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NOT accepted:

	✗ Drywall;
ppliances (both large and small); septed-products/ ms;	 Unlabelled or unidentifiable Household Hazardous Waste (HHW); (see below for drop off information);
	✗ Diesel;
Electronics - <u>www.return-it.ca</u> including; paint/paint thinners, illasts and some pesticides -	 Motor oil, filters or antifreeze including empty containers (accepted at the Sayward depot);
	× Fertilizers;
1	 Compressed Gas cylinders.

svaldal@comoxvalleyrd.ca or call (250)792-0026.

Comox Strathcona Waste Management





Sayward Recycling Depot

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday 7:30 am to 8:30 pm

Sunday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

We would like to ask residents to please refrain from putting the following items in the recycling bins:

- Shoes Hoses
- Garbage Plates and Cups
- Mirrors Window glass
- **Tin Foil**
- Unwashed recycling (plastics, tins etc.)
- Insulating Styrofoam
- Styrofoam meat trays with blood
- Clothing (Material of any kind)

- PLEASE SORT YOUR RECYCLING INTO THE PROPER BINS.

- ALL PAPER AND CARDBOARD PRODUCTS GO IN THE BIG RED BIN.
- THE METAL BIN IS FOR METAL ONLY, PLEASE DO NOT PUT IN WOOD, FURNITURE ETC.

THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION

Emergency Phone Notification Systems

Our phone notification service requires your

assistance. We need new residents to provide us with your phone number and street address so we can add you to our phone notification system. If you move within the community, please let us know so we can send our notices to the correct people. This system is used by the Village's Public Works staff to let Village residents know of problems with the water, sewer or other systems. It can be used to notify the entire community of any emergency situations. It is important that we keep our resident list current.

The system only allows for 10 digit phone numbers, no long distance can be used.

If you have not been receiving calls that you know have been sent out, please let us know.

To provide us with your information call the Village Office at (250) 282-5512.



SRD notifications are delivered by both text message and/or voice call to those who have signed up to receive notifications. These notifications are intended to inform residents and visitors alike

about incidents that could impact them. Working together, we can take proactive steps to build a safer and more resilient community. Sign up at https://strathconard.connectrocket.com



Notice of Regular Council Meetings

The Village of Sayward Regular Council Meetings for the year 2020 will held in Council Chambers located at 652 H'Kusam Way at 7:00 **PM** on the following dates:

January	Tuesday	7,21
February	Tuesday	4,18
March	Tuesday	3,17
April	Tuesday	7,21
May	Tuesday	5,19
June	Tuesday	9,23
July	Tuesday	14
August	Tuesday	18
September	Tuesday	1,15
October	Tuesday	6,20
November	Tuesday	3,17
December	Tuesday	1,15

Elected Officials of the Village of Sayward

Councillor Wes Cragg	(250) 201-0604
Councillor Bill Ives	(250) 204-4012
Acting Mayor Norm Kirschner	(250) 282-3834

Strathcona Gerald Whalley (250) 282-3787 gwhalley@srd.ca School District 72 Trustee Campbel River Shannon Briggs

(250) 282-3364 shannon.briggs@sd72.bc.ca

Provincial Government Member of Legislative Assembly

Claire Trevena 1-866-387-5100 www.clairetrevena.ca claire.trevena.mla@leg.bc.ca





Rachel Blaney 1-800-667-8404

Claire Trevena, MLA (North Island) 908 Island Hwy, Campbell River, B.C. V9W 2C3 Phone: 250-287-5100 866-387-5100 Fax: 240-287-5100 Email: Claire.trevena.mla@leg.bc.ca	HOME By 8 DELIVERY EVENTY TOTATION OF FAMILY OF 200 201 7888	Mitchell Vincent Owner/Operator 250-282-3283 /250-850-7005 mitchell.vincent07@gmail.com MOUNTVIEW PACIFIC New Builds CONSTRUCTION Renovations Home Repair Mountview Pacific Construction Serving Campbell River & North Island
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The Sayward Volunteer Fire Department is now accepting APPLICATIONS FOR RECRUITMENT.

Join our team of dedicated members.

What we seek:

Community minded and spirited individuals who like to be involved in team efforts and are looking for a challenging,

rewarding and life changing experience.

