

Community Events - come have some fun!

Colwood is home to an amazing variety of events that help us stay active, healthy and connected. Find a complete list and submit your event at www.colwood.ca/events.

Mar 17-20 Pinty's Grand Slam of Curling Elite 10 The Q Centre, 1767 Island Highway, Info at: thegrandslamofcurling.com

Mar 26 Easter Egg Hunt - Kinette Club JdF Outdoor fun & treats for children 13 & under (3 age groupings). Juan de Fuca Recreation Centre, 10am

Apr 9 Colwood Pergola Opening Official opening! Bring the kids for a story walk, craft activity and light refreshments. Herm Williams Park on Kelly Rd. 2-3pm

May 1 Emergency Preparedness Fair Emergency vehicles, safety village cars, fire spray demos and more. Juan de Fuca Recreation, 11-3

May 8 Mother's Day Paint-In Treat Mom like a queen at Hatley Castle on Mother's Day. Enjoy an open air market, musical entertainment, a catered lunch and lots of activities for kids. Hatley Castle in Colwood, 10am-3pm

Jun 12 Colwood Fire Open House Tour your fire hall, ride the fire truck, have a hot dog and a great time! Colwood Fire Hall 10am-2pm

Jun-Aug Beach Food Fridays Head to the beach in Colwood for eats from local food trucks on Fridays! Colwood waterfront on Ocean Boulevard near the washrooms

Jul 9 Eats & Beats at the Beach Colwood beach party! Local musicians, food and drinks, a beach market, paddling expo, kite demonstrations and more. Colwood waterfront on Ocean Boulevard

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 22-24 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



Why aren't beach fires allowed in Colwood?

With warmer evenings on the horizon, the Colwood Fire Department would like to remind residents that beach fires are not permitted in Colwood, for several reasons:

- Smoke from beach fires impacts air quality for the surrounding neighbourhood and can be quite toxic. Some treated drift wood releases dangerous chemicals.
- Many adults, children and pets have been seriously burned by beach fires that have been left burning, or smothered under the sand and not visible.
- A small beach fire left burning can be time consuming to get to and put out, tying up first responders who may be needed elsewhere in the community.

You can still roast your marshmallows! Portable propane, charcoal briquette or natural gas appliances are permitted as long as the fire rating is low.



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 for ways to share your ideas, and get involved. Subscribe at colwood.ca/subscribe and follow @CityofColwood on Twitter and Facebook! www.colwood.ca | 3300 Wishart Road | Colwood, BC | V9C 1R1 | 250.478.5999

Community Connections

Colwood City Hall
3300 Wishart Road, 250-478-5999

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
345 Wale Road, 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
March 5 and 19
April 2 and 16
May 7 and 21
Spring Clean Up! April 29 & 30, 2016

Council Meetings
SECOND & FOURTH MONDAY OF THE MONTH
February 22, 2016
March 14, 2016
March 29, 2016
April 11, 2016
April 25, 2016
May 9, 2016
May 24, 2016

City Hall Closures
Good Friday - March 25, 2016
Easter Monday - March 28, 2016
Victoria Day - May 23, 2016

Colwood Connection

Inviting your involvement in decisions about our vibrant waterfront community.

Spring 2016

Help shape your community by providing input on these topics in 2016

Initiatives underway now:

- Proposed new regulations for Retaining Walls, Rock Crushing & Dust Control on construction sites
- 2016 Financial Plan
- Central Sewer Expansion
- Lagoon Pump Station Protection

Planned updates to major bylaws:

- Colwood Official Community Plan
- Business License Bylaw
- Land Use Bylaw
- Blasting Bylaw

Creating a strong future for Colwood:

- What defines Colwood today? What kind of future will we work to create in Colwood?
- Exploring ideas for our ever-changing Colwood waterfront

The best way to predict the future is to create it.

~Abraham Lincoln

Hearing from you about life in Colwood

Citizen Survey results will be presented February 22

In January 2016 the City undertook its first citizen satisfaction survey. People who live in Colwood were encouraged to participate through articles in the local paper, notices on the City website and social media channels.

The survey is one way for Colwood Council to hear directly from residents about which City services are most important, where there are opportunities for improvement, and overall quality of life in Colwood.

Four hundred Colwood residents gave their input through a telephone survey. Phone numbers were randomly selected by researchers to make sure Council hears from a broad range of residents throughout the community.

Calling took place between January 20 and February 5, 2016. Community members also had the option of completing the survey online.

Findings will help Council make decisions about the community-building services, projects and initiatives the City will focus on. Results will also inform the City's 2016 corporate strategic plan and five year financial plan.

The plan is to repeat the survey every two years so Council is able to evaluate the impact of changes over time, and make ongoing adjustments for continuous improvement.

The results of the survey were presented to Council on February 22, 2016.

★ Read the survey results at www.Colwood.ca/CitizenSurvey ★

"Sincere thanks to everyone who took the time to walk through the survey questions. Hearing from residents about what services are most important to them and whether they think we are doing a good job is critical for making decisions about our services and the projects we focus on."

