

Community Events - join the celebrations!

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.

Saturday, April 20 Easter Egg Hunt at Meadow Park in Royal Bay Easter egg hunt for kids with music and outdoor fun. *Meadow Park in Royal Bay, 2-4 pm*



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*



Apr 26 & 27 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 5 Emergency Preparedness Fair Emergency vehicles, safety village cars, fire spray demos and more. *Juan de Fuca Recreation, 11-3*



May 12 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*



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 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*

Food & Music for Events
Have a favourite food truck you'd like to see at events?
Know a talented musician who would like to play?
Get them to submit an Expression of Interest:
www.colwood.ca/FoodVendors
www.colwood.ca/Musicians

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

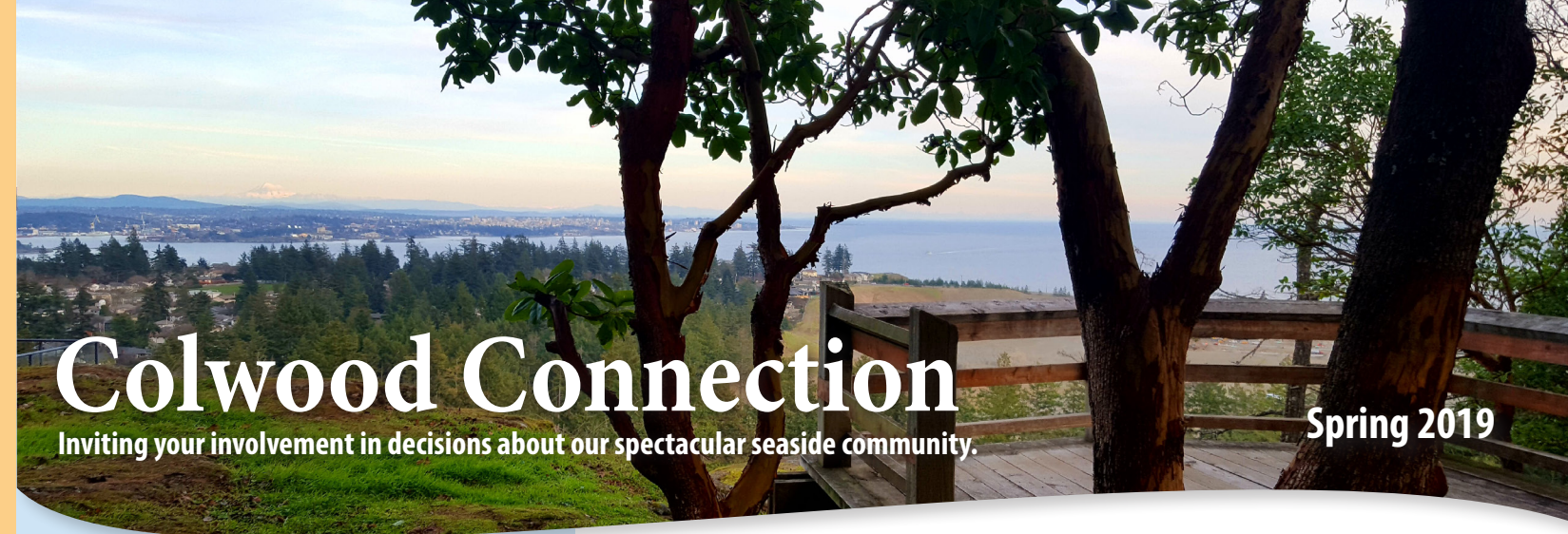
Branch Drop-Off Dates
FIRST AND THIRD SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH
February 2 and 16
March 2 and 16
April 6 and 20
May 4 and 18

Council Meetings
SECOND & FOURTH MONDAY OF THE MONTH 7PM
February 11 and 25
March 11 and 25
April 8 and 23
May 13 and 27

Committee of the Whole
SCHEDULED AS REQUIRED - NORMALLY
ON THE FIRST & THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH 6PM

City Hall Closures
Family Day - February 18, 2019
Good Friday/Easter Monday - April 19 & 22, 2019
Victoria Day - May 21, 2019

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



Colwood Connection

Inviting your involvement in decisions about our spectacular seaside community.

