

## Community Events - don't miss a beat!

Colwood is home to a growing number of events that help us stay active, healthy and connected. Find a complete list and submit your event at [www.colwood.ca/events](http://www.colwood.ca/events).

**March 31 Easter Egg Hunt at Meadow Park**  
in Royal Bay Outdoor fun & treats for children  
Meadow Park in Royal Bay, 2-4 pm



**Apr 27 & 28 Colwood Spring Clean Up**  
For a small fee, drop off everything from appliances and car parts to carpet and wood waste.  
Colwood City Hall, 8:30am - 4pm

**May 7 Emergency Preparedness Fair**  
Emergency vehicles, safety village cars, fire spray demos and more. Juan de Fuca Recreation, 11-3

**May 14 Mother's Day Paint-In**  
Treat Mom like a queen at Hatley Castle-open air market, musical entertainment, and activities for kids.  
Hatley Castle in Colwood, 10am-3pm



**May - Sep Beach Food Fridays & Saturdays**  
Head to the beach for lunch or dinner from favourite food trucks and live music by local artists!  
Colwood waterfront near the washrooms noon - 8pm



**Jul 1 Canada Day at Fort Rodd Hill**  
Celebrate Canada Day at the lighthouse! Enjoy the picturesque site along with music, food, arts and crafts and more. Fort Rodd Hill, 10am-6pm

**Jul 7 Eats & Beats at the Beach**  
Colwood's biggest beach party! Live local musicians, favourite food trucks, a beach market, paddling expo, and more. Colwood waterfront



**Jul 15-18 Rock the Shores**  
West Shore Parks & Recreation hosts Vancouver Island's biggest rock music festival. It's family friendly and tons of fun! Get all the details at [www.rocktheshores.com](http://www.rocktheshores.com)



**Sep 15 Colwood Seaside Festival**  
Free horse drawn carriage rides, historic ghost tours, live music, puppet shows, heritage artisans, paint-in & more. Fort Rodd Hill & Fisgard Lighthouse 11am-4pm



Watch for more events!

We're working on events that bring music, markets and movies into local parks.  
Keep an eye on [www.Colwood.ca/Events](http://www.Colwood.ca/Events).

## 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

**Coast Collective Art Centre**  
318 Wale Road, 250-391-5522

## Branch Drop-Off Dates

FIRST AND THIRD SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

*Correction!* March 4 and 18  
April 1 and 15 April 7 and 21  
May 5 and 19

## Colwood Spring Clean Up

AFFORDABLE DISPOSAL & RECYCLING AT CITY HALL

Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28

## Council Meetings

SECOND & FOURTH MONDAY OF THE MONTH

March 13 and 27  
April 10 and 24  
May 8 and 23

## City Hall Closures

Good Friday - March 30, 2018  
Easter Monday - April 2, 2018  
Victoria Day - May 21, 2018

## Property tax due date

July 3, 2018  
(Notices mailed at the end of May)

# Colwood Connection

Inviting your involvement in decisions about our spectacular seaside community.

March 2018

## Colwood residents have been Making Waves. How did you provide input into the OCP?

### Summer 2016

- Graffiti Boards at summer events - Eats & Beats, Beach Food, Seaside Festival

### Oct 2016

- Staff & Council workshops
- Speakers night - Kick Off Event
- Speakers night - Wild in the City (Will Marsh)
- 1000+ online surveys

### Nov 2016

- Speakers night - Successful Cities (Dave Witty)
- Sounding Boards - Red Barn, Royal Bay Bakery, Bitez, JDF Recreation, City Hall
- Mobile Booths - Tim Hortons, JDF Rec, Seniors Ctr

### Jan 2017

- Workshops at Dunsmuir School, Royal Bay School, Colwood School Parent Advisory Committee
- Development community workshop
- Big Ideas Fair at Royal Bay School

### June 2017

- Beach Event to present Vision and Goals

### Oct, Feb, May, Jul, Sep, Nov, 2017 & Jan 2018

- OCP Steering Committee open meetings

### Nov 2017

- Staff & Council workshops
- Development Community Workshop

### Dec 2017

- Overview at the Colwood Christmas Light Up

## Colwood has a brand new plan for the future

You shared your ideas at Making Waves events, on feedback boards, and through the Making Waves survey. Now you can see how it all came together in the draft Colwood Official Community Plan (OCP).

The draft Colwood OCP reflects what we heard from more than 1400 people: create a vibrant town centre and a seaside village, focus growth in developed areas and along transit routes to increase housing options and improve transportation choices, and take extra care in natural areas.



Future view of Colwood Corners

## Talk about the plan with friends & neighbours

The community needs to be the sounding board for the plan to help Council determine where we got it right, and where adjustments are needed.

