

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.

Oct 19 Great BC ShakeOut - Drop, Cover and Hold On! We live in an active earthquake region. Be prepared: have an emergency plan and kit and practice your Drop, Cover & Hold On moves. *Where you are 10:19am*

Oct 20 Raise the Roof ART-rageous Fundraiser Coast Collective Art Centre hosts a fabulous evening of spirited socializing and dancing with live music and a silent auction. *Royal Canadian Legion branch #91, 6:30pm-11:00pm*

Oct 31 Halloween Bonfire at Colwood Fire Hall Hot dogs, hot chocolate, treats, costume parade, music and prizes by the bonfire! *Colwood Fire Hall 6:30pm to 9pm*

Dec 6 Colwood Christmas Light Up at City Hall Reconnect with friends and neighbours at this free annual event with music, crafts, treats, hot dogs and hot chocolate as you wait for Santa to arrive on the fire truck. *Colwood City Hall, 6-8pm*

Looking back on summer fun



Beach Food Fridays



Eats & Beats at the Beach



Colwood Seaside Festival

Tidelines & Waterfront

Feedback confirms that the waterfront is what distinguishes Colwood from other cities. 77% of respondents envision a combination of protected natural areas and vibrant public amenities.

The draft OCP proposes enhancing the waterfront with pathways and public places, balanced with measures that protect sensitive areas and safeguard the qualities that make it special. A vibrant seaside village at Royal Bay is envisioned, with shops & eateries, inspiring open spaces and connections to other areas.

www.colwood.ca/OCPTidelines



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

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 EACH MONTH

November 4 and 18
December 2 and 16
January 6 and 20

Council Meetings

SECOND & FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

October 10 and 23
November 14 and 27
December 4 and 18

Advisory Planning Commission

SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

November 8
December 13
January 10

City Hall Closures

Remembrance Day - Nov 13, 2017
Christmas Closure -
Dec 22, 2017 through Jan 1, 2018

Colwood Connection

Inviting your involvement in decisions about our vibrant seaside community.



Fall 2017

Find and read about the 4T's in this newsletter.

Throughout this newsletter, four key directions are presented as the 4T's.

- **Town Centres**
- **Trees & Topography**
- **Tidelines**
- **Transportation**

These topics represent new directions proposed in the draft plan that were strongly supported by the community feedback.

Read what we heard from community members, followed by a brief overview of how that input is being integrated into the draft plan.

We encourage you to read, share and discuss these topics with others. Your feedback and input into the draft Official Community Plan is always welcome at planning@colwood.ca.

Your ideas are coming to life in the new Official Community Plan

Input from community members is Making Waves

From October 2016 to May 2017, community members shared ideas about their vision for Colwood to help shape the City's new Official Community Plan (OCP).

Find detailed information about all the input gathered on the Colwood website at www.colwood.ca/MakingWaves.

Thousands of responses were recorded through talk back events, sounding boards, online surveys, events, workshops and steering committee meetings.

Every city is faced with change.

The Official Community Plan guides decisions about growth and development, transportation and infrastructure projects, as well as improvements to parks and public spaces.

It is important that all community members are informed and involved in this plan. A widely shared understanding of the vision, goals and directions laid out in the plan are vital to the plan's success.

Colwood's new Official Community Plan will be the roadmap to making Colwood a spectacular seaside community set apart by its outstanding natural setting and exceptional quality of life.

Town Centres

The majority of people who completed the survey tagged both Colwood Corners and Royal Bay as future town centres. Smaller centres along Sooke Road were also identified consistently.

The draft OCP envisions Colwood Corners as the commercial hub of the community. At the same time, a vibrant new seaside village will come to life at Royal Bay. Great town centres with high quality streets and public places require people. This means development will be focused in these town centre areas.

www.colwood.ca/OCPTowns





Tackling congestion on the Trans-Canada

The City of Colwood is working with provincial and regional partners to move forward with priority bus lanes between Colwood Corners and Downtown Victoria.

“We need to make public transit a viable option for people,” says Mayor Hamilton. “That will only happen if buses are able to move faster than cars on major routes.”

Two projects are underway:

1. A joint project between Colwood, View Royal and BC Transit to plan for priority lanes on the Island Highway from Colwood Corners to the Trans-Canada on-ramp.

2. Mayor Hamilton has requested a meeting with the province, BC Transit and local mayors to move forward with priority bus lanes to complete the connection between the West Shore and Downtown Victoria.

Transportation

With growing vehicle congestion in the Capital Region, 82% of people who took the Making Waves survey are in favour of streets that prioritize transit, walking and cycling alongside cars.

The draft OCP supports increasing the sidewalk network and cycling routes to create connections between town centre areas and neighbourhoods. The City is also working with provincial and regional partners to establish a rapid transit corridor between Colwood Corners and Downtown Victoria.

www.colwood.ca/OCPTransportation



What's building in Colwood

Colwood Corners, Sooke Road - Site preparation has begun toward the construction of 477 rental apartments and 14,200 square metres of commercial space within 8 buildings.

Brookes School, Sooke Road - Construction has begun on this boarding school that is scheduled to open in September 2018, for students from grades 6 through 12.

Pacifica Affordable Housing, Sooke Road - Outdated units are being replaced by a four storey, 82-unit building on the site near Royal Roads on Sooke Road.

