

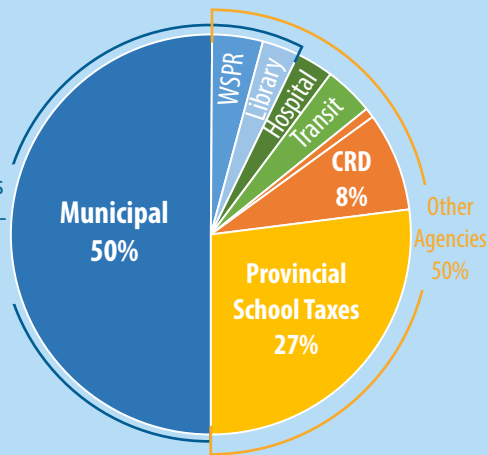
Colwood Connection

Involving you in decisions about our vibrant seaside community.

May 2022

DYK? Only half of your tax bill is municipal tax.

50% of the charges on your property tax bill are collected for **OTHER AGENCIES** over which the City has no direct control. It all goes on one tax notice so you don't have to deal with multiple bills.



Your property value as determined by BC Assessment is factored into your tax calculation. If your property value increased more than the average for Colwood, the municipal portion of your tax bill may increase.



See you Saturdays at Branch Drop Off!

Colwood staff are ready to assist with yard waste at City Hall every Saturday. We appreciate your help keeping Colwood looking great!

Watch the video and learn more at www.colwood.ca/BranchDrop

Supporting community safety & infrastructure

As our population grows, services to protect public safety and infrastructure must also expand to meet demands.

Colwood's 2022 budget includes funding for additional West Shore RCMP officers, transition to a Paid on Call Fire service that supports safe response times, and planning ahead to avoid sharp increases due to future infrastructure repair and replacement.

The average single family residential property in Colwood has a 2022 assessed value of \$925K. This property will pay an additional \$128 in gross municipal taxes (including West Shore Parks & Recreation and the Library.)

In addition to municipal tax, the tax notice includes amounts for schools, transit, CRD, and BC Assessment, making the total increase about \$192.

Shouldn't new tax revenue offset tax increases?

New tax revenue primarily funds the increased services needed to meet the public safety, service and infrastructure needs of a growing

population. An expanded network of roads, storm systems, sidewalks, parks and trails requires ongoing maintenance and repair over time.

www.colwood.ca/PropertyTax

Supporting & attracting businesses

Colwood's business community is growing: Colwood Corners, Royal Bay, Allandale District, on Sooke Road and at Royal Beach over time. The City has created a Business Attraction & Expansion strategy to support business success and attract new shops and services to meet the needs of residents.

www.colwood.ca/BusinessRetention

Improving how we move in Colwood

Examples of projects in progress:

- New sidewalks in seven locations
- Galloping Goose bridge
- Intersection upgrades at:
- Latoria + Metchosin traffic signal
- Latoria + Veterans roundabout
- Veterans + Allandale
- Latoria Road plan for improved walking, cycling and car capacity

www.colwood.ca/GoColwood

Focus on Parks & Recreation

Check Colwood's new Parks & Recreation Master Plan to see where new park amenities and sea to sky trail connections are planned. We'll need your input as we continue to create management plans that will map out the details for enhancements in some of Colwood's major parks.

LetsTalkColwood.ca/OurParks

Climate Change Resilience

We're creating a plan to help our community take action. For example:

- make walking and cycling easier
- prioritize public transportation
- require energy efficient buildings
- prioritize natural solutions: trees for shade, streams for stormwater
- shift to zero waste where possible

LetsTalkColwood.ca/LCR

Flip for more planned improvements

What City projects are planned in 2022-2026?

A few examples are included here.
Find more details in Colwood's
2022-2026 Financial Plan at
www.colwood.ca/Budget



