

Governance: Colwood is a well-managed City.



We engage citizens in the governance of their City through clear, honest communications and transparent decision making. We have the courage to make difficult decisions that reflect the needs and wishes of the greater community as guided by the Official Community Plan. We are committed to responsible financial management, exceptional customer service and efficient and effective service delivery.

Plans we'll reference

- [Five Year Financial Plan](#)
- [Sustainable Infrastructure Replacement Plan](#)
- [Annual Report](#)
- [Sewer Master Plan](#)
- [Development Cost Charge \(DCC\) Bylaw](#)
- Stormwater Master Plan
- Pavement Condition Assessment

Partners we'll connect with

- Capital Regional District
- First Nations (Esquimalt, Songhees, Scia'new)
- Federal and Provincial Government
- Union of BC Municipalities
- Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities
- Local Government Management Association
- Royal Roads University
- School District 62
- Neighbouring Municipalities
- First Nations (Esquimalt, Songhees, Scia'new)
- Development community
- Destination (Tourism) Victoria



Official Community Plan direction on Governance

- Deliver services and manage public assets in a financially and environmentally responsible manner.
- Achieve Colwood's GHG emission reduction targets by valuing natural assets as sinks and contributors to climate change mitigation.

Strategies to enhance Governance

- Build program and service levels around resident expectations
- Build our capacity to engage residents
- Build a framework for establishing and comparing tax and fee levels (and service levels)
- Build plans for infrastructure recapitalization
- Build long-term financial models to understand and fund operational and capital requirements
- Build our understanding of Colwood's energy use and GHG Emissions:
 - Calculate a new baseline
 - Establish 'business as usual' forecasts to 2030 and 2050
 - Establish 'roadmap to sustainability' forecasts to 2030 and 2050

Governance Targets

- Council's expectations for program and service delivery are articulated and connected to the annual budget
- Establish engagement metrics
- Annual reserve transfers fund future infrastructure recapitalization
- Reduce Colwood's GHG emissions to 49% below 2007 level by 2030

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