VILLAGE OF SAYWARD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
September 16, 2025 - 7:00 PM
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.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Public Input (Maximum of 2 minutes per speaker, 15 minutes total)**
   Mayor: "Public input is for the purpose of permitting people in the gallery to provide feedback and shall be no longer than 15 minutes unless approved by majority vote of Council; each speaker may provide respectful comment on any topic they deem appropriate and not necessarily on the topics on the agenda of the meeting. Each speaker may not speak for longer than 2 minutes but may have a second opportunity if time permits. Each speaker must not be allowed to speak regarding a bylaw in respect of which a public hearing has been held. For the record, please state your name and address."
3. **Introduction of Late Items**
4. **Approval of Agenda**

   Recommended Resolution:

   THAT the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council for **September 16, 2025**, be approved [as presented **or** as amended].
5. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

   Recommended Resolutions:

   a) THAT the minutes from the **Regular Council Meeting** held on **September 2, 2025**, be adopted [as presented **or** as amended].
6. **Petitions and Delegations**

   a) Neil MacDougall representing Sayward Muay Thai and request for Grant in Aid
7. **Correspondence**

   Note: Council received the following correspondence with Approval of the Agenda. Council members, however, are welcome to move discussion of any piece/s of correspondence.

   a) City of Prince George request for support for five proposed resolutions during UBCM 2025 Convention - dated September 2, 2025

b) Invitation from Dallas Brodie, MLA Vancouver-Quilchena dated Sept 5-2025 to attend "What DRIPA Means for Local Governments" on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at the Parkside Hotel – Victoria during the UBCM 2025 Convention. RSVP requested.

c) BC Salmons Farmers Association email and news release dated Sept 5- 2025 "No Farms, Still Sea Lice … Again: Evidence Mounts Further Debunking Assumptions About Salmon Farming And Parasite Levels".

d) Invitation from SRD to Elected Officials to attend – "Building Bridges Through Understanding the Village Workshop" – November 4, 2025.

8. Council Reports - None

9. Reports of Committees - None

10. Mayor's Report

11. Unfinished Business - None

12. Staff Reports

a) Grant in Aid Request – Sayward Muay Thai

i. Staff Report with attachments

Recommended Resolution

THAT Council approves the grant in aid request from Neil MacDougall on behalf of Sayward Muay Thai dated September 4, 2025.

Note: Other potential resolutions are provided in the Village of Sayward staff report for Council's consideration regarding the Grant in Aid Request.

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

14. Bylaws - None

15. New Business - None

16. Public Question Period (maximum 15 minutes)

Mayor: "The purpose of the public question period is to enable citizens to ask questions of Council about issues that are important to the citizen asking the question. Speakers are asked to limit their questions to one each and, if time permits after everyone has had an opportunity to ask questions, speakers may ask a second question. Citizens will be asked to state their name and address."

17. In Camera

Recommended Resolution:

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.*

18. Adjournment

a) THAT the Village of Sayward Council adjourns its September 16, 2025 Regular Meeting.

Time and Date: _____.

VILLAGE OF SAYWARD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 2, 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: Andrew Young, CAO/CO
Lisa Clark, CFO
Jennifer Redshaw, Office Administrator

1. **Call to Order**

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

2. **Public Input - None**

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

4. **Approval of Agenda**

   MOTION R25/241
   MOVED AND SECONDED
   THAT the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council for **September 2, 2025**, be approved as presented.

   CARRIED

5. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

   MOTION R25/242
   MOVED AND SECONDED
   THAT the minutes from the **Special Council Meeting** held on **August 8, 2025**, be adopted as presented.

   CARRIED

MOTION R25/243
MOVED AND SECONDED
THAT the minutes from the **Regular Council Meeting** held on **August 19, 2025**, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

6. **Petitions and Delegations - None**

7. **Correspondence**

   a) **Invitation from Strathcona Regional District and Campbell River Hospital Foundation and Seymour Pacific Homes to attend Just Like Homes Lodge start of construction ceremony Sept 10, 2025**

   b) **Solid Waste Management Plan: Strategies and Actions Available for Input – from Comox**

   c) **SRD Launches Parks and Trails Planning for Electoral Area D – News Release from Strathcona Regional District – dated August 20, 2025**

   d) **Strathcona Accessibility and Inclusion Advisory Committee – call for Volunteers – dated August 22, 2025**

   e) **Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) Program – 2025 FireSmart Community Funding Approval and Agreement – dated August 18, 2025**

   f) **Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF) – First Community Works Fund payment – announcement dated August 13, 2025**

   g) **Open Letter to Premier David Eby and Prime Minister Mark Carney – Requesting Immediate Action on BC's Coastal Forestry Crisis, from Aaron Gunn, MP – dated August 21, 2025**

MOTION R25/244
MOVED AND SECONDED
THAT Council receives correspondence a-g for information.

No vote was taken

MOTION R25/245
MOVED AND SECONDED
THAT Council receives correspondence a), c), d), e), f) for information.

CARRIED

Direction to Staff to request a presentation to Council by Comox Strathcona Waste Management.