Centre for Well-being, Goldstream Ave - Pacific Centre Family Services Association celebrated the ribbon cutting at their new centre in September.

Find information about feature developments at: www.colwood.ca/developments

Pacific Landing, Heatherbell Road - Occupancy of the first three 4-storey condominiums of 33 units each is expected this fall, along with the start of construction on phase 2.

Royal Bay, Latoria Boulevard - New streets, parks and homes are underway in the Latoria North area (bordered by Wishart and Cotlow Roads) along with townhomes on Latoria Blvd.

West Shore Village Seniors Apartments, Wale Road - The first phase of 60 one and two bedroom rental apartments for seniors is under construction now.

Apartments on Metchosin Road at Painter Road - Two 18-unit rental apartment buildings are under construction now.

Metchosin Road project to increase safety



New raised sidewalks, a crosswalk, bike lanes and lighting will bring a new sense of safety for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists.

These improvements are particularly important for the many families traveling between Sangster Elementary School, Dunsmuir Middle School and Royal Bay Secondary School, but also for drivers using Metchosin as an arterial route to get to their destinations.

www.colwood.ca/MetchosinRoad

Shaping development to preserve natural assets

The City of Colwood is taking steps to protect the natural areas that make it a unique and desirable place to live.

Development proposals in designated areas will follow a site adaptive planning approach with the goal of designing structures to fit into the natural landscape rather than altering natural features to make roads and buildings fit.

Colwood looks forward to focusing development in town centre areas, while placing a significant value on natural assets across the entire community.

www.colwood.ca/NaturalAssets

Trees & Topography

98% of respondents to the City's Making Waves survey favoured maintaining natural hillside environments, or designing development to fit into the natural landscape.

The draft OCP proposes that development proposals in hillside areas will follow a site adaptive planning approach with the goal of designing structures to fit into the landscape rather than altering natural features in a wholesale manner. This reinforces the philosophy that natural resources are valuable assets.

www.colwood.ca/OCPTrees



“Colwood is setting a course for the future – determining what residents cherish most, and creating places where people love to spend time.”

~ Mayor Carol Hamilton

Advisory Planning Commission: More citizen input into development

This property is subject to a Development Permit application.

Contact the City of Colwood for more information:

250.478.5999
planning@colwood.ca
www.colwood.ca/planning



The nine citizen members on Colwood's new Advisory Planning Commission (APC) each represent specific areas of expertise, from business and land development to environment, youth and seniors.

The land use decisions they will provide input into are often the most controversial. They impact neighbouring properties and shape the future character and livability of the community.

The APC will allow Council to better understand all the issues surrounding land use applications, and provide meaningful advice that will assist them in making durable decisions. www.colwood.ca/APC

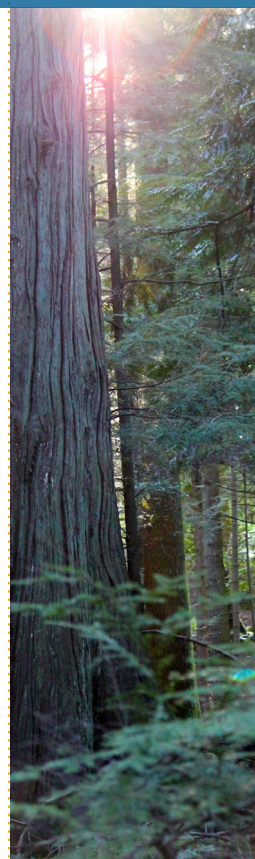
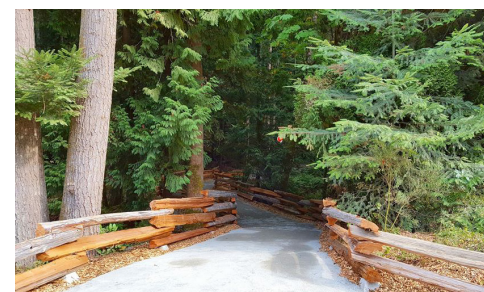
Creating connections at Havenwood Park

A new crosswalk on Veterans Memorial Parkway at Havenwood Park will provide a safe crossing on the busy 1.5 km stretch of road between Cairndale and Latoria Roads.

Overhead lighting and pedestrian activated flashers will make it visible for drivers.

At the same time, trail upgrades make creek crossings easier and new trails will create connections between neighbourhoods, parks and businesses at Latoria Walk.

www.colwood.ca/HavenwoodCrosswalk



Protecting our urban forest

Preserving trees is a priority for Colwood that has been reinforced by significant community input into the Making Waves Official Community Plan update.

A new Tree Policy makes it clear that tree removal on City property will only be considered in certain circumstances, such as when trees are dangerous, unhealthy, or an impediment to city services or infrastructure. Things like enhancing a personal view or the perception that a tree is messy or creates too much shade will not warrant removal.

“Colwood considers trees a valuable asset, and we are committed to protecting our urban forest for the many health and environmental benefits they provide,” said Mayor Carol Hamilton.

The City recognizes that a healthy urban forest contributes to wellness and quality of life. Trees improve air and water quality, prevent soil erosion and flooding, provide shade, conserve energy, increase property values, attract wildlife and make Colwood neighbourhoods more beautiful and enjoyable.

www.colwood.ca/TreePolicy

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



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