

Picture your photo in the 2023 Colwood Calendar!

Photographers of all skill levels are invited to share their photos for a chance to be featured in the 2023 Colwood Calendar.

We're looking for photos highlighting the beauty of Colwood and showcasing residents enjoying our neighbourhoods and public spaces. Learn more and share your photos for a chance to be featured:

www.Colwood.ca/Calendar



Summer Event Wrap Up

Thanks for joining us at Music in the Park and Beach events this summer!

We spent Fridays rotating through four different park spaces in the City enjoying different bands and local vendors each week. As a special treat, the Pacific Coast Market Collective joined us at Meadow Park each month with a fantastic night market. Saturdays were spent beach side with live music and eats from our favourite local food trucks.

We were so excited to see the return of the Royal Beach Eats & Beats Beach Party this year! Returning for the first time since 2019, this free full day event included live music, a food truck festival, craft beer garden, street market, climbing wall, and more!

Thank you to all of the amazing bands, vendors, food trucks, and of course YOU, our attendees, for making our summer event series such a success! www.Colwood.ca/Events

Don't miss upcoming Halloween & Holiday events!

Halloween Dance at Meadow Park - Watch for details to come about a fun Halloween Dance in Meadow Park on the Saturday before Halloween. It will be a fun chance for families to get together while kids show off their costumes, move to the music and enjoy some spooky treats.

Colwood Christmas Light Up - We're bringing back the Colwood Christmas Light Up

Wednesday, December 7th at City Hall! Reconnect with friends and neighbours, enjoy music by school choirs, kids activities, a visit from Santa on the fire truck, and hot chocolate and tasty treats.

Holiday Lighting Displays - Watch for holiday lights to sparkle around Colwood, along with pop up events with music and warm treats to bring folks together and spread joy through the holidays.



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

Branch Drop-Off Dates

PUBLIC WORKS 8:30am - 4:00pm
Every Saturday through November
Every second Saturday in December

2022 General Local and School Board Elections

Advanced voting Wednesday, October 5
Advanced voting: Wednesday, October 12

ELECTION DAY: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15
FROM 8:00 AM-8:00 PM

City meeting agendas, reports, minutes, & videos

WWW.COLWOOD.CA/MEETINGS

City Hall Closures

Thanksgiving Day - Monday, October 10
Remembrance Day - Friday, November 11
Christmas Closure - December 24 to January 2

*Dates may be subject to change after publication.
Please confirm all dates at Colwood.ca*



Colwood Connection

Showcasing our spectacular seaside community and encouraging you to get involved.

Fall 2022

Royal Bay Fall Colours by Baldwin Cara

2022 Municipal and School Board Elections

Advanced and General Voting will take place at Colwood City Hall, 3300 Wishart Road from 8:00am to 8:00pm.

Advanced Voting Dates

- Wednesday, October 5, 2022 and
- Wednesday, October 12, 2022

General Voting Day

- Saturday, October 15, 2022

You Will Vote to Elect

- 1 Mayor
- 6 City Councillors
- 4 School Board Trustees

Who Can Vote?

You can vote in the City of Colwood election if you live or own property in Colwood, and are:

- a Canadian citizen
- a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months
- not disqualified from voting by any law or enactment

Learn more at Colwood.ca/Election

NOTE Some Colwood residents received voting info from the City of Langford in error.

If you live in Colwood, your voting location is Colwood City Hall at 3300 Wishart Road



Bring the kids along for Colwood's first Kids Vote!

We're encouraging kids to vote as a way to learn a bit about how local government works and get involved in their community.

Kids will vote for either a new spray toy at Colwood Creek Park splash pad or a nature play area with logs to climb and jump on at Ocean View Park. Both of these improvements are envisioned in Colwood's new Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

The feature with the most votes will be the first improvement planned for installation in the Spring!

Get the details at Colwood.ca/KidsVote



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GO CO Catch a ride, Share the cost, Help the planet

Are you on the GOCO ridesharing app yet? It's a great way to share the cost of gas, decrease the number of cars on the road, and reduce emissions. Download it now from Apple or Google Play.

GOCO's goal is to help reduce the number of cars on the road, ease traffic congestion and parking woes, all while reducing greenhouse gas emissions.



Who is GOCO for?

GOCO makes it easy for students or professionals who travel to the same universities, hospitals, offices, and facilities to rideshare and save on gas.

Often GOCO users will know each other, being from the same neighbourhood and heading to a common destination.

Not just for drivers

Folks who cycle or walk can share their routes, tips and tricks with others who are interested in an active commute. And to help you get started...

Join the WALKTOBER Challenge!



Ditch the car and walk or roll between October 17 to 21 for a chance to win a family trip, a bike and other great prizes!

USE THE GOCO APP TO LOG TRIPS and join the Walktober Challenge. Each trip earns one entry for a chance to win great prizes.

www.Colwood.ca/Walktober

Park Management Plans



With your help and based on the recent Colwood Parks Management Plan your input helped to create, the City is creating park management plans for **Latoria Creek Park** and **Havenwood Park**.

These plans will guide upgrades for trails, connections, conservation, maintenance and other decisions over the next 10 years.

This summer, we captured feedback from residents at two park walks, three pop up engagement events, and through an online questionnaire for each park.

Management plans are already complete for Colwood Creek Park, Ocean View Park and Lookout Lake Park.

See current plans and watch for new drafts.

www.LetsTalkColwood.ca/OurParks

Increasing Housing Choices

Colwood is striving to provide housing choices for people at every age and stage of life. In 2021 Colwood led the region in new home completions with 350 new units; 2/3 of them affordable.