MOTION R25/246
MOVED AND SECONDED
THAT Council support the open letter to Premier David Eby and Prime Minister Mark Carney requesting immediate action on BC's Coastal Forestry Crisis, from Aaron Gunn, MP.

CARRIED

MOTION R25/247
MOVED AND SECONDED
THAT Council receives correspondence b) and g).

CARRIED

8. Council Reports - None

9. Reports of Committees – None

10. Mayor's Report

a) Report from Mayor Baker regarding proposed Road Rescue Boundaries for the Sayward Volunteer Fire Department from the recent Strathcona Regional District Board meeting held on August 20, 2025.

MOTION R25/248
MOVED AND SECONDED
THAT Council receives the Mayor's Report.

CARRIED

Mayor Baker said he will bring Council's questions to Shaun Koopman, Manager, Emergency Services, Strathcona Regional District, and report back to Council.

11. Unfinished Business - None

12. Staff Reports

a) Grant in Aid Request – BC Ambulance Service Station 131

MOTION R25/249
MOVED AND SECONDED
THAT Council approves the grant in aid request from the BC Ambulance Service dated August 15, 2025.

CARRIED

Direction to Staff to ensure any vehicles in the BCA campsite are insured.

MOTION R25/250
MOVED AND SECONDED
THAT Staff be directed to communicate with the SRD about the grant in aid for the BC Ambulance Service; and,

THAT the Mayor and the CAO bring this topic before Staff at the UBCM Conference.

CARRIED

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

14. Bylaws - None

15. New Business - None

16. Public Question Period - None

17. In Camera - None

18. Adjournment

MOTION R25/251
MOVED AND SECONDED
THAT the Village of Sayward Council adjourns its September 2, 2025 Regular Meeting.

Time and Date: 7:34 pm September 2, 2025

CARRIED

_____ _____

Mayor Corporate Officer

REQUEST TO APPEAR AS DELEGATION

Delegates are individuals or group representatives that are formally included on a Regular Council or Committee of the Whole meeting agenda, generally to:

- Initiate discussion on a matter of broad community interest that falls within municipal jurisdiction
- Bring Council up to date on a project, idea, or concept
- Make a specific request of Council

Deadlines: Delegation Requests and ALL supporting documentation & written background material must be submitted no later than 12:00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to the meeting at which Council will hear the delegation.

PowerPoint presentations, if applicable, must be submitted to Corporate Officer by 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

Confirmation: Delegations are not confirmed until you are contacted by Village staff to confirm your place on the agenda.

Meeting Format: A maximum of two (2) public delegations are permitted per Regular Council meeting.

Each delegation to a Regular Council meeting is permitted ten (10) minutes to present, followed by an opportunity for Council questions.

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Name of delegate(s) and title, if applicable:
Neil MacDougall.

Organization Name, if applicable:
Sayward Muay Thai

S:\WORKING FILES\COUNCIL\Request to Appear as Delegation Form.docxMeeting date requested:
See https://www.sayward.ca/government-bylaws/council-meetings for schedule of upcoming

meetings
Tuesday, Sept 16th, 2025

Suggested title of presentation:
Muay Thai training

Topic of discussion:
To request permission to use the Kelsey Centre Gymnasium and weight room so I may continue volunteering running the Muay Thai training programs open to all ages 8 years and up. All though open to all ages my main focus, as It was last fall is for the youth. I would like to use the facility on Wednesdays from Start time 4:00 pm End time 7:00 pm for the period of 9 months, beginning date, September 24, 2025.

The program will be offered free to youth. My goal is to provide a safe, positive, and structured environment where kids can learn the fundamentals of Muay Thai, improving their physical fitness, develop discipline, and self-confidence. This will provide after-school activity for our community's youth. I understand the importance of respecting municipal property and am prepared to ensure all rules and regulations are followed.

DATE in the subject line.
N/A
Purpose of presentation:
□ Provide information only
* Make a specific request of Council

Details of Council request, if applicable:
N/A
Do you wish to make a PowerPoint presentation? See "deadlines" section on page 1 of this form. Do you wish to provide written background material to Council in add
See "deadlines" section on page 1 of this form**. No**

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UBCM Member Communities

September 2, 2025

RE: 2025 UBCM Resolutions

To our fellow UBCM members,

We write to share five (5) resolution items the City of Prince George has submitted to the annual convention, three (3) through the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) and two (2) through direct submission to UBCM. This year, we have again resolved to look at items that are not only of interest to our region but that also impact those across the province.

We hope we can count on you to support these items when the time comes and have included full text of each resolution with the background below for consideration.

If you would like to be involved in future advocacy, separate from the UBCM process, please reach out and our staff will work to coordinate interest with any emerging opportunities.

The items we are hoping we can work together to advocate for are:

- Adequate funding, offices and staffing of the BC Conservation Service;
- Construction of a regional secure psychiatric facility in the Prince George area;
- Increased core provincial funding for Public Libraries;
- Declaration of human trafficking, gender-based violence & intimate partner violence as an epidemic in BC and for an updated BC's Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking; and
- Finalization of agreements between municipalities and BC Ambulance Service including a funding component to compensate local governments providing emergency medical services for related costs.

