

## 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](http://www.colwood.ca/events).

### Saturday, October 20 Colwood Municipal Election - Get out and vote!

Voting in the municipal election is your chance to shape the direction of your community by choosing its leaders for the next four years. *Colwood City Hall, 3300 Wishart Road, 8am to 8pm*

### Oct 18 ShakeOut BC - Drop, Cover, 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 10:18am*

### Oct 31 Halloween Bonfire at the 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

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*



## Thanks for joining us at summer events:



Watch for more events to come!  
Keep an eye on [www.Colwood.ca/Events](http://www.Colwood.ca/Events).

## 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  
September 1 and 15  
October 6 and 20  
November 3 and 17  
December 1 and 15

**Council Meetings**  
SECOND & FOURTH MONDAY OF THE MONTH  
September 24  
October 9 and 22  
November 13 and 26  
Check [Colwood.ca](http://Colwood.ca) for December dates

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

**City Hall Closures**  
Thanksgiving Day - October 8, 2018  
Remembrance Day - November 11, 2018  
Christmas Closure - Dec 24, 2018 - Jan 1, 2019

*Dates may be subject to change after publication.  
Please confirm all dates at [Colwood.ca](http://Colwood.ca)*

# Colwood Connection

Inviting your involvement in decisions about our spectacular seaside community.

September 2018

Japanese Maple at Hatley Gardens by Heather K. Jones

## General Voting Day

Date: Saturday, Oct 20, 2018  
Time: 8am to 8pm  
Place: Colwood City Hall  
Also: Advance voting Oct 10 & 17, same time & place

## This vote is to elect

- 1 Mayor
- 6 Councillors
- 4 School Trustees
- Candidates will be declared September 14, 2018
- The campaign period begins September 22, 2018

## Who can vote

Eligible City of Colwood residents who are Canadian citizens 18 years of age and older, as well as non-resident property owners.

## Bring your ID

Bring at least two pieces of ID that provide evidence of your identity and place of residence, one of which must contain your signature.

Learn more at  
[www.colwood.ca/Election](http://www.colwood.ca/Election)

## 2018 Municipal Election *Your vote is your voice. Be heard.*

Voter turnout for the 2014 municipal election was 25.5%. Get out and vote!

Are you concerned about traffic congestion? Housing choice? Walkability? Tax rates? Parks and natural areas? Business and development? Arts and culture? Your City Council makes decisions about all these things on your behalf.

Voting in the municipal election is your chance to shape the direction of your community by choosing its leaders for the next four years.

## Get to know your candidates

Follow newspaper coverage of the local issues in this election, check out candidate websites and attend the West Shore Chamber All Candidates Forum on Tuesday, October 2 at 6:00 pm at Church of the Advent on Mt. View Avenue. Most importantly, talk to candidates about issues that are important to you.

## Learn more about local government roles & decision making

There are several short videos on the Colwood website you can watch to learn how decisions are made in our community. Take a few minutes to learn more at [www.colwood.ca/ElectionVideos](http://www.colwood.ca/ElectionVideos).



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](http://colwood.ca) for ways to share your ideas, and get involved. Subscribe at [Colwood.ca/subscribe](http://Colwood.ca/subscribe) and follow @CityofColwood on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram. [www.colwood.ca](http://www.colwood.ca) | 3300 Wishart Road | Colwood, BC | V9C 1R1 | 250.478.5999



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## Colwood Corners on the rise

The City has issued building permits to Onni Group for the first phase of building in the Colwood Corners development at Sooke Road and Goldstream Avenue.

Work has been ongoing throughout the summer to complete the underground parking areas.

This fall, watch for above-ground activity to begin on the first building at the corner of Sooke Road and Jerome Road (depicted above).

This first phase includes three mid-rise rental apartment buildings plus 14,200 square metres of commercial space for four anchor tenants.

