VILLAGE OF SAYWARD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 20, 2025
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 Jason Johnson
Councillor Sue Poulsen

In Attendance: John Thomas, Acting CAO/Corporate Officer
Jennifer Redshaw, Office Administrator

1. **Call to Order**

   The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

2. **Public Input - None**

3. **Introduction of Late Items - None**

4. **Approval of Agenda**

   MOTION R25/170
   MOVED AND SECONDED
   THAT the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council for **May 20, 2025**, be approved as presented.

   Opposed Cllr Burchett **CARRIED**

5. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

   MOTION R25/171
   MOVED AND SECONDED
   THAT the minutes from the Special Council Meeting held on **April 17, 2025**, be adopted as presented.

   CARRIED

MOTION R25/172
MOVED AND SECONDED
THAT the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on **May 6, 2025**, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

MOTION R25/173
MOVED AND SECONDED
THAT the minutes from the Special Council Meeting held on **May 6, 2025**, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

MOTION R25/174
MOVED AND SECONDED
THAT the minutes from the Special Council Meeting held on **April 23, 2024**, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

MOTION R25/175
MOVED AND SECONDED
THAT the minutes from the Special Council Meeting held on **April 25, 2024**, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

6. **Petitions and Delegations – None**
7. **Correspondence**
    a) **City of Enderby – Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act**
    b) **AVICC Advocacy Survey – Deadline May 31, 2025**
    c) **Guide to Local Government Housing Framework**

    MOTION R25/176
    MOVED AND SECONDED
    THAT Council receives correspondence a) - c) for information.

    CARRIED
8. **Council Reports - None**
9. **Reports of Committees - None**
10. **Mayor's Report**

    MOTION R25/177
    MOVED AND SECONDED
    THAT Council receives the Mayor's report for information.

    Opposed Cllr Burchett, Cllr Poulsen **CARRIED**
11. **Unfinished Business**
    a) **Update – Grant Application to Canada Summer Jobs**

MOTION R25/178
MOVED AND SECONDED
THAT Council receives this report for information.

CARRIED

b) Update – Grant Application to TD's Friends of the Environment Foundation
MOTION R25/179
MOVED AND SECONDED
THAT Council receives this report for information.

CARRIED

12. Staff Reports - None

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

14. Bylaws - None

15. New Business

a) 291 MacMillan Drive

MOTION R25/180
MOVED AND SECONDED
THAT Council, pursuant to the authority provided in Section 74 of the Community Charter and after viewing the 291 MacMillan Dr council package, DECLARES the property at 291 MacMillan Dr having a legal description of: LOT 5 BLOCK M PLAN VIP21662 DSTLOT 305 LNDDST (Parcel Identifier: 003-428-141) as a nuisance that requires remedial action;

THAT Council IMPOSES the following remedial action requirement on the registered property owner at 291 MacMillan Dr with respect to the property described above in Recommendation 1 to remove all items from the land including:

i. Unpermitted 2006 Keystone Cougar RV and site built porch

ii. rubbish; trash; garbage; litter; debris; rubble; demolition waste; discarded or disused objects, materials or items; junk; filth; discarded or disused objects, materials, or items; unused or dismantled aircraft, electronic devices, or machinery; old, discarded or unused mechanical or metal parts; glass or plastic bottles or objects; tin cans or other metal container; paper; glass; pipes; dilapidated furniture; inoperative appliances or other similar things; unused wood or wood products and any other chattel;

In order to eliminate the declared nuisance.
Compliance and Reconsideration Notice Time Limit Recommendations

THAT Council, pursuant to Section 76 of the Community Charter, SETS THE TIME LIMIT for completion of all the remedial action requirements described in Recommendation 2, to be no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 31, 2025, which is greater than the 30 days required.

THAT Council, pursuant to Section 78 of the Community Charter, SETS THE TIME LIMIT for giving notice of a request for Council to reconsider the remedial action requirements described in Recommendation 2, to be no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 6 2024 which is greater than the 14 days required.

Municipal Action at Defaulters Expense
THAT Council AUTHORIZES Administration to take all appropriate action in accordance with Section 17 [Municipal Action at Defaulter's Expense] of the Community Charter, to ensure the subject property is brought into compliance with all the remedial action requirements described in Recommendation 2, including the Village of Sayward, or authorized agents, to go onto the subject property to complete the remediation, provided that:

i. the property owner has not fully completed the remedial action requirements on or before the time limit specified in this Council resolution; and

ii. all costs incurred by the *Village of Sayward* to bring the property into compliance shall be at the expense of the property owner and, pursuant to Section 17 of the Community Charter, and such costs shall be recovered from the property owner as a debt owed to the *Village of Sayward.*

CARRIED

16. Public Question Period - None

17. In Camera

MOTION R25/181
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*:

1. 90(1)(c) labour relations or other employee relations.
2. 90(1)(d) security of the property of the municipality.
3. 90(1)(i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.
4. 90(1)(j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.*
5. 90(2)(c) a matter that is being investigated under the Ombudsperson Act of which the municipality has been notified under section 14 (*Ombudsperson to notify authority*) of that Act.

Opposed Cllr Burchett **CARRIED**

Cllr Burchett declared, in his opinion, and without prejudice, he will not participate in the In-Camera part of this meeting due to the harassment and corruption he has observed and been subject to. He said this is not a safe place or a fair place to conduct business and he will not participate until further notice in any In-Camera proceedings with the Village of Sayward.

CAO Thomas stated that when a member of council on their own volition refuses to perform their duties of office, that is their responsibility, their conscience, their oath of office, not the village.

Cllr Burchett left the meeting at 7:19pm.

CAO Thomas continued, stating that in doing so, it does take away from the obligation of council to fulfill its legal, lawful duty to the citizens that elected them. Cllr Burchett has declared his intention of not sitting in any future council meeting. If a point arises where quorum comes into question, he may request council formally request from the minister an adjustment to the quorum for the village, but we are not at that stage yet.

CAO Thomas also vehemently and categorically disagreed with the characterization that Cllr Burchett has been or is being bullied by anybody in the audience, by staff or from what he is aware of, by council.

18. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:51pm.

Original Signed ***Original Signed***

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Mayor Corporate Officer