These are items we feel are a benefit to us all. We look forward to discussing these resolutions, and meeting at the UBCM Convention in a few weeks!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Mayor Simon Yu
City of Prince George

Union of BC Municipalities - 2025 Resolution Submissions

Resolution #1: Conservation Officer Advocacy

UBCM reference: RR22 (refer to EB35)

Resolution Background:

A provincial government webpage, last updated in 2023, on Conservation Officer career information states, "there are over 69,000 law enforcement officers in Canada, and only 150 of them can be B.C. Conservation Officers". Having only 150 officers on the front lines of environmental law enforcement in British Columbia does not meet the need our vast geography requires. We believe further investment is needed to ensure British Columbia's treasured environment is well looked after.

Draft Resolution:

WHEREAS the provincial government is responsible for managing the conservation service, with few officers covering a geographically vast region, which has a negative impact on the ability of the BC Conservation Officer Service to meet the needs of the communities served;

AND WHEREAS the British Columbia Conservation Officer Service needs additional resources to adequately address public safety, focus on natural resource law enforcement, off road vehicle enforcement, illegal dumping, human wildlife conflicts prevention, and respond to wildlife human conflict:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NCLGA advocates that the provincial government be required to provide adequate funding, offices and staffing to fully support the BC Conservation Officer Service to be more active and proactive in effectively managing conservation services.

Resolution #2: Regional Secure Psychiatric Care Facility

UBCM reference: Not included (this item was determined to be regional in scope and is not included in the UBCM resolution package).

Resolution Background:

The Province of British Columbia has committed to taking action to ensure people with long-term concurrent mental-health and addiction challenges get secure and dignified care by opening highly secure facilities for people under the Mental Health Act throughout the province. Prince George is well positioned to host such a facility for the region and seeks NCLGAs support in advocating for the expedient establishment of such resources.

Draft resolution:

> WHEREAS the provincial government has stated an interest in establishing, throughout the province, beds under the Mental Health Act at highly secure regional facilities, where people will receive long term care and housing that is secure, safe and dignified, and as the City of Prince George recognizes its role as a regional service hub for these types of facilities.
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> AND WHEREAS the provincial government has stated they are working on legislation, supported by expert consultation, that would support involuntary admittance to these specialized, compassionate care facilities with a coordinated plan for both treatment and post care.
>
> THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NCLGA advocates to the Provincial Government for the construction of a standalone secure psychiatric care facility, to serve the region, in Prince George.

Resolution #3: Provincial Funding for Public Libraries

UBCM reference: RR25 (refer to SR3)

Resolution background:

The City of Prince George encourages NCLGA members to support the BC Public Library Partners and the Association of BC Public Library Directors in requesting the provincial government provide sustainable funding increases for public libraries. In support of this campaign the below resolution language, modeled after language shared by the BC Public Library Partners, is presented.

Draft resolution:

> WHEREAS core funding for public libraries in British Columbia has remained unchanged since 2009, despite BC's population growing 29%, limiting their ability to expand and evolve their programming as demand for their services increases;
>
> AND WHEREAS the operational requirements of public libraries increasingly require significant and diverse resources to provide front-line community services, including supporting patrons with mental health and addiction issues as well as barriers to housing, providing critical locations of refuge during extreme weather events, providing services to new Canadians, and supporting the process of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples:
>
> THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NCLGA call on the provincial government to increase core funding for public libraries on a yearly basis in line with inflation and immediately increases annual core funding for libraries to $30 million as requested by the BC Public Library Partners and recommended by the province's Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services.

Resolution #4: Human Trafficking, Gender Based & Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic

UBCM reference: NR57

Resolution background:

Gender-based violence is defined as violence or abuse perpetrated against a woman, girl or gender-diverse individual because of their gender, gender expression, gender identity or perceived gender. Intimate partner violence is a prevalent form of gender-based violence, referring to multiple forms of harm caused by a current or former intimate partner or spouse in public, private and/or online.

BC Prosecution Service began releasing statistics about intimate partner violence files in its 2022 annual report. The 2023/2024 BC Prosecution Service report indicates that while the 5-year trend for Reports to Crown Counsel (RCCs) received under the four main categories (crimes against the person, property crimes, administration of justice, and other offences) have seen substantive decreases, crimes against the person has remained largely stable. Of these crimes against the person RCCs, the proportion of intimate partner violence RCCs have increased from 18.6% to 21.6% between 2019/2020 and 2023/2024.

Additionally, intimate partner violence and human trafficking are often related to one another. Statistics Canada reports that approximately one third (1/3) of survivors/victims of human trafficking were trafficked by an intimate partner.

Draft resolution:

> *WHEREAS reported cases of gender-based violence, intimate partner violence, and human trafficking are increasing across British Columbia;*
>
> *AND WHEREAS BC's Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking has not been updated since its publication in 2013;*
>
> *THEREFORE be it resolved that UBCM petition the province to declare gender-based violence, intimate partner violence, and human trafficking an epidemic in British Columbia and update BC's Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking.*

Resolution #5: BC Ambulance Service

UBCM reference: EB7

Resolution background:

In 2023, the City of Prince George endorsed a resolution asking the provincial government to develop a funding model to compensate local governments providing emergency medical services and pre-hospital care through their fire and rescue services. The provincial response emphasized the voluntary nature of the agreements between BCEHS and the municipality, advising that costs may be managed by scaling back participation in providing lifesaving emergency medical services and pre-hospital care by fire and rescue services. The City feels this is an inappropriate and impractical response to our genuine concern.

