lands will be discussed at the April 11, 2023, Council Meeting.
  - Councillor Olsen – Regulating the Use of Pesticides within Colwood will be discussed at the April 11, 2023, Council Meeting.
- **Request for Reconsideration – Sauna Operation End Date:** (Video Time Stamp 51:15)  
Council amended the motion from the March 13, 2023 Council Meeting to allow the Sauna Operation to see out a final weekend at Ocean Boulevard with their last day at this space being Sunday, April 2, 2023. Council directed staff to establish the definition of ‘special events’ within city procedures.
- **Urban Forest Bylaw Amendment Approved:** (Video Time Stamp 53:05)  
Following a Notice of Motion from the March 13, 2023, Council Meeting, Council will move forward with a Tree Removal Permit Process to ensure that all protected trees identified in Urban Forest Bylaw No. 1735 are protected and removal permits are only issued in certain situations where there is no other solution. Residents will be made aware through the permit process that they will be responsible for costs associated with confirming the conditions.

Read the [Report](#), [North Saanich Tree Protections FAQ](#), and [Saanich Tree Protection Bylaw Highlights](#).

- **Colwood Citizen Satisfaction Survey 2023:** (Video Time Stamp 59:35)  
Council received the results of the 2023 Colwood Citizen Satisfaction Survey.

Council directed staff to complete a follow-up survey within two years to continue to measure citizen satisfaction over time.

Read the [Report](#), view the Ipsos [Presentation](#) and [Report](#).

- **Proposed Intermunicipal Accessibility Committee:** (Video Time Stamp 1:20:50)  
Council received a report regarding the new Provincial requirement to establish an accessibility committee by September 1, 2023. Council directed staff to allocate funds to support the creation of an accessibility committee and the report will be referred to the existing Intermunicipal Committee on Disability Issues (IACDI) for feedback. Staff will return with specific advice on whether or not Colwood needs to look at supporting IACDI directly, supporting IACDI as the new committee, or both.

Read the [Report](#), [Attachment A](#), [Attachment B](#), [Attachment C](#), and [Attachment D](#).

- **Bylaws:** (Video Time Stamp 1:58:15)
  - [Bylaw No. 1922](#) - Sign Bylaw Amendment (CD34 Zone) - First, Second and Third Reading
  - [Bylaw 1967](#) - Land Use Amendment Bylaw (Accessory Dwelling Unit) – Adoption
  - [Bylaw No. 1979](#) - 2023-2027 Financial Plan Bylaw – Adoption  
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