



## Thanks for joining us at summer events! Got ideas?

This summer offered lots of opportunities to connect with neighbours, enjoy time outdoors in local parks, dance, have a laugh, play a game, and enjoy music, food, arts & culture. Please share your ideas about what types of events you enjoy, activities to consider, locations you feel are perfect and not so perfect, and ways you might like to be involved in bringing people together.

Help make events better! Take the quick survey at [LetsTalkColwood.ca/Events](https://LetsTalkColwood.ca/Events)

## Spotlight on Community Groups

### Friends of Havenwood Park

Helping to preserve the natural environment of the park through restoration events, park walks and activities that connect people with nature.  
[havenwoodpark.wordpress.com](https://havenwoodpark.wordpress.com)

### Citizen's Environment Network in Colwood

Encouraging and supporting measurable progress on climate action in Colwood.  
[CENic on facebook](https://CENic.on.facebook)

### ReImagine West Shore

Organizing conversations, events & initiatives that embrace change creatively and support a shift to affordable, sustainable choices.  
[reimagineus.ca](https://reimagineus.ca)

### Colwood Garden Society

A group of passionate gardeners whose happy place is in a garden (see their garden at City Hall!)  
[colwoodgardensociety.org](https://colwoodgardensociety.org)



## Community Connections

**West Shore Parks & Recreation**  
1767 Island Highway, 250-478-8384

**Juan de Fuca Public Library**  
1759 Island Highway, 250-940-4875

**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

## Branch Drop-Off

**PUBLIC WORKS 8:30am - 4:00pm**

Every Saturday March thru November  
First & Third Saturday December thru February  
[www.Colwood.ca/BranchDrop](https://www.Colwood.ca/BranchDrop)

## City Meeting Information

[www.Colwood.ca/Meetings](https://www.Colwood.ca/Meetings)

## Action Requests

Streetlight out? Mess in a park? Issue on the roads?  
Reach the team that is best able to take action  
[www.Colwood.ca/ActionRequest](https://www.Colwood.ca/ActionRequest)

## Let's Talk Colwood

The online place to share your thoughts about many initiatives that will shape our community. Let's Talk!  
[LetsTalkColwood.ca](https://LetsTalkColwood.ca)

## City Hall Closures

National Day for Truth & Reconciliation - Sep 30  
Thanksgiving Day - Oct 14  
Remembrance Day - Nov 11  
Christmas Closure - Dec 25 - Jan 2  
*Dates may be subject to change after publication.  
Please confirm all dates at Colwood.ca*

## Website Refresh Loading...

Community-focused navigation, stronger search, highest legibility and accessibility standards, compatible with new online service tools in the works.  
Colwood.ca

# Colwood Connection

Keeping you informed about our seaside community and encouraging you to get involved.

September 2024

Japanese Garden at Hatley Park  
by Cecile Brisebois Guillemot

## Let's get moving

### COLWOOD TRANSPORTATION FAST FACTS

**Trips by active transportation are growing**  
5% of trips in 2011 grew to 14% in 2022

**Average monthly Goose & Painter Trail users**  
22,514 Goose + 12,141 Painter Trail

**Daily vehicle trips are down to 2.6 per person**  
a decrease of about 10% since 2011

**Most morning trips stay within the community**  
41% stay in Colwood, 2/3 in West Shore

**1/3 of commute trips are 30 minutes or longer**  
commutes are longer compared to CRD

**40% of households own just one vehicle or less**  
whereas 21% have three or more vehicles

**Owning fewer vehicles is a trend in Colwood**  
1.9 vehicles per household,  
a decrease of 5% from 2011

## on a Transportation Plan update

### What is a Transportation Master Plan?

The plan provides the vision and guidance to inform how we invest in improving mobility to ensure Colwood offers safe, efficient transportation options.

### A lot has changed since the 2015 transportation plan

- Our population has increased by almost 20%, with most growth in South Colwood + Colwood Corners.
- The community-led 2018 Official Community Plan highlighted new priorities for residents.
- Upgrades are ongoing: Latoria roundabout, sidewalk projects, intersection updates, Galloping Goose Bridge, and a Waterfront Walkway.
- Data shows more people are choosing active transportation for some trips and taking fewer trips overall with an increase in working from home.

### Data and best practices are driving the plan

- Current travel data for mode choice, trip patterns, origins-destinations and vehicle ownership.
- Traffic Model data to understand the impact of potential development and identify street network improvements, intersection upgrades, or road widening required for safe, efficient movement.
- Complete street design standards to ensure that all street network improvements provide benefit across a range of travel options.
- Updated pedestrian and cycling network plans that will identify priority locations for new sidewalks, cycling facilities and trails.