Does the plan fit with your vision for Colwood? Does it raise questions you would like answered? Does it make you excited for the future of Colwood?

Read it. Talk about it. Share your thoughts. Email [planning@colwood.ca](mailto:planning@colwood.ca), or give us a call at 250-478-5999.

## What are the next steps for the plan?

The draft OCP was presented to Council in February as Bylaw 1700, which requires a legislated public process. This includes referrals to outside agencies, extensive public notification, and a Public Hearing. Then revisions may be made in advance of Council considering final reading of the bylaw.

Learn more at [www.colwood.ca/MakingWaves](http://www.colwood.ca/MakingWaves)



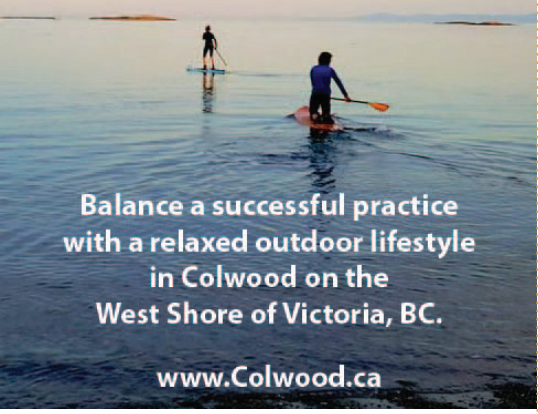
We love to hear from you.

We want to make it easy for you to have a say in decisions that make Colwood a vibrant, connected community that we all take pride in. Check your city website at [colwood.ca](http://colwood.ca) for ways to share your ideas, and get involved. Subscribe at [Colwood.ca/subscribe](http://Colwood.ca/subscribe) and follow @CityofColwood on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram. [www.colwood.ca](http://www.colwood.ca) | 3300 Wishart Road | Colwood, BC | V9C 1R1 | 250.478.5999



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**Physicians needed in our fast growing seaside community.**



Balance a successful practice with a relaxed outdoor lifestyle in Colwood on the West Shore of Victoria, BC.

[www.Colwood.ca](http://www.Colwood.ca)

## What's building in the neighbourhood?

- Colwood Corners** - A preliminary building permit has been issued for 477 apartments and 14,200m<sup>2</sup> of commercial space.
- Pacific Landing, Heatherbell Road** - Construction is progressing for May 2017 occupancy of three condominiums of 4 stories each to provide 33 units.
- Pacifica Housing, Sooke Road** - Construction has begun on 82 units of affordable rental apartments in a 4-storey building.
- Olympic View, Latoria Road** - Application to develop single and multi family dwellings.
- Nob Hill Road** - Application for 465 condominiums in a 2-6 storey complex.
- 468 Goldstream Avenue** - Three apartment buildings are planned, to provide 158 apartments and 170m<sup>2</sup> commercial space.

- 284 Belmont Road** - Application for a 48 rental apartments in a 4-storey building.
- 2330 Sooke Road** - Application to rezone for 18 townhomes, 27 condos, and 32 rental apartments.
- 3381 Anchorage** - Subdivision application to create six lots.
- New Subdivisions** - Give us a call if you are curious about subdivision opportunities, or subdivisions that are planned in your area.



## Tackling Traffic Calming

How do cities handle traffic calming when half the people want speed bumps and half want higher speeds?

A new City policy defines Colwood arterial, collector, and local roads, and outlines the types of traffic calming that could be considered for each.

The policy also ensures residents are involved in decision making through a survey sent to neighbours before any changes are implemented.

**Take 'er easy on Ocean Boulevard**  
Although commuters use it as a shortcut, the road along the lagoon is considered a park. Take it slow and enjoy the view!

[www.colwood.ca/Traffic](http://www.colwood.ca/Traffic)

## Property tax forecast

While other municipalities brace for tax increases over 2%, Colwood is proposing an increase below the rate of inflation, at 1.38%, or about \$24 for the average residential taxpayer.

**What's planned?** Have a look through the draft Financial Plan to see what improvements are planned for roads, sidewalks, traffic studies, affordable housing, parks & trails, West Shore Parks & Recreation, sustainable infrastructure replacement and more.

**What is the overall plan for Colwood?** The draft Official Community Plan details the vision for Colwood as a spectacular seaside community.

[www.colwood.ca/Budget](http://www.colwood.ca/Budget)

## Become a Colwood Volunteer Firefighter

Gain valuable training and experience while serving your community in a big way.

Colwood Fire Rescue encourages applications from men and women 19 years of age or older who live in Colwood. Read about the opportunity and requirements on the Colwood website or call the Colwood Fire Department at 250-478-8321.