How? Colwood's Affordable Housing Reserve is a fund that developers contribute to when they build in Colwood. The City then uses the reserve to help fund affordable housing.

Over the past five years, Colwood has allocated more than \$1M to affordable housing on Sooke Road, Wale Road, and Goldstream Ave (shown here), and resolved to support a proposal on Belmont Road.

The grants apply only to affordable units where the rent cannot exceed Housing Income Limits, and a covenant ensures the units remain affordable into the future.

Learn more at www.colwood.ca/Housing

Take it slow in school zones!

As the kids get back to school, we remind everyone to drive, walk, and roll safely.

- Give yourself extra time – traffic will be more congested and your drive time may be affected
- Don't be distracted – put away your phone, put down the coffee, and keep your eyes on the road
- Slow down – obey the posted speed limit and carefully watch for kids who may dart out on the road
- Stop for busses – wait until bus lights stop flashing before proceeding
- Obey parking signs – it is important to keep bus zones and emergency accesses clear
- Never stop in cycling lanes – vehicles are not permitted to stop or park in cycling lanes
- Signal your intentions – whether driving or biking, signal your intentions to others on the road

Seven new sidewalk projects ready to roll in 2022/2023

The next seven sidewalk and cycling projects in Council's 10-year program of active transportation upgrades include: **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. www.colwood.ca/Sidewalks

All part of a new Active Transportation Network

As sidewalk improvements continue, the City is also mapping out an Active Transportation Network to map out where key connections and improvements will make it easier for cyclists, pedestrians and people with disabilities to travel safely in and through Colwood, while working to meet our climate targets.

LetsTalkColwood.ca/ActiveTransportationNetwork

National Day for Truth & Reconciliation



Mayors in all 13 municipalities have committed to honouring the lost children and Survivors of residential schools, and recognizing the impacts on their families and communities.

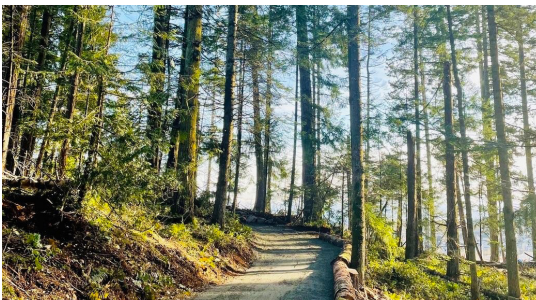
At the request of local Indigenous leaders, flags were at half-mast on September 30th throughout the region. In Colwood, orange street banners are displayed and the City is working to create learning opportunities for municipal employees and community members to deepen understanding.

Colwood also supported the South Island Powwow at Royal Athletic Park in Victoria as an opportunity to recognize Survivors and their families in the spirit of reconciliation and to celebrate traditional Indigenous cultures and resiliency through song and dance.

www.colwood.ca/Reconciliation2022

Wander new paths

Colwood has a growing number of trails that, over time, will create a network of beach to mountain connections.



Wander through the trees along Wishart Road overlooking Royal Bay to the Applegate Trail near Dressler Road and meander down to the Painter Trail. From there, follow the Painter Trail to Meadow Park or take the North Ridge Trail up to Metchosin Road overlooking Royal Beach, where plans see the trail extending down to the ocean.

Picture walking or cycling along a waterfront path from Royal Beach to the Lagoon Beach, guiding users thoughtfully through the sensitive areas of Esquimalt Lagoon. That's the vision of Colwood's Waterfront Stewardship Plan. See the trails map in the Parks Plan at www.colwood.ca/Parks

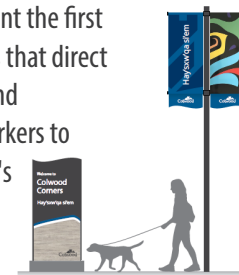
Streamlining signs:

A wayfinding plan for clean & consistent signs

Colwood's new **Neighbourhood Wayfinding Strategy** aims to improve sense of place by reducing sign clutter, helping people find their destination, encouraging active transportation, and celebrating our unique neighbourhoods with clean, clear and consistent signage.

The City earned a grant to implement the first round of signs. Watch for new signs that direct people to Colwood's unique sites and neighbourhoods as well as trail markers to make it easy to use our community's growing trail network.

www.Colwood.ca/Wayfinding



Thanks for your patience as the pace of road improvements picks up in Colwood

Colwood has some major road improvements underway that will help traffic flow smoothly once complete. Check Colwood's **TRAFFIC DASHBOARD** to see how improvements are impacting travel times. www.colwood.ca/TrafficDashboard

Steps to reducing our climate impact- Match your transportation to the task!

We know that many people on the West Shore rely on their vehicles to work, learn, and play all around our region. What actions can you take today to help reduce vehicle emissions?

- Take advantage of the health and environmental benefits of walking for short trips like taking kids to school.
- Consider jumping on your bike for nearby trips, like grabbing a cup of coffee with a friend.
- Relax and let BC Transit do the driving when there's a convenient bus route.
- If you are in the market for a new vehicle, consider switching to electric.



The City is currently developing a Low Carbon Resilience Climate Action Plan for Colwood which will be our pathway to prepare for and manage the impacts of a changing climate. www.LetsTalkColwood.ca/LCR



Fall GoByBike Week 2022

OCTOBER 3RD - 9TH
GREATER VICTORIA, BC



Stop by the Colwood Celebration Station on the Galloping Goose at Sooke Road Thursday, October 6, from 7am to 9am.

Connect with Colwood!

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