

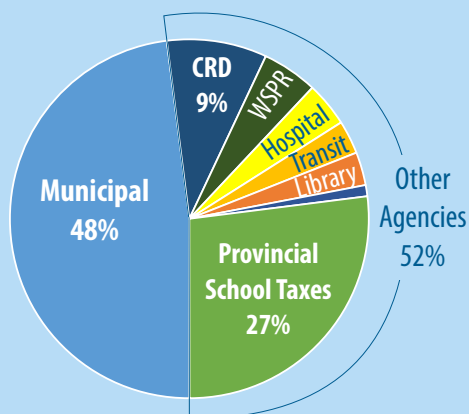
Colwood Connection

May 2018

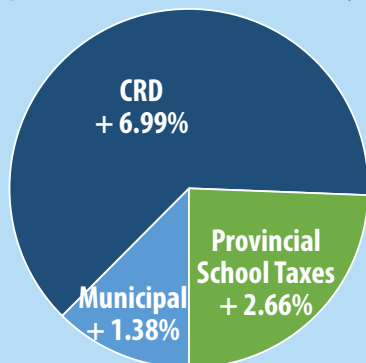
52%

of the charges on your property tax bill are collected for **other agencies** over which the city has no direct control:

- Provincial School Taxes - 27%
- Capital Regional District - 9%
- West Shore Parks & Rec - 5%
- Hospital District - 4%
- BC Transit - 3%
- Library - 3%
- BC Assessment & MFA - 1%



Comparison of 2018 tax increases by agency



Investing in community while respecting affordability

As a fast-growing seaside community, Colwood is preparing for significant change in the coming years, particularly along transit routes, in and around Colwood Corners, and at the new seaside village in Royal Bay.

Colwood Council approved a modest increase of 1.38% in municipal property taxes for 2018. Many factors impact your tax bill, including your property assessment proportion, whether you are eligible for a home owner grant, and taxes from other agencies, such as the Capital Regional District and Provincial School Taxes, which are outside the City's control.

Ongoing improvements planned

Over the next five years, improvements are planned for streets, traffic signals, sidewalks, cycling routes, street lighting, signage, bridges, stairs, parks and trails. We'll be conducting a pavement condition assessment of all City roads, as well as a coastline erosion study and geospatial surveys of the City's natural assets.

Flip over
for an overview
of community
building projects
planned in 2018.

Preparing for future generations

The 2018-2022 financial plan places a renewed focus on asset management and sustainable infrastructure replacement. It strengthens the City's core financial condition by increasing sustainable reserve funding, setting aside an additional \$2.1M in reserves for future capital budget needs. Learn more at www.colwood.ca/FinancialPlan.

Making Waves: A community-led plan for the future

Since October 2016, community members have been participating in the creation of a new Official Community Plan. The draft plan reflects a shared vision for Colwood as an exceptional seaside community where people live in family-friendly neighbourhoods that are connected to nature and to vibrant public spaces by a range of realistic transportation choices. Get to know the plan at www.colwood.ca/MakingWaves.

Upcoming community events

Beach Food Fridays & Saturdays

Starts in May! See Colwood.ca/BeachFood

Colwood Fire Hall Open House

Sunday, June 10, 2018

Canada Day at Fort Rodd Hill

Sunday, July 1, 2018

Eats & Beats at the Beach in Colwood

Big summer beach event Saturday, July 7, 2018

Neighbourhood Nights at Meadow

Park in Royal Bay Thursdays in Jul & Aug

Rock the Shores at West Shore

Parks & Rec. Fri, Sat & Sun, July 13-15, 2018

Movies on the Hill at West Shore Parks

& Rec - The Last Jedi Thurs, Aug 16, 2018

Property tax due July 3, 2018

1. Claim your homeowner grant:

Claim your homeowner grant today at www.Colwood.ca/homeownergrant

2. Pay one of several ways:

- Through your online banking
- In person at City Hall
- 24 hour drop box at City Hall
- At your bank
- Mail it to 3300 Wishart Rd. V9C 1R1
- Through your mortgage lender
- Tax deferral program

Don't wait *in* line...pay *online*!

Connect with Colwood

We want to make it easy for you to have a say in decisions about our vibrant waterfront community.

Visit colwood.ca to learn more, share ideas, and get involved.

Visit: City Hall at 3300 Wishart Road

Phone: 250-478-5999

Online: www.colwood.ca

Email: info@colwood.ca

Subscribe: colwood.ca/subscribe

Social: @CityofColwood   

2018 Budget Highlights: Community Building Projects

Holding taxes below the rate of inflation while maintaining service levels and planning for the future.

Transportation Improvements

- Metchosin Road continuation of permeable sidewalks and bike lane construction
- Traffic study of Latoria Road and Veterans Memorial Parkway
- Traffic upgrades, traffic calming and speed reader boards
- Bus stop improvements
- Wayfinding signs
- LED street lighting
- Work with BC Transit on rapid transit from Colwood Corners to downtown



Safety Services

- Recruitment of new volunteer firefighters
- Fire fleet upgrades
- Enhance capability for automobile extrication
- Participate in transition of fire dispatch services for significant taxpayer savings
- Update the City's confined space program to enhance safety
- Contribute to repairs of RCMP Detachment



Increased Online Services & Open Government Initiatives

- Initiate improvements to land development software
- Citizen Survey, feedback tools and forums
- Increased newsletters and notifications
- Electronic filing system for better workflow and public access to information



Maintenance, repair and replacement of...

60 City Parks	95 km of paved roadway	15+ km of boulevards	30+ flower & shrub beds	15,189 branch drop off visits in 2017	549 spring clean up visits in 2018	9 pedestrian and vehicle bridges	35 km of storm drains	1320+ catch basins	10 sanitary sewer pump stations	74 emergency vehicles, heavy equipment, and fleet vehicles
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Park Upgrades & Beautification

- Additional parking at Colwood Creek Park
- Water fountain at Herm Williams Park
- Ocean View Park improvements
- Improved parks signs and banners
- Stair and handrail improvements
- Enhanced electrical capacity in Meadow Park for events and winter light displays



Asset and Infrastructure Upgrades

- Initiate Stormwater Master Plan
- Complete Coastline Erosion Study
- Pavement Condition Assessment
- Bridge Inspections
- Energy and Emissions Plan
- Sewer Fleet upgrades



Social, Recreational, Arts, Events & Heritage

- Funding and support for more than 180 new affordable housing units
- Continue developer contributions to affordable housing fund
- West Shore Parks & Recreation & Juan de Fuca Library
- Beach Food Fridays & Saturdays
- Eats & Beats at the Beach
- Colwood Seaside Festival
- Music and Movies in the Park Events
- Christmas Light Up events



Colwood at a glance

