VILLAGE OF SAYWARD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 3, 2024
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Village of Sayward respectfully acknowledges that the land we gather on is on the unceded territory of the K'ómoks First Nation, the traditional keepers of this land.

Present: Mayor Mark Baker
Councillor Scott Burchett
Councillor Debbie Coates
Councillor Sue Poulsen
Councillor Jason Johnson

In Attendance: John Thomas, Interim CAO/Corporate Officer
Lisa Clark, Interim CFO
Jennifer Redshaw, Recording Clerk

1. **Call to Order**

   The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

2. **Public Input**

   Milena Gradisar of 261 Ambleside Dr: A petition regarding allowing backyard chickens was first submitted for council's review November 2022. Almost two years is too long to wait for a decision. Request the council's prompt attention to the matter.

3. **Introduction of Late Items**

   a) Letter from Sayward Futures Society be added to Correspondence as 7.b).
   b) Letter from Tour de Rock 2024 be added to Correspondence as 7.c).
   c) An In-Camera item be added to the agenda of In-Camera 17. in accordance with Section 90(1)(g) of the Community Charter.

4. **Approval of Agenda**

   MOTION R24/T1
   MOVED AND SECONDED

   THAT the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council for September 3, 2024, be approved as amended.

   CARRIED

5. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

MOTION R24/T2
MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting of Council held August 20, be deferred until the next meeting of council.

CARRIED

6. **Petitions and Delegations**

a) **Chan Nowosad Boates – Presentation of the Audited 2023 Financial Statements**

MOTION R24/T3
MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council receive the 2023 Audited Financial Statements for information and discussion; and,

THAT the Village of Sayward 2023 Audited Financial Statements be approved.

CARRIED

7. **Correspondence**

a) Strathcona Waste Management, James Warren – Request to present an update on the renewal of the Solid Waste Management Plan to the Village of Sayward.

b) Sayward Futures Society – Informational letter regarding their application to a permissive tax exemption 2025.

c) Tour de Rock 2024 – Request for in-kind donations.

MOTION R24/T4
MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT correspondence a) be received.

CARRIED

MOTION R24/T5
MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT all in-kind donations be provided to Tour de Rock 2024 as requested; and,

THAT staff send a letter to the Tour de Rock 2024 Chairperson advising of the approval.

CARRIED

MOTION R24/T6
MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT correspondence b) and c) be received.

CARRIED

8. **Council Reports - None**

9. **Reports of Committees - None**

10. Mayor's Report - None

11. Unfinished Business - None

12. Staff Reports

a) RCMP Lease - Second Renewal Agreement

MOTION R24/T7
MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council receive the RCMP Lease report for information and discussion; and,

THAT Council authorizes the Mayor & Corporate Officer to sign the Renewal Lease Agreement with the RCMP.

Opposed Councillor Poulsen **CARRIED**

b) Permissive Tax Exemptions 2025

Councillor Johnson recused himself from the meeting

MOTION R24/T8
MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council receive the Permissive Tax Exemptions 2025 staff report for information and discussion.

CARRIED

MOTION R24/T9
MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Staff be directed to prepare a Permissive Tax Exemption bylaw for Sayward Futures Society of a 100% exemption for a period of 2 years for Council to consider at the September 24, 2024 council meeting.

CARRIED

Councillor Johnson returned to the meeting

c) Application to rezone 18 Sayward Rd (Adama Developments)

Councillor Johnson recused himself from the meeting

MOTION R24/T10
MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council receive this report; and,

THAT Village of Sayward Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 504, 2023 be given fourth and final reading.

CARRIED

Councillor Johnson returned to the meeting

13. Emergency Services/Public Works/Recreation Department Reports - None

14. Bylaws

d) Village of Sayward Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 504, 2023

See Staff Reports 12.c)

15. New Business - None

16. Public Question Period - None

17. In Camera

MOTION R24/T11
MOVED AND SECONDED
THAT in accordance with Section 92 of the *Community Charter,* this Council meeting will be closed to the public at this time in order that Council may give consideration to matters in accordance with the following sections of the *Community Charter*:

- Section 90(1)(c) labour relations or other employee relations
- Section 90(1)(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality

CARRIED

18. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Original Signed

Mayor

Original Signed

Corporate Officer