Draft Resolution:

WHEREAS agreements between BC municipalities and BCEHS regarding municipal fire services providing pre-hospital care lapsed in 2010; and

WHEREAS provincial investment and staffing have not kept pace with the growing demand for emergency medical services and pre-hospital care causing municipalities to increasingly become involved through their fire rescue services;

THEREFORE be it resolved that UBCM petition the province to finalize agreements with BC municipalities as soon as possible and include a funding component to compensate local governments providing emergency medical services and pre-hospital care through their fire and rescue services for related costs including, but not limited to, medical supplies and training.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
of BRITISH COLUMBIA



September 5, 2025

Dear Council Member,

I hope this letter finds you well. As we prepare for the upcoming annual UBCM convention taking place the week of **September 22, 2025**, I would like to extend an invitation for you to meet with me to discuss the needs and priorities of your community.

This year marks an important milestone as we introduce **OneBC. Our caucus** is fighting for the prosperity of every British Columbian. We are committed to major tax cuts, defending our democratic institutions, and delivering worldclass public infrastructure.

I will be hosting a roundtable event on What DRIPA Means for Local Governments on Wednesday, September 24 at 12:30pm at the Parkside Hotel. Space is limited. Please contact our caucus assistant, **Shir Shmerling**, by email at shir.shmerling@leg.bc.ca or by phone at **250-208-0954 to confirm attendance. You are also invited to schedule** a one-on-one meeting with me during available timeslots on Tuesday or Wednesday that week.

I look forward to the opportunity to engage with you and learn more about your priorities and goals. Thank you for your service to your community and to this beautiful province

Yours sincerely,

Dallas Brodie, MLA
Vancouver-Quilchena

cc: Shir Shmerling Legislative Assistant for the OneBC Caucus

From:	Michelle Franze
To:	Michelle Franze
Cc:	Brian Kingzett; Andrew Nixon
Subject:	FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: NO FARMS, STILL SEA LICE…AGAIN: EVIDENCE MOUNTS FURTHER DEBUNKING ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT SALMON FARMING AND PARASITE LEVELS
Date:	Friday, September 5, 2025 8:09:36 AM
Attachments:	250905 BCSFA CC Broughton Sea Lice NR.pdf
Importance:	High

Good morning,

Please find the attached news release regarding a recently published peer-reviewed paper in the Diseases of Aquatic Organisms. The paper provides strong evidence that the removal of salmon farms in the Broughton Archipelago has not reduced the number of sea lice (a natural external parasite in the marine ecosystem that has co-existed with wild salmon for millions of years) on wild Pacific salmon. This paper builds on a growing body of evidence that challenges the assumption of "no salmon farms = no sea lice."

Additionally, Ahousaht First Nation, Maaqutusiis Hahoulthee Stewardship Society (MHSS) and Cermaq Canada announced earlier this week that, through collaborative advancements in sea lice management, Cermaq has conducted zero treatments and maintained a lice level of 0.30 over the last 12 months.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

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September 5th, 2025

NO FARMS, STILL SEA LICE…*AGAIN*: EVIDENCE MOUNTS FURTHER DEBUNKING ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT SALMON FARMING AND PARASITE LEVELS

Nine years of sea lice monitoring in the Broughton Archipelago confirm that BC salmon farms are not driving sea lice levels in wild Pacific salmon. This adds to a growing body of evidence challenging claims made by anti-salmon farming activists.

Liǧʷiłdaxʷ TERRITORY/CAMPBELL RIVER, BC — A recently published peer-reviewed paper in the *Diseases of Aquatic Organisms* provides strong evidence that the removal of salmon farms in the Broughton Archipelago has not reduced the amount of sea lice (a natural external parasite in the marine ecosystem that has co-existed with wild salmon for millions of years) on wild Pacific salmon. The paper reviewed sea lice monitoring data collected between 2016 and 2024, demonstrating that natural environmental factors, not the presence of salmon farms, are the primary drivers of sea lice prevalence on juvenile salmon in British Columbia.

The paper analyzed nearly 3,000 juvenile chum and pink salmon over nine years, including the phased removal of salmon farms from the region. Even with aquaculture production in the Broughton reduced by more than 95%, from 21,645 tonnes in 2019 to just 614 tonnes in 2024, sea lice levels on wild salmon remained unchanged or even increased in some years.

“This study provides clear scientific evidence that the removal of salmon farms does not invariably lead to reduced sea lice infestation levels on wild Pacific salmon,” said Dr. Crawford Revie, Professor of Data Analytics at the University of Strathclyde in the UK. “These findings highlight the importance of understanding the range of natural environmental processes that shape sea lice population dynamics.”