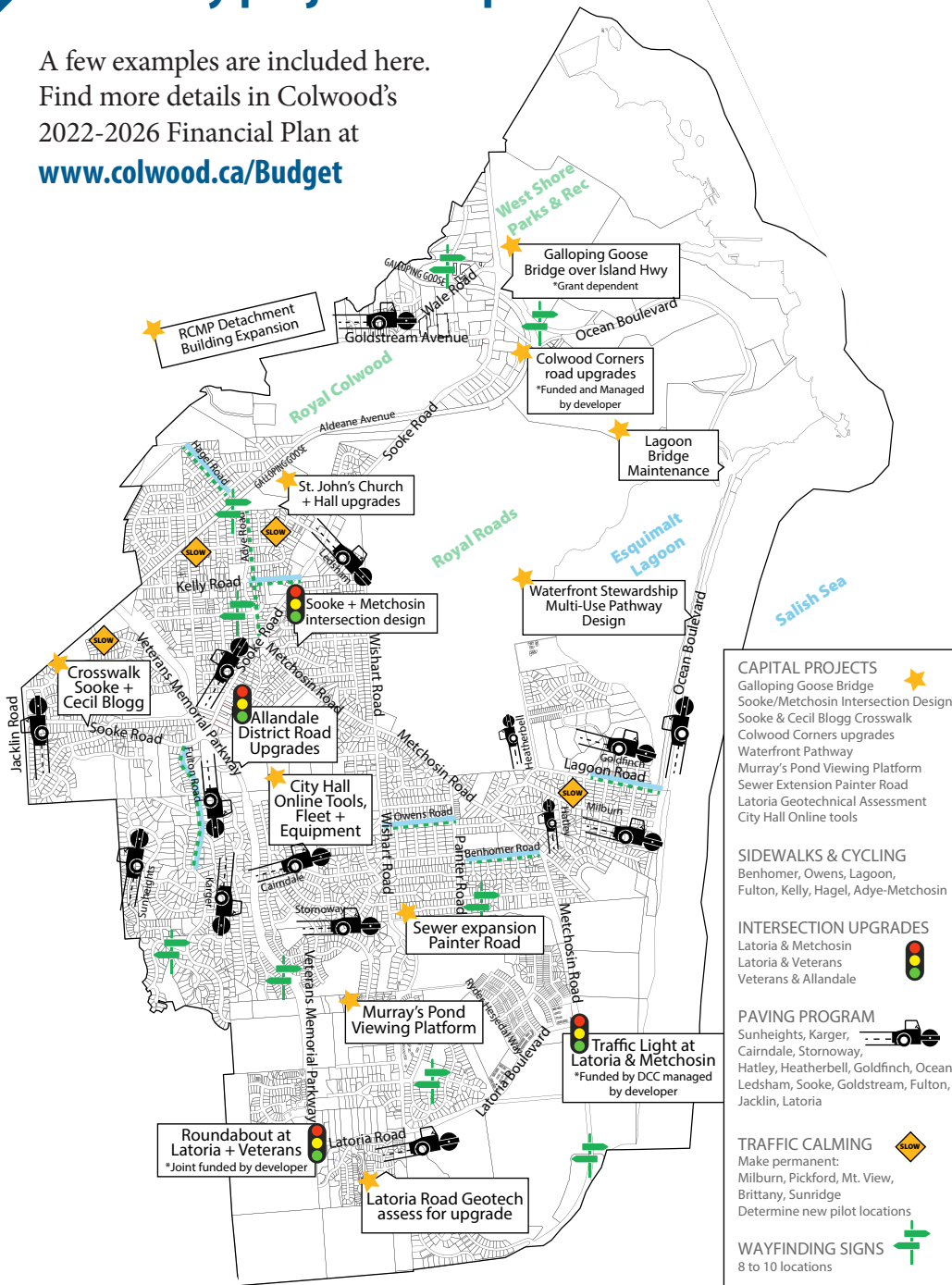
Grant Success: \$5.2M
Delivering on major projects while minimizing impact on property tax

Successful Applications

- Galloping Goose Overpass Bridge
\$3,661,366
- Metchosin Road Sidewalks
\$1,015,000
- Business software/online services
\$355,900
- Neighbourhood Wayfinding Signs
\$162,525
- Cenotaph Access Improvements
\$6,319
- Heritage Registry
\$40,000

TOTAL \$5,241,110

earned in grant funding
in 2020 & 2021, which equates to
\$276.42 per resident



Developer funded improvements

Did you know that developers pay for many of the new roads, sidewalks, parks and trails we enjoy when new homes and businesses are built in our community? Developers fund and manage the projects with City oversight according to the guidelines in Colwood's Official Community Plan. www.colwood.ca/OCP

PROPERTY TAX DUE Jul 4, 2022

1. Claim your homeowner grant:

Online only at etax.gov.bc.ca/btp/H0G

2. Pay one of several ways:

- Through online or phone banking
- 24 hour drop box at City Hall
- Mail to 3300 Wishart Rd. V9C 1R1
- Through your mortgage lender
- At your banking institution
- Tax deferral program
- At City Hall

What's the fastest way to pay?
Through your Online Banking!

CONNECT WITH COLWOOD

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

Get in touch, share ideas, and get involved.

Phone: 250-478-5999

Online: www.colwood.ca

Email: info@colwood.ca

Requests: colwood.ca/ActionRequest

Engage: LetsTalkColwood.ca

Subscribe: colwood.ca/subscribe

Social: [@CityofColwood](https://twitter.com/CityofColwood)

JOIN US AT SUMMER EVENTS!

Friday Music in the Park 6-8pm

Saturday Music at the Beach 5-7pm

Beach Food every weekend 12-7pm

Parks Walks 3rd Thursdays May-Aug

Eat & Beats Beach Party July 30

Visit www.colwood.ca/Events

Let's Talk, Colwood



We need your input to help guide
improvements. Please share your
thoughts at www.LetsTalkColwood