

WHY I'M RUNNING AGAIN

I served as Mayor of Colwood from 2018 to 2022, after seven years on Council.

I know this community, and I know what can be accomplished when Mayor and Council are focused on open, honest, and collaborative work alongside their residents. In recent years, I have noticed some loss of that focus.

I strongly believe that in order to move forward productively, Colwood must rediscover and restore a sense of accountability between City Hall and residents.

I am passionate about addressing long-term transit issues, and am excited to share and explore collaborative approaches not only between Colwood residents, but also our neighbouring municipalities.

I am eager to bring forward my past experience, while also committed to openly working alongside residents to help usher in Colwood's next chapter, together.

I had the privilege of leading this community before, and I'm ready to serve again with your help.



Colwood needs transparency and accountability.

Have a question, want to volunteer, or
interested in a lawn sign for your yard?

Reach out — we'd love to hear from you.



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**Real Transparency
& Accountability**

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WHAT IS THIS COUNCIL HIDING FROM YOU?

For years, council code of conduct investigations involving our City's elected officials have been undisclosed to the public.

Residents don't know how many investigations have occurred. They don't know what any of them have cost.

When asked to disclose this information, the City's response was that it would take at least 30 hours of staff time and an \$810 fee just to produce the number of investigations and the costs they incurred.

Not the details, not the records themselves, just the statistics. The question then remains - what is being kept hidden from Colwood voters?

Real accountability means residents don't have to fight for truth and transparency from their Mayor and Council.

As Mayor, I will bring forward a motion directing staff to release all information regarding council code of conduct investigations to the fullest extent the law allows. I will also commit to maintaining this standard of transparency throughout my term.

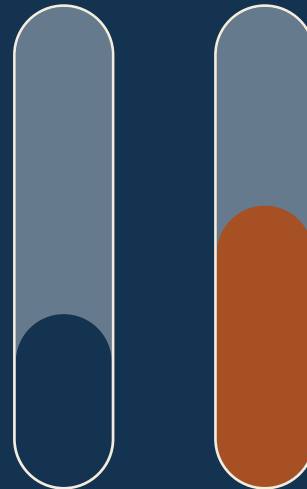
You deserve to know how your city runs.

THE COST OF THIS COUNCIL

Two records. One clear difference.

Average annual property tax increase:

3.6% 5.86%



Martin 2018-2022 Kobayashi 2022-2026

Accountability and affordability go hand-in-hand.

On the average Colwood home, that difference means paying roughly **\$650** more in property tax over a single term — just from the gap between the two records.

Colwood deserves a Mayor and Council accountable for both the money they spend and the decisions they make — in the open, not just when it's convenient.

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A REAL PLAN FOR GETTING AROUND

Colwood has two ways in and out. We need a real plan for a third.

Veterans Memorial Parkway and Sooke Road are currently the only two corridors in or out of Colwood. Meanwhile, the city's population continues to grow. Colwood residents are long overdue for a third option.

One solution to this is the development of a dedicated Westshore ferry service, something I strongly believe in. A 2019 feasibility study projected over 3,100 daily riders on a Colwood-area route. I'll bring that study back to the table and push for an updated figure that reflects our growth since.

Light rail is an exciting long-term possibility for our region, and one I support in principle. But I believe in being honest about what it actually requires: real density along the corridor it would run through — density Colwood does not yet have.

Rather than treating unchecked growth as the price of future transit, my approach is to build dedicated bus lanes today. This improves service immediately while preserving the road space light rail would eventually need — so the option is still there if and when density grows to support it. That's a responsible path forward, not a promise built on wishful thinking.

Planning and installing dedicated bus lanes along key Colwood corridors would serve a dual purpose - improving transit services today, and allowing the development of light rail once circumstances allow.

"You don't get real transportation by wishing for it. You get there by building the capacity step by step, and being honest about what's actually in the way." - Rob Martin