[www.colwood.ca/VolunteerFirefighter](http://www.colwood.ca/VolunteerFirefighter)



**Colwood has been working to attract doctors.** This prompted a developer with physician partners to propose a medical centre at the Park & Ride property on Ocean Boulevard.

**Your input was appreciated**  
In January, the City shared information about the Medical Centre proposal and hosted an open house to ensure residents had an opportunity to weigh in. Council heard the community feedback, which favoured securing Park & Ride spaces in other locations before changing the use of the site (which BC Transit is working on now.)

**No change to the Park & Ride**  
Council resolved not to approve any change in the use or zoning of the Park & Ride property.

**Realizing the land value**  
The Park and Ride property in Colwood's town centre was a leftover bit of highway dedication when the Ocean Boulevard intersection was constructed. Its estimated value is \$2M, but it had \$0 assessed value as highway dedication. Council has now removed the highway dedication so that title on the property can be registered in the municipality's name, making it a land asset with real value.

*“A great community is built when people come together to share their vision for its future, then help to bring that vision to life.”*  
~ Mayor Carol Hamilton



## Taking pride in our parks

We are gradually installing new signs at Colwood parks and trails throughout the City to help people find and enjoy (and brag about!) the amazing natural areas in our community.

Snapping a photo in a Colwood park? Be sure to tag @CityofColwood when you share it on facebook, instagram or twitter.

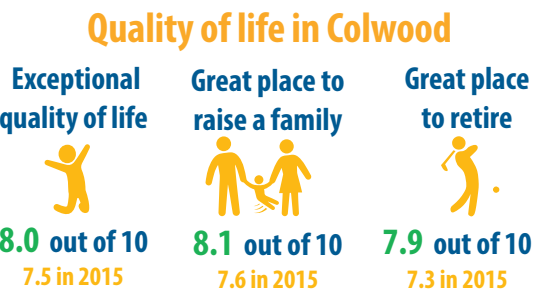
[www.colwood.ca/Parks](http://www.colwood.ca/Parks)

## 2018 Municipal Election

Did you know you can register now to vote in the October 2018 municipal election? [Elections.bc.ca/register-to-vote](http://Elections.bc.ca/register-to-vote)

## Citizen Satisfaction Survey

The City conducts Citizen Surveys every two years to better understand the needs and perceptions of residents, identify areas for improvement and measure progress over time. Get the full results and read about steps the City is taking to improve at [www.colwood.ca/CitizenSurvey](http://www.colwood.ca/CitizenSurvey).



## Are you prepared? Attend a Tsunami Session

Is your family prepared for a large scale emergency? Did the recent tsunami raise questions about how your home could be affected and what actions you should take? Learn specifics about tsunamis risks in our area.

**The City of Colwood is offering two Tsunami Preparedness Sessions at Colwood City Hall:**

- Wednesday, March 21 - 6:30pm to 9pm
- Tuesday, April 17 - 6:30pm to 9pm



**Know what to do BEFORE and DURING an emergency.**

Before an emergency	During an emergency
1 Know the risks specific to your property and your family.	1 Stay calm, follow your plan, ensure your own safety.
2 Make a plan. Involve your family, friends and neighbours.	2 Listen to radio and social media information from local officials.
3 Get your emergency kit together - be prepared for 72 hours.	3 Stay put until the emergency passes or you are instructed to leave.

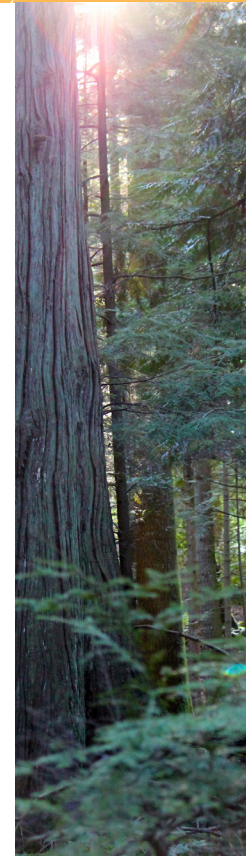
## Talking about Trees: Getting the Urban Forest Bylaw Right

What makes Colwood a unique and special place to live? Our natural assets—easy access to the ocean, lots of parks & trails, and lots of trees.

In November, Council took two steps toward protecting trees from unnecessary removal in Colwood:

1. Adopted an Interim Urban Forest Bylaw that is similar to bylaws in most communities, and
2. Created a citizen Task Force to review and refine the bylaw to make sure it works for Colwood.

**Have suggestions to improve the bylaw?** Please share your thoughts with the Task Force. Stop by a meeting Thursdays at 7pm or email [planning@colwood.ca](mailto:planning@colwood.ca).



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