Spring 2019

Are we prepared to maintain the infrastructure already in place?

This plan identifies areas for improvement.

INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT CARD

- C+** Roads & Bridges
- B-** Park Structures & Trails
- B-** Trees, Creeks & Shorelines
- C** Sewers & Drainage Systems
- A** Vehicles & Equipment
- C-** Buildings

Learn more at
www.colwood.ca/Infrastructure

Sustainable Infrastructure Replacement Plan

A long term funding strategy to plan ahead for future generations.

Did you know the City of Colwood owns and maintains about \$350 million dollars worth of infrastructure? This includes things like roads, parks & trails, natural assets, sewer & drainage systems, buildings, vehicles and equipment. It costs about \$5 million dollars each year to keep all this infrastructure in good working order.

Roadmap to Sustainability

The City has created a proactive plan to ensure that funding is in place to avoid sudden tax increases due to unanticipated infrastructure breakdown.

The plan creates stable and predictable tax rates, avoids debt servicing costs, takes advantage of investment returns, and supports our community's resilience.

It includes an Infrastructure Report Card that rates the current condition of assets and the 50-year funding forecast required to maintain them. It then outlines recommended steps to close the infrastructure funding gap.

Read the draft City of Colwood DRAFT Sustainable Infrastructure Replacement Plan at www.colwood.ca/Infrastructure

We welcome your comments at finance@colwood.ca



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 Facebook, Twitter & Instagram. www.colwood.ca | 3300 Wishart Road | Colwood, BC | V9C 1R1 | 250.478.5999



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Royal Bay Secondary School expansion underway

Work has begun on the planned 600 seat expansion and an additional gym at Royal Bay Secondary School. The new spaces are expected to be ready for classes in the fall of 2020.

The building will be expanded into what is currently the back parking area. Those parking spaces have been replaced with a new parking area at the back of the soccer fields on Ryder Hesjedal Way.

What's building around town?

Colwood Town Centre

Colwood Corners, Sooke Road - Construction is well underway on the first six commercial and residential buildings on the site.

Nob Hill Road - A six story condominium complex is proposed to provide 465 residential units.

342 Wale Road - In late 2018 the Province announced \$24M in funding for new housing at the former Silkwind site at 342 Wale Road. More details to come.

2330 Sooke Road - Rezoning has been approved for 18 townhomes, 27 condos, and 32 rental apartments.

Royal Bay Seaside Village

Olympic View, Latoria Road - The developer hosted open houses in January to present the updated area plan for new homes on the property surrounding the golf course. The first phase of construction is scheduled to begin in 2019.

Lagoon Neighbourhood

Two Waters (formerly Ocean Grove) - Three new buildings are planned in the first new phase of construction. Site preparation activity is underway now.

Seafeld Cottages, Seafeld Road - A realigned road is taking shape to serve 35 new homes.

Read more at www.colwood.ca/Developments

Temporary speed reader boards

The City uses speed reader boards to collect vehicle counts and speeds in neighbourhoods where traffic calming measures may be considered. These readers are installed temporarily, and then moved to the next data collection location.

Why are speed readers blank?

Drivers tend to slow down when they see their speed. In this case, we want to record their normal behaviour to get accurate data about how fast cars are going.

Learn more about **Traffic Calming** at www.colwood.ca/TrafficCalming

Beyond the crawl moving transportation solutions forward

Cities around the world face the challenge of ever-increasing traffic congestion. It impacts our quality of life, finances, and environment. Solutions will need to be multi-faceted:

Development in town centre areas will bring more opportunity for improved streets, sidewalks, and cycling connections to offer a range of realistic transportation choices.