### Learn more and get involved at [LetsTalkColwood.ca/TransportationPlan](https://LetsTalkColwood.ca/TransportationPlan)

Get a head start by diving into the data and be prepared to share your thoughts at in-person events and an online survey this fall.

### LIFE IN COLWOOD

**74%**

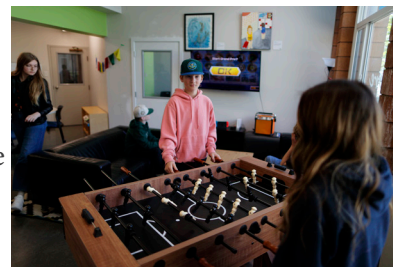
of residents who responded say transportation improvements would enhance quality of life.

### Well-being

Making it easier for residents to walk or cycle for some trips is one way Council works to support well-being.

## Fun, safe activities for youth 11-18

West Shore teens have a great option for a fun hang out with friends on Friday nights. Kids can head to West Shore Parks & Recreation to chill in the Youth Room, play in the indoor sports courts, and jump in the pool.



**New this year - Youth Mentors:** Colwood has partnered with West Shore Parks & Recreation, School District 62 and Washington Kids Foundation to have Youth Mentors at these Friday drop in events so if kids are going through something and could use the support of a caring adult, they'll be there.

Many of the kids will recognize these mentors as support workers in their schools. Their ongoing role with students gives these mentors helpful insight to support teens to focus on fun in a safe and supportive environment.

Learn more about ways we're working to engage youth at [www.colwood.ca/Youth](https://www.colwood.ca/Youth)



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## Improving access to health care by establishing a Colwood Clinic

Colwood is working to support community well-being by creating opportunities for social connection, recreation, and active living, but also by establishing a clinic to connect residents with a family physician.

In Colwood's Household Prosperity Survey the top issue for many residents is not having a doctor.

The business case confirms the existing clinic will connect 10,000 Colwoodians with a family physician by the fifth year of operation, with no ongoing impact on municipal tax funding.

### Add your name to the Health Connect Registry to access the Colwood Clinic.

The Colwood Clinic represents a new way of delivering care within the existing medical system, made possible by the Ministry of Health's innovative improvements to Longitudinal Family Practice in 2022.

Provincial revenues will flow through doctors to the clinic, allowing them to be paid as municipal employees with pension and benefits. Doctors can focus on care without having to run a business.

This is an opportunity to weave together the strengths of each level of government to do more than treat symptoms but to get to the roots of the social determinants of health.

[Colwood.ca/ColwoodClinic](http://Colwood.ca/ColwoodClinic)



## Work continues on the Waterfront Walkway

Although it's mostly behind the scenes, work on a walkway between the Lagoon Bridge and The Beachlands continues in partnership with local Nations to ensure the pathway restores and enhances protection of the sensitive ecology and archaeology of the area.

[Colwood.ca/CommunityCentre](http://Colwood.ca/CommunityCentre)

## Royal BC Museum's Archives, Research & Collections in Colwood

The new facility on Metchosin Road in Colwood will welcome visitors to learn more about the history of our province and foster connections between people, culture, and place.

The beautifully crafted, mass timber, energy efficient building will feature an outdoor learning area, an observation deck overlooking the wetland, and public spaces with seating, murals, and works of art. Learn more at: [www.collectionsandresearchbuilding.ca](http://www.collectionsandresearchbuilding.ca)



## Latoria North is changing. Help shape its future.

We've been bringing neighbours together to talk about a vision for the North Latoria area between Wishart Road and Olympic View. Property owners along this route have expressed interest in making changes on their land.

Learn more about the vision that will guide property owners as they craft development plans, inform protection of the creek and trees, accommodate transportation routes, and managing future growth.

[LetsTalkColwood.ca/LatoriaVisioning](http://LetsTalkColwood.ca/LatoriaVisioning)



## The Beachlands

The Beachlands *Experience Centre* is taking shape on Beachlands Boulevard. Seaciff & Reliance Properties envision the building as an architectural gateway featuring a coffee shop with ocean views to welcome residents and visitors to this new seaside village in Colwood. [www.Colwood.ca/TheBeachlands](http://www.Colwood.ca/TheBeachlands)

## Planning for a new Community Centre

Recreation is important for health, well-being and quality of life. Colwood's Parks & Recreation Plan calls for more recreational & community facility space as we grow. The City has the opportunity to secure land in the Royal Bay development, and has a feasibility study to plan for a future Community Centre. This study positions the City well to apply for grants that would make a future facility possible.



## New plans for pumpkins with wildlife in mind.

Our community has a lovely tradition of displaying Halloween pumpkins along local roads after the holiday. Unfortunately, the delicious scent of pumpkins is too tempting to local wildlife. It's important not to attract wildlife into neighbourhoods, for their safety and ours. This year, plan to bring your pumpkin to the PUMPKIN SMASH. Details to come!