The data (Figure 1 below) shows no correlation between salmon farm biomass and sea lice prevalence (percentage of fish with sea lice) on wild salmon over the nine years of monitoring. In fact, the prevalence of sea lice spiked in 2022, when aquaculture production was already in decline, and increased again in 2024 after almost all farms were removed. Additionally, there is a lower prevalence of sea lice in years of peak biomass production, such as 2017 and 2019.

This new analysis builds on previous findings from research released in April, reviewing eight years of data in the Discovery Islands, which similarly showed that the presence of sea lice remained unchanged following the removal of salmon farms. An extensive literature review released last year also identified overestimations of the effects of sea lice

from salmon farms on wild Atlantic salmon. Further supporting these recent findings, the Canadian Science Advisory Secretariat's (CSAS) 2022 Science Response, with an updated paper released in June, showed no causational relationship between salmon farms and sea lice on wild Pacific salmon. Together, these studies form part of a growing body of evidence that challenges the assumption of "no salmon farms = no sea lice."

Additionally, Ahousaht First Nation, Maaqutusiis Hahoulthee Stewardship Society (MHSS) and Cermaq Canada announced earlier this week that, through collaborative advancements in sea lice management, Cermaq has conducted zero treatments and maintained a lice level of 0.30 over the last 12 months.

"Now more than ever, Canada needs homegrown, responsibly-raised and affordable protein," said Brian Kingzett, Executive Director of the BC Salmon Farmers Association. "With the federal government's new focus on advancing the competitiveness of Canada's fish and seafood sector and ongoing research supporting farm-raised and wild Pacific salmon co-existence, now is the time to reconsider the policy decisions harming rural communities and undermining food sovereignty."

The British Columbia salmon farming sector still faces the 2029 ban on current ocean-pen systems, a decision announced by the previous federal government in June 2024. Beyond the science, this issue has broad implications for Canada's food security, economy, and rural coastal communities. Salmon farming in BC generates thousands of jobs, provides a low-carbon source of protein, and supports rights and title through agreements and partnerships with First Nations whose territories the farms operate in.

The full published paper can be found here: https://www.int-res.com/articles/dao_oa/d163p107.pdf.