## Brookes Westshore School opens in Colwood

The new school on Sooke Road offers an International Baccalaureate education to 300 students from grades 6 to 12. Students may stay in residence at the school or attend as day students.

The new sidewalk, buffered bike lanes and landscaping on Sooke Road along the front of the property is a great example of the street standards that will continue with Colwood Corners and future developments.



## What's building around town?

**Royal Bay** - Construction has begun on the West Commons townhomes next to Royal Bay Secondary, along with fencing and landscaping along Metchosin Road. A series of new parks are planned.

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

**Pacific Landing, Heatherbell Road** - Three condominiums are complete. The owners are exploring opportunities to convert Pendray House into a waterfront restaurant.

**Pacifica Housing, Sooke Road** - Construction of 82 units of affordable housing is expected to be complete early in 2019.

**Olympic View, Latoria Road** - A development permit has been issued for single and multi family dwellings on the property surrounding the golf course.

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

**468 Goldstream Avenue** - Three buildings are proposed, to provide 158 apartments and 170m<sup>2</sup> commercial space, plus public access to the heritage Colwood Dairy building.

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

Read more at [www.colwood.ca/Developments](http://www.colwood.ca/Developments)

## Can I subdivide my property?

Have questions about creating two or more lots on a single property, combining properties, changing lot lines, or creating strata lots? Give us a call at 250.294.8144.

Staff will research the property, explain related policies and plans, outline your options, answer your questions, and help you navigate the process.

[www.colwood.ca/Subdivisions](http://www.colwood.ca/Subdivisions)

## Tackling Traffic Calming

There are often strong opinions on both sides when traffic calming is being considered. This makes it especially important to involve residents in data-driven decisions.

The City's Traffic Calming policy requires that neighbours are surveyed about proposed traffic calming. 50% of surveys must be returned for changes to be implemented.

### Take it slow in the Lagoon neighbourhood

The lagoon neighbourhood was the first to receive a traffic calming survey. Only 42% of those surveyed responded, therefore the proposed measures will not be implemented.

Obey speed limits, drive safely, and consider those who live along the routes you travel.

[www.colwood.ca/LagoonTraffic](http://www.colwood.ca/LagoonTraffic)

## A bold new plan for Colwood

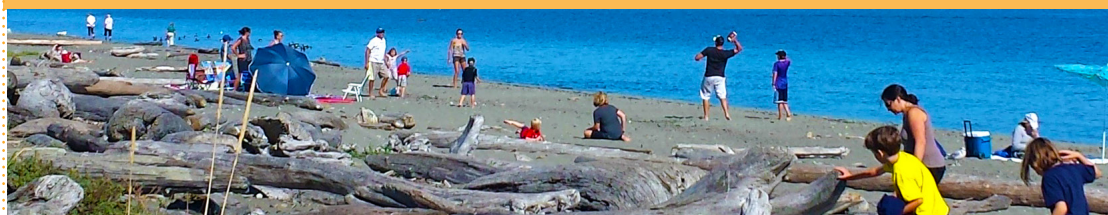
Thanks to everyone who took part in Making Waves, Colwood has a bold new Official Community Plan to guide growth and change.

### Goals and Objectives at a glance

- 1. World Class Waterfront** : a seaside village at Royal Bay, connections to the waterfront while protecting natural qualities
- 2. Connected to Nature**: promote access to parks and trails, protect shorelines, natural areas, forests, and waterways
- 3. Transportation Choices**: enhance safe and accessible walking, cycling and transit alongside vehicle traffic
- 4. Vibrant Public Spaces**: focus development in town centres to create special places that foster a strong community and economy
- 5. Family friendly housing choice**: provide a range of housing options for all incomes, abilities, and stages of life
- 6. Prepared to adapt**: carbon neutral, energy positive, water smart, resilient to climate changes & natural events

Get to know your plan at [www.colwood.ca/OCP](http://www.colwood.ca/OCP)

“We can't stop our community from changing, but we can work together to ensure change is always for the better.” ~ Mayor Carol Hamilton



## Planning ahead for a changing coastline

The City has been actively monitoring changes to our coastline since 2005, where the effects of erosion have been apparent over time. The Ocean Boulevard pump station is most vulnerable, as flooding would result in unacceptable environmental and service risks.