We're fortunate to be connected to nature in Colwood, but

### DON'T GIVE BEARS A REASON TO STICK AROUND

#### REMOVE OR SECURE ATTRACTANTS:

- GARBAGE
- FALLEN FRUIT
- BIRD FEEDERS
- BARBECUES
- PET FOOD
- COMPOST



## Climate Smart, Future Ready

### Consider upgrading to a Heat Pump

Heat pumps are the most energy efficient way to heat and cool your home. There's a team of people ready to help you access rebates and navigate the process. Connect with an Energy Concierge for free and they will answer questions, provide support, and give local, expert advice and guidance. [HomeEnergyNav.ca](http://HomeEnergyNav.ca)

### Target: Zero Carbon for new homes

What does it mean that Colwood has adopted the Zero Carbon Step Code? One example: newly built homes will need use electricity for home heating and cooling. More at: [www.Colwood.ca/StepCode](http://www.Colwood.ca/StepCode)

### Get to know the Colwood Climate Action Plan

Check out Colwood's Climate Action Plan to learn how you can reduce your climate impact related to transportation, building retrofits, eco-innovation, natural assets, biodiversity, emergency preparedness, and more. [www.Colwood.ca/ClimateAction](http://www.Colwood.ca/ClimateAction)



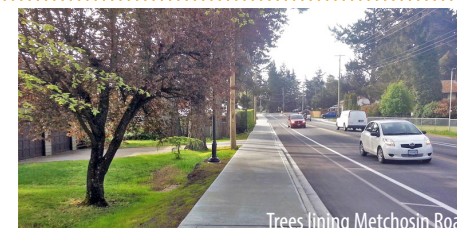
## Protecting & growing our urban forest

Abundant urban forest is one of Colwood's most cherished assets and defining qualities.

Living in Colwood we value trees for their beauty, as well as the health, environmental, social, and economic benefits they offer.

People in Colwood also recognize the need for transportation improvements, new housing, shops, and services, which often impacts trees. A resident's home renovation to add a suite, an intersection upgrade, a transit improvement, or creating safe ways for kids walking to school, may all require tree removal.

Colwood is working to find a balance between these priorities by creating an Urban Forest Strategy with input from community members.



### Bring your ideas

Providing input will help to ensure Colwood's Urban Forest Strategy reflects the community's vision and meets local interests and needs. Take the survey and drop pins on the map at [LetsTalkColwood.ca/UrbanForest](http://LetsTalkColwood.ca/UrbanForest)

### It's a great time to plant a tree!

The soil is still summer-warm and fall rain ensures a young tree will thrive throughout the winter. Watch for in person opportunities to share ideas at the weekly Branch Drop Off and you could win a tree to plant in your yard this fall.

### Help create a Retrofit Strategy!

We want to help reduce residents' energy bills, improve home comfort, safeguard health, and support high quality homes and buildings.

### Share your story What's your retrofit story?

Got a great retrofit story or want to learn from your neighbour's experience?

Join the convo at [LetsTalkColwood/Retrofits](http://LetsTalkColwood/Retrofits)

## INTERSECTION UPGRADES

"Making it safer and easier for residents to choose to walk or cycle for some of their travel through Colwood supports a healthy lifestyle and has the potential to reduce traffic congestion, lower greenhouse gas emissions, increase social connections, and foster community pride." ~Mayor Doug Kobayashi

### Wale & Wilfert

This intersection will see increased use with the completion of a new 300-unit apartment on Wilfert Road which is funding 74% of the upgrade. A BC Active Transportation Grant of \$208k will cover most of the remaining cost.

The intersection will be signalized in all directions, and will include a new diagonal shared crossing for Galloping Goose trail users. Bike lanes and conflict zones will be clearly painted, and bike lane protection will be added. The sidewalk will be extended along Wilfert Road, and turning movements will be improved for larger vehicles.

Details at: [www.Colwood.ca/WaleWilfert](http://www.Colwood.ca/WaleWilfert)

### Cairndale & Veterans

The 2015 Transportation Master Plan identified this intersection for upgrade to align with increasing traffic volume. Plans are now being advanced for 2025.

Options for both a traffic signal and a roundabout have been explored, considering traffic volume, safety, pedestrian and cycling use, land required and available, elevation changes, sight lines, entry angles, and costs.

A roundabout would require acquisition of land, retaining walls, and road realignment.

A traffic signal in this location presents fewer technical hurdles and will be more accommodating for pedestrians and cyclists, providing a better overall experience overall. Details at: [www.Colwood.ca/Cairndale](http://www.Colwood.ca/Cairndale)

## Connect with Colwood!

The City of Colwood sits on the ancestral lands of Teechamista and the Lekwungen-speaking people now known as the Songhees and Xwsepsum Nations.



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