FIGURE

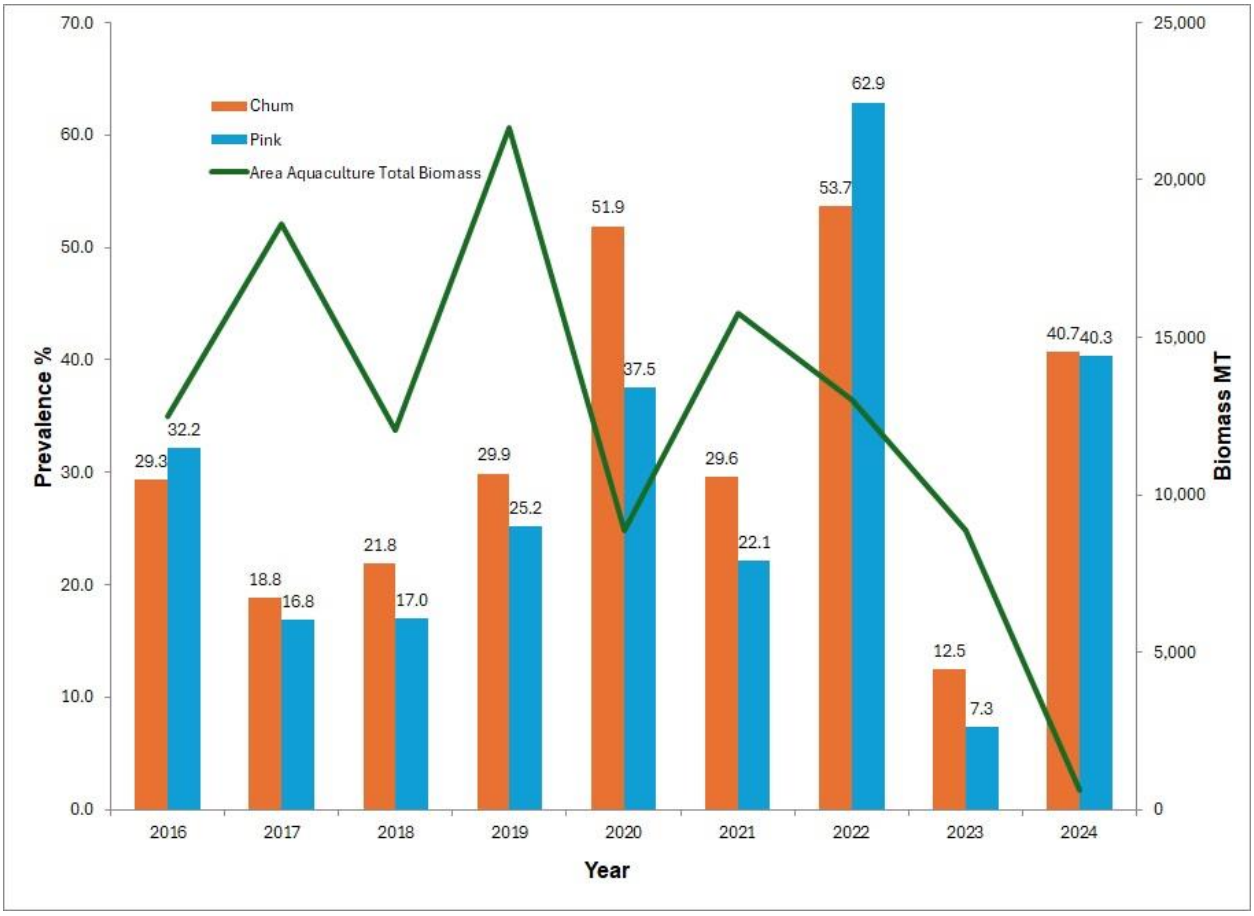


Figure 1. Prevalence of sea lice (percentage of fish with sea lice) on wild juvenile chum and pink salmon compared to total aquaculture biomass from 2016 to 2024 in the Broughton Archipelago. Source: Broughton Archipelago Juvenile Wild Salmonoid Monitoring Program, Mainstream Biological Consulting Inc., 2024.

ABOUT THE BC SALMON FARMERS ASSOCIATION

The BC Salmon Farmers Association represents nearly 60 businesses and organizations throughout the value chain of finfish aquaculture in BC. Our members account for over 95% of the annual provincial harvest of farm-raised salmon in British Columbia.

Farm-raised salmon generates over $1.17 billion for the provincial economy, supporting 4,560 well-paid full-time jobs. Additionally, farm-raised salmon provides a nutritious and sustainably produced protein with a low carbon footprint that contributes to Canada's food security and Blue Economy.

BC salmon farmers are committed to reconciliation. All farms operating in BC are currently in agreement, negotiation, or established partnerships with First Nations in whose territories we operate. These agreements are founded upon recognizing First Nations' right to exercise jurisdiction over the land, resources, and waters within their territories.

For more information, visit bcsalmonfarmers.ca.

For a comprehensive scientific summary of salmon farming in BC, read our Modern Science Review.

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The Village workshop series

Building Bridges Through Understanding the Village Workshop

For elected officials representing First Nation communities, municipalities and electoral areas within the Strathcona Regional District.

When: Tuesday November 4th, 2025

Where: Rotary Field House

425B Merecroft Road, Campbell River

Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm

To Register: Contact Shaun Koopman – Manager of Emergency Services at skoopman@srd.ca or 250-830-6702

Breakfast and lunch to be provided.

Maximum 36 participants.

Grant funded commercial accommodation on Monday November 3rd and/or Tuesday November 4th is available to help you attend. Please just let Shaun know when you register.



During this experiential workshop participants explore their own, personal role in supporting the revival of the values that worked so beautifully in indigenous villages for thousands of years. As a group, we also explore in-depth the effects of Residential Schools and Canada's Policy of Assimilation on Indigenous communities.

This workshop is geared to solutions rather than recrimination and is a great forum in which to ask questions. Participants in these often emotion-provoking workshop experiences comment that while they understood a bit about the issue on a cognitive level, after participation in Building Bridges Through Understanding the Village they understand on a deep emotional level as well. The workshop is done from a non-blame and non-shame perspective and invites all participants to become a part of the healing that IS already happening.

STAFF REPORT

To: Mayor and Council
From: Lisa Clark, CFO
Subject: **Grant in Aid Request – Neil MacDougall, Muay Thai Instructor**
Meeting date: September 16, 2025

BACKGROUND

Policy # 300-09 - *Grant in Aid Policy* (attached) establishes guidelines for providing financial or in kind assistance to community groups and non-profit organizations that benefit the community. Grants in aid and in-kind grants demonstrate Council's support of community groups which provide beneficial programs, services, or projects to the community. The policy, along with an established grant in aid budget, provides Council with a framework and resources to serve the community within its capacity.

DISCUSSION

Staff received a grant in aid application (in kind donation) from Neil MacDougall, a local individual who facilitates and instructs Muay Thai training programs in the Village of Sayward (Attached). Mr. MacDougall is requesting free use of the Kelsey Centre gymnasium and weight room to continue offering these programs, which have historically been facilitated by Kelsey Centre staff when the Centre was open for programming.

The instructor volunteers his time, and the program is free to participants, primarily youth. As with all instructors working with vulnerable individuals, the Village ensures that current criminal record checks are on file and that all relevant policies and procedures are acknowledged and agreed to by the instructor.

The requested period for use of the Kelsey Centre gymnasium and weight room is from **September 24, 2025 – June 20, 2026 on Wednesday evenings from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.** The grant in aid application and accompanying letter received by Village staff are attached to this report.

Financial Information

Currently, the Kelsey Centre is closed for programming but remains open for private, not-for-profit, and corporate rentals. Individuals wishing to use the facility are subject to the fees outlined in **Bylaw No. 451 Fees & Charges Bylaw**. An excerpt from the bylaw specifically *Schedule C – Kelsey Centre* is provided below.

The rental fee for the gymnasium for youth activities (half day) is **$150.00**. Staff note the bylaw does not specify a rental fee for the weight room.