Updates to the Transportation Master Plan in 2020 and coordination between major development projects offers opportunities for traffic flow improvements and intersection upgrades within Colwood.



Rapid Transit from Colwood Corners to the Trans Canada will begin with queue jumping for buses, and dedicated lanes to make it easier to hop on a bus to downtown Victoria and back.

The Colwood Parks Master Plan will identify trail connections between neighbourhoods to make walking more feasible, safe and enjoyable.

Forward thinking solutions will consider potential ferry routes and use of the E&N Rail line.

Anticipating future needs including the potential addition of ride hailing, autonomous vehicles, and other transportation changes.

A new South Island Transportation Strategy has been launched by the BC government to improve transportation in our region.

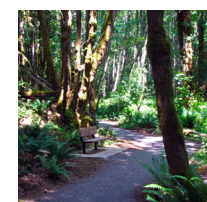
“We need the determination to follow through on plans, the courage to invest in innovative solutions, and the foresight to plan for shifting technologies.”

~ Mayor Rob Martin

Discover your parks!

Colwood has more than 50 parks and trails to discover. Here we highlight just a few. Whether they are old favourites or new places to explore...get out and enjoy the many health and wellness benefits that our natural surroundings have to offer!

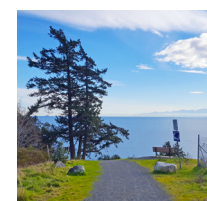
Latoria Creek Park: a peaceful hike along forest trails



This peaceful forest trail runs alongside the creek. The park features well groomed trails with several bridges crossing the creek and sections of wooden stairs, which make it a great place for a peaceful wander or an outdoor workout.

Find it: trailhead on Latoria Road near Wishart Road

Perimeter Park: breathtaking views on a trail to the ocean



With spectacular panoramic views over Esquimalt Lagoon, Fisgard Lighthouse, Mt. Baker, City of Victoria, the Strait of Juan de Fuca, the Olympic Mountains, and across Royal Bay, this trail winds down to a quiet section of the beach between the lagoon and Royal Bay.

Find it: trailhead at the end of Gratton Road off Metchosin Road

Colwood Creek Park: wide open spaces and places to play



Spacious grassy areas are great for picnics and outdoor play. Kids love the playground with a spray park for cooling off on hot summer days. More than two kilometers of paved trails make for a healthy walk through the park and over the foot bridge that crosses Colwood Creek.

Find it: entrances on Sunridge Valley Drive and Cecil Blogg Drive

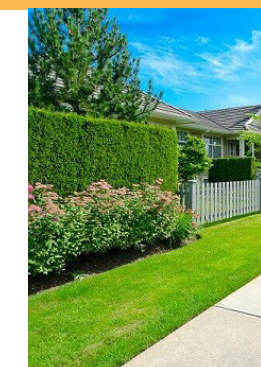
Keeping sidewalks clear of trees and hedges

Help keep sidewalks safe for everyone.

The trees, hedges and gardens you plant on your property along City streets enhance the beauty of our community.

The City needs your help to make sure hedges and trees are maintained to allow people to walk by safely, and ensure cyclists and drivers have a clear view.

If hedges or trees overtake the road or walkway, we'll drop by or send you a reminder that maintenance is required. It's always the City's goal to work in cooperation with residents. With public safety as a priority, there may be times when the City is required to step in and take action to clear the walkway or roadway, as outlined in municipal bylaws.



Planning a hedge or garden bed by the sidewalk?

Check your property lines, then plant it well back from the walkway and consider slower growing plants that can be easily maintained.

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

32 of Colwood's 40 firefighters are volunteers.

Our community is well-served by these experienced and dedicated members.



"The Commons" at Royal Bay

The Royal Bay developer is fine-tuning the area plan for "the Commons"—a new commercial area on Latoria Boulevard, opposite Royal Bay Secondary School.

The Commons is envisioned as the walkable town centre of the Royal Bay Seaside Village. It will be a place to dine, shop, work and gather with friends and neighbours.

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