

# Vision and Goals

The Vision and Goals provide direction for the development and implementation of policies.

## Vision

*The vision paints a picture of what Colwood could look like in the year 2038.*

Colwood is a spectacular seaside community set apart by its outstanding natural setting and exceptional quality of life.

Nature is all around you in Colwood. Within minutes of stepping out your front door, you can be walking along the beach by the ocean, wandering down a shady trail through old growth forest, or enjoying the wide open, natural green space of a local park.

You look forward to the short walk to the local market and shops for your groceries and other needs. The route is interesting and enjoyable and you are sure to run into a neighbour or friend along the way.

There are places to go when you are feeling social - gathering places, eateries, shops, community events, markets and festivals.

When you need or want to venture further afield, it's easy to jump onto public transit for a quick trip to downtown Victoria or other areas of the capital region.

Families are able to live within a comfortable distance of each other, with plenty of seniors housing in the community for grandparents, and affordable rental options for the younger generation.

You feel good about living in a community that is taking steps to protect the natural environment and build a resilient community that is prepared to adapt to a changing world.

## Goals

**The waterfront is a stewarded, world-class destination for residents and visitors alike.**

The waterfront distinguishes Colwood from other cities: it's the place residents and visitors identify as the soul of the community.

Nearby urban areas are characterized by a village-like setting with homes, shops, services, and other amenities that make it a destination for locals and visitors, all day and all week long. Access to the waterfront – with pathways and spaces for public life – will be balanced with measures that protect sensitive ecological areas from human activity, thereby safeguarding the qualities that make this place special.

**People and nature are exceptionally well-connected.**

Colwood is green by nature, blessed with natural beauty and home to trees, hillsides, shoreline, and other ecological areas. These cherished natural areas will remain intact, with new development not only protecting them, but also connecting and regenerating them. Decisions will be made from the perspective of the watershed scale, considering the impact of projects on the overall health, water balance, and habitat of the watershed. Habitat areas will provide space for wildlife to thrive while offering residents access to nature close to home, linking Colwoodians to a broader network of connected green spaces and waterways.