ROOM RENTAL *	PRICE	SECURITY DEPOSIT
Bar rental (renter responsible for own supplies and permit)	$150.00 half day	$75.00
Gym - Adult Activities	$175.00 half day $350.00/day	$250.00
Gym - Child/Youth/Senior Activities	$150.00 half day $300.00/day	$250.00
Gym - Commercial Use	$200.00 half day $400.00/day	$350.00
Kitchen and bar rate	$200.00 half day $300.00/day	$350.00
Kitchen - use of all existing equipment (paper plates/cups and napkins excluded)	$150.00 half day $250.00/day	$350.00
Multipurpose room *See Recreation Manager for customized options*	$150.00 half day $250.00/day	$75.00
Labour-Set Up/breakdown or other	$30.00 Hour per person	N/A
Labour-Bartender/Server	$35.00 Hour per person	N/A

If the Kelsey Centre remains closed to programming, and the gymnasium is rented for the Muay Thai program every Wednesday from **September 24, 2025, to June 30, 2026**, the rental fees would be:

Item	**Quantity**	**Amount**	**Total**
Half day rental of Kelsey Centre gymnasium - Every Wednesday from Sep 24, 2025 - Jun 30, 2026	40	$ 150.00	$ 6,000.00

If the Kelsey Centre reopens for programming, and the Muay Thai rental is no longer required, the rental fees collected would be less than shown above.

If Council approves the grant in aid request the forgone revenue would be the gymnasium rental fees outlined above.

It should be noted that a refundable security / damage deposit will be expected, unless Council waives this requirement by resolution.

Grant In Aid Policy

Section 4 of the Village of Sayward's *Grant in Aid Policy #300-09* (Attached) states that applicants must be registered non-profit organizations or community groups. However, Council may approve a variance from this policy:

4.0 PROCEDURES

4.1 Who Can Apply

a.) The applicant must be a registered non-profit organization or community group of the benefitting area.

b.) The registered non-profit organization or community group must be locally based in the Village or must otherwise provide services or benefits to the Village. The grant in aid or in-kind grant requested must provide a specific service or benefit to the community or any aspect of the community.

c.) The registered non-profit organization or community group must be financially and administratively sound.

d.) Each applicant requesting a monetary grant in aid must demonstrate there is a need for financial assistance and that adequate funding from other sources is not available.

e.) All applicants that receive a grant in aid must provide a written report to Council that outlines the success of their activity and how the grant in aid funds were used within 12 months of the date the grant in aid is issued. Applicants that receive an in-kind grant are also encouraged to provide a written report to Council.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Council receives the Grant in Aid Request – Neil MacDougall, Muay Thai Instructor staff report for information and discussion.

Options:

1. THAT the grant in aid request from Neil MacDougall, Muay Thai Instructor, dated September 04, 2025, be approved.

2. THAT the grant in aid request from Neil MacDougall, Muay Thai Instructor, dated September 04, 2025, be denied.

3. {THAT Council direct staff to take another action deemed appropriate by Council.}

Recommendation:

Staff recommend option 1.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Clark, CFO

Attachment/s:

- ***Grant in Aid Application from Neil MacDougall, Muay Thai Instructor***
- ***Policy 300-09 Grant in Aid Policy***

Appendix A – Application for Grant in Aid

Village of Sayward

Name of Organization	NEIL MACDOUGALL
Address of Organization	[redacted]
Full Mailing Address	
Telephone Number & Email	
Contact Person/Title	~~[illegible]~~ NEIL / COACH, TRAINER.

Primary purpose of organization: TO PROMOTE IN YOUTH PHYSICAL AND MENTAL WELL-BEING, AND INSTILLS CORE VALUES.

Event or reason for request: I'M PASSIONATE ABOUT TRAINING THE YOUTH IN MY COMMUNITY THROUGH MUAY THAI. I WANT TO TEACH THEM DISCIPLINE, RESPECT, NOT ONLY FOR THEM SELF OVER →

Date of event: START DATE SEPT 24 TO JUNE 30 2026 ON WEDNESDAY 4:00-7:00

Amount of grant requested (or items requested if in-kind): N/A

In order to be considered for a grant in aid (financial) please ensure you attach the following when submitting your application:

1.) Most recent Financial Statements N/A
2.) Budget & details for event N/A

Have you received a previous grant in aid from the Village? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Applicant's signature: [signature] Date: SEPT 04/2025

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BUT OTHERS, AND SELF-DEFENSE SKILLS, EMPOWERING THEM WITH THE CONFIDENCE TO NAVIGATE LIFE'S CHALLENGES. THIS PROGRAM WILL PROMOTE PHYSICAL FITNESS AND BUILD A STRONGER MORE RESILIENT COMMUNITY FOR ALL.

Alastair MacDougall
[redacted]

To Whom it my Concern / Municipal Office
652-A H'kusam Way PO Box 29,
Sayward, BC, V0P 1R)

Subject: Request for Facility Use for Volunteer Youth Muay Thai Program

Im writing to formally request permission to use the Kelsey Centre Gymnasium and weight room so I may continue volunteer Muay Thai training programs open to all ages 8 years and up. All though open to all ages me main focus as It was last fall is for the youth. I would like to use the facility on Wednesdays from Start time 4:00 pm End time 7:00 pm for the period 9 months, beginning date, September 10th 2025.

The program will be offered free of charge to local youth. My goal is to provide a safe, positive, and structured environment where kids can learn the fundamentals of Muay Thai improving their physical fitness, and develop discipline and self-confidence. This initiative will provide a valuable after-school activity for our community's youth.

I understand the importance of respecting municipal property and am prepared to ensure all rules and regulations are followed. I will personally supervise all sessions and take full responsibility for the group's conduct.

Thank you for considering my request. I am available to discuss this matter further at your convenience and can be reached at the phone number or email address provided above.

Sincerely,

Alastair MacDougall

	Village of Sayward	
	Title: Grant in Aid Policy	**Policy # 300-08**
	Category: Finance	

1.0 PURPOSE

To establish a policy and guidelines whereby financial or in-kind assistance can be provided to community groups and non-profit organizations who provide services or a benefit to the community, and any aspect of the community. Grants in aid and in-kind grants demonstrate Council's commitment to working with community groups which provide beneficial programs, services, or projects to the community while at the same time recognizing the financial constraints impacting the Village's ability to provide funding to these groups.

2.0 POLICY

This policy shall apply to all areas within the Village of Sayward ("Village") municipal boundaries. The Village recognizes the many not-for-profit organizations that provide valuable contributions to our community and this policy establishes eligibility requirements. Council will treat all organizations and groups fairly and consistently. The aim is to provide modest levels of support and assistance to community non-profit organizations.

3.0 DEFINITIONS

Benefitting area: means the Village of Sayward administrative/municipal boundary area.

Community group: includes voluntary groups, neighbourhood associations, service clubs, or other groups of individuals that are not registered with BC Corporate Registry and operate with no constitution or bylaws or any paid staff.

In-kind grant: means the provision of municipal property/facilities, materials or resources to an applicant, the waiver of permits or fees, and does not include the provision of cash funds to, or on behalf of, the applicant. While cash funds are not provided in relation to in-kind grants, it is recognized that such grants will involve either an expense or foregone revenue for the municipality. Each application for in-kind grants will include the estimated value of the application under consideration.

Registered non-profit organization: includes an organization, a society, an association, a registered charity, a cooperative or other group, either incorporated or unincorporated, registered with the BC Corporate Registry.

Village: means the Village of Sayward.

4.0 PROCEDURES

4.1 Who Can Apply

a.) The applicant must be a registered non-profit organization or community group of the benefitting area;

b.) The registered non-profit organization or community group must be locally based in the Village or must otherwise provide services or benefits to the Village. The grant in aid or in-kind grant requested must provide a specific service or benefit to the community or any aspect of the community.

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4.2 Application Restrictions

a.) Industrial, commercial, and/or business organizations are not eligible to apply.

b.) Grant in aids may not be used to subsidize activities that are the responsibility of senior levels of government.

c.) The grant in aid may not cover any of the following expenses:

i.) remuneration;

ii.) capital improvement to rented or leased premises; or

iii.) private enterprise

d.) Grant in aids cannot be used for political purposes or to fund groups or organizations whose primary purpose is of a political nature.

4.3 Application Process

a.) All qualifying organizations are required to complete the Grant-In-Aid application form attached to this policy as Appendix "A". Applications should include a summary of how the grant in aid will be used if granted. It should be noted that organizations may be required to make a presentation or provide further documentation to Council before any decisions are made.

b.) Incomplete applications will not be accepted and will be returned to the applicant.

c.) Village staff will present the application along with any background information to Council with a request for decision.

c.) All applicants will receive notification of the status of their application once reviewed by Council.

d.) The Village reserves the right to request a full accounting of any and all expenditures of authorized grant in aid funds.

4.4 Approval Criteria

a.) Purpose for which funding is requested;

b.) Overall benefit to the community as a whole, or any aspect of the community;

c.) Amount of the grant requested; and

d.) Whether or not there is available funding and/or resources for the grant requested.

4.5 Yearly allocation for grant funding

The amount of funds available for grant in aids/donations shall be determined by Council during the Financial Plan process each year. Council will retain the right to make the final decision on both the overall grant allocation and the individual grant.

5.0 REFERENCES /POLICY INTEGRATION

- *Fraser Valley Regional District,* Electoral Area Grant in Aid Guidelines and Application
- *City of West Kelowna,* Grants in Aid Policy
- *City of Rossland,* Community Grant Funding

6.0 APPROVAL HISTORY

ISSUED BY: CFO	**APPROVED BY:** Mayor & Council	**RESOLUTION NO:** R23/219	**DATE:** August 15, 2023

Signed by:

Mayor: Original signed by "Mark Baker"	Corporate Officer: Original signed by "Lisa Clark"
Date: 7 September 2023	Date: 7 September 2023

Appendix A – Application for Grant in Aid

Village of Sayward

Name of Organization	
Address of Organization	
Full Mailing Address	
Telephone Number & Email	
Contact Person/Title	

Primary purpose of organization: _____

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Event or reason for request: _____

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Date of event: _____

Amount of grant requested (or items requested if in-kind): _____

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1.) Most recent Financial Statements
2.) Budget & details for event

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