- Mayor Carol Hamilton



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Colwood developments to watch

In the coming months, watch for new life at some major developments around the City. Here are just a few projects in the works:

City Centre, Sooke Road - There has been a steady increase in planning activity for this Colwood Corners site. It is now owned by Onni Group, who is working on making formal applications for redevelopment.

Ocean Grove, Goldfinch Road - A development agreement is in process to add new housing and amenities including single family homes, townhouses, a park and a cafe to this lagoon neighbourhood.

Pacific Landing, Heatherbell Road - A foundation permit has been issued to start work on three condominiums of between 3 and 4 stories each to provide 33 units.

Find development information at: <http://www.colwood.ca/developments>

Royal Bay, Latoria Boulevard - Construction of the first 119 homes has begun near Royal Bay Secondary School (Phase 1 and 1A).

Dwight School, Sooke Road - A development agreement is in progress for a new private school on the property between Colwood Crescent and Royal Roads Cafe.

Painter & Metchosin - An application has been received requesting a development permit for two 3-storey 18-unit rental apartment buildings and 9 small single-family lots.

Centre for Well-being, Goldstream Ave - A development permit has been issued for a new Centre for Well-being for Pacific Centre for Family Services.



Meadow Park in Royal Bay: from Gravel Pit to Garry Oaks

Meadow Park is a new naturalized park the Royal Bay owners are creating near Royal Bay Secondary.

Colwood Council approved plans for the 2.8 acre park in March 2015, which include a childrens adventure play area, trails connecting to nearby neighbourhoods and wooden bridges crossing a water channel.

Meadow Park will feature a Garry Oak ecosystem which will transform this part of the gravel pit into a rich mosaic of plant and animal species, including colourful spring wildflowers. Lighting and fencing have all been carefully considered to enhance the beauty, safety and comfort of the park.

Once complete, the park will be dedicated to the City to maintain and enjoy for years to come.



Enjoying our waterfront: now and into the future

Colwood is known for its miles of ocean beaches & lagoon, its rich natural environment, and its historic waterfront sites like Fisgard Lighthouse and Hatley Castle.

Keeping an eye on our coastline

Road closures due to king tides and storm surges in November and December of 2015 were a good reminder that our waterfront is constantly changing.

While Greater Victoria is expected to be one of the areas least affected by sea level rise in North America, waterfront cities around the world are keeping a close eye on their coastlines as they plan for the future.

Bringing you into the conversation

In 2016, the City of Colwood will be asking citizens for input into plans that will ensure we continue to enjoy our waterfront even as it changes over time.

Turning challenges into opportunities

Actions we take to respond to changes along the waterfront can be an opportunity to enhance how we enjoy the area - improving things like walking trails, seating and signage. Finding ways to share stories about the rich cultural, historical and natural significance of our waterfront will renew the pride of place, quality of life, and economic advantage it brings to our community.



Bridging the gap in the Galloping Goose Trail

In January 2016, Colwood Council approved a feasibility study to design and cost out options for a pedestrian and cycling bridge connecting the Galloping Goose Trail over the Island Highway.

If Council determines the options are desirable, the information will be presented for community consultation and used to apply for grants and funding.

Why create an overpass? If you have ever walked or cycled along the Galloping Goose trail through Colwood, you will know that the trail ends abruptly where it crosses the Island Highway.

Trail users must back-track to the Wale Road intersection to cross. Or they risk crossing the busy highway instead, creating a very dangerous situation.

This is the only major interruption in the 55km Galloping Goose Regional Trail that runs from Victoria to Sooke. The picturesque multi-use trail that used to be a railway line falls under the authority of the Capital Regional District.

“We can't direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails.”

~ T. Monson

Fibre optic comes to the West Shore

Keeping pace with technology and providing connectivity is one important way cities attract and support businesses, employment and new residents.

Telus recently advised Colwood Council that they would be upgrading their infrastructure on the West Shore, and offering homeowners in Colwood the opportunity to upgrade their old copper telephone line to fibre optic.

Telus notes that this is an optional upgrade. There is no cost for the new connection and no obligation to switch to Telus if they are not your current provider.

Improving traffic safety on Metchosin Road

Safety improvements began on Metchosin Road near Royal Bay in September 2015, with new bike lanes heading up the hill and new pathways heading down.

A speed reader board was added at the top of the hill in January 2016 to remind drivers to slow down as they head into the neighbourhood and school zones.

Next, a left-hand turning lane will be added for drivers coming from Metchosin and turning left on Latoria Boulevard toward the school.

A cross walk with a lighted signal will be installed on Metchosin Road near the transit stop at Dunsmuir Middle School and the area will be marked as a school zone with a 30 km/hr limit. These changes will help to ensure the safety of students walking to and from school.

Learn more about steps the City is taking to improve how people drive, walk, cycle and use transit in the Colwood Transportation Master Plan at www.colwood.ca/transportation.

“Improving how people move in and around Colwood will create vibrant neighbourhoods connected by enjoyable streets and trails, and create opportunities for new eateries, shops and services.”

- Mayor Carol Hamilton

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