Recent studies recommend two things:

- 1. Replenishing the beach** by depositing additional sand in front of the pump station/washroom building. This would buffer waves from impacting the pump station, and provide drift material to rebuild eroded areas of the beach.
- 2. Relocating the pump station** to the southern edge of Pit House Park at the end of Goldfinch Road. Costs are estimated at \$2.5M and staff have applied for a grant that would cover up to 73.33% of the project costs.

[www.colwood.ca/CoastlineProtection](http://www.colwood.ca/CoastlineProtection)

## Discover your parks!

We want to make it easier for everyone to find, enjoy and brag about their favourite Colwood parks. Watch for new signs to be installed at special places like Outlook Park, Promenade Park, Lookout Lake Park, Latoria Walk Park and more.

[www.colwood.ca/Parks](http://www.colwood.ca/Parks)

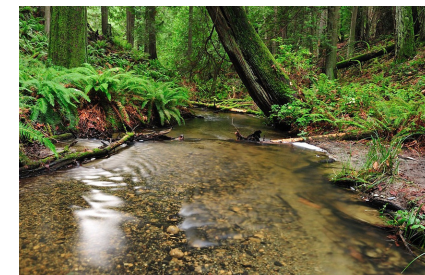
## Planning for the future cost of roads and storm systems

### Did you know the City maintains over \$140M in capital assets?

The City has embarked on ambitious long term planning to ensure these assets continue to serve us well into the future, in the most cost effective way. Plus we'll rely on natural assets wherever possible - things like natural stormwater management instead of costly buried pipes. Keep your eye out for the City's **Sustainable Infrastructure Plan**.

Two projects underway now will determine sustainable investment funding levels required for over 70% of our asset inventory. A **Pavement Condition Assessment** and a **Stormwater Master Plan** will allow us to effectively plan for long range rehabilitation or replacement of roads and stormwater systems.

*Colwood's Stormwater Master Plan will reduce flood risks and protect the health of streams and waterways. It is funded in part by the Canada General Strategic Priorities Fund and the BC Infrastructure Planning Fund.*



## Tending to our trees Interim bylaw updated by citizens

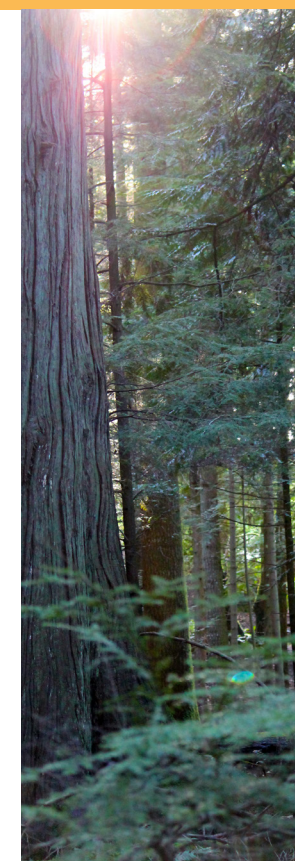
Trees are an important part of what makes Colwood a special place to live. They clean the air, moderate temperatures, reduce energy costs, relieve stress, and add beauty.

Thanks to the work of a dedicated Citizen Task Force, the Urban Forest Bylaw is being updated. Their goal was to make it reasonable for property owners while protecting trees from unnecessary removal.

### 4 things to find out before removing a tree

- 1** Is the tree on my property?
- 2** Is it a protected tree?
- 3** Do I need a permit?
- 4** Is a replacement tree required?

Give us a call at 250-478-5999 and learn more at [www.colwood.ca/Trees](http://www.colwood.ca/Trees)



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