You must be:

- Living in the Sayward District Fire protection area.
- Team oriented
- . Healthy, Physically fit
- Of good character (RCMP security check required)

We offer:

- Involvement in community activities ranging from fire fighting, rescues, first responder medical service, to public education events.
- Paid training that is progressive at our inhouse and in the field at various training agencies.
- We are flexible to meet your time commitments, we work around our members lives to make it easy as possible for you to be part of our team.
- Insurance plans both on and off duty.
- New friends and acquaintances.
- And lots of fun

For more information or to apply please contact the Sayward Volunteer Fire Department @ 250-282-5505 Or svfd@saywardvalley.ca or come to our weekly meetings every Thursday @ Fire Hall #1 - 7 PM

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

The Heritage Hall would like to extend our condolances to The Clark Family

Frank was an integral part of our board and will be greatly missed



AA Meetings - 250-282-0030

Carpet Bowling Contact 250-282-5589

Tuesdays & Thursdays at Kelsey Rec. Centre

Crisis Line Available 24/7 1-888-494-3888

Helping Hands Sewing Club - Barb-250-282-3741 Meets every Tuesday 10-2 pm - Heritage Hall

Heritage Hall –Call for rentals 250-282-0192

3rd Monday of each month – Heritage Hall 6 pm heritagehall@saywardvalley.net

Kelsey Center 250-282-5500

Mainroad Contracting 24hr hotline 1-877-215-7122

Ocean View Gifts & Gallery 250-282-0018 Closed for the season, reopening Spring 2020

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #147

President-Bill Ives 250-204-4012

Last Wednesday of each month in Legion 6 pm (Ex Jul and Aug)

Saturday Market at Heritage Hall-Barb 250-282-3242

Indoor market (Oct-May) 1st Saturday of Month 10-1 pm

Outdoor market (May-Oct) Every Saturday 10-1 pm

Sayward Ambulance Service Station

Contact Non Emergency 250-282-3600

Sayward Bursary

Contact Marilyn Barry @ 250-282-3465

Sayward Christian Fellowship

Sunday Service at 11 am - 740 Gentry Road

Mark Johnson 250-282-3473 Bruce Fyfe 250-282-3301

Bible Study, Wednesday 7 pm

Contact Beth Johnson 250-282-3473 Everyone Welcome!

Sayward Community Health Society Meets 2nd Monday of the month a Clinic at 6:30 pm Contact 250-850-7144/charonrids@gmail.com

Sayward Community Potluck Karen-250-282-3667

2nd Saturday of the month, 5 pm Heritage Hall

Sayward Emergency Program-epc@saywardvalley.ca

Sierra Allcroft Keith Bourne Rhianna Garbe Paige Hubbard Helenius Postma Darren Stoesz Ty Einfeld



Congratulations to Sayward's Graduating Class of 2020! Well done everyone! Best wishes on your future endeavours.

Closed Mondays

Local Organization Information

	Sayward Fish & Game
	Last Thursday of each month – Heritage Hall 7:30 pm
	Sayward Futures Society Contact 250-282-0018
	2nd Monday of each month at SFS office at wharf 6:30pm
	Sayward Garden Club Meets 2nd Thursday of the month
	6:30 pm Heritage Hall. Alex—250-282-3799
	Sayward Harbour Authority First Sunday of month, Harbour Office,
	9:30 am Colin Read Executive Director 250-282-0178 or Wharfinger Lyall Linklater 250-282-3431
	Sayward Health Clinic - 250-282-3815
	Sayward Literacy Now
	Jan Bakker bokkie.bakker@gmail.com 250-282-3851
	Ann Vansnick annv@saywardvalley.net 250-282-3450
	Sayward RCMP Contact Non-Emergency 250-282-5522
	Sayward Valley Folk Music Society - Contact Bob 250-282-0134
	Live concerts 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at the Kelsey Rec Centre. Doors open $@ 6:30 \text{ pm}$
	Sayward Volunteer Fire Department
	Contact Non-Emergency 250-282-5505
	Email address: svfd@saywardvalley.ca
	Meeting every Thursday @ Fire Hall #1 at 7 pm
	Share Shed – Bryanne Stacey - 250-282-3464 10 - 12 Mon/Wed/Fri Closed stat's
	St. Bernadette's Catholic Church – Despins Road
	Sunday Service at 10 am (3 rd Sunday at 3 pm)
	Tourism Committee Meetings- 2nd Wednesday of the month 7 pm
	Multi Purpose Room at Kelsey Center, all businesses and residents welcome.
ıt	Village of Sayward Council Meetings Contact at 250-282-5512
1	1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month @ 7 pm
	Village of Sayward Office 250-282-5512 MonFri 9am-4 pm
	VI Regional Library Contact 250-282-5551
	Open Tues 10-8, Wed 10-8, Thurs 10-2, Fri 1-5, Sat 10-2, Sun 1-5

July 2020

Public Health Nurse 250-850-2110 press 1

Please call above provider directly to book an appointment. For NP Tracey and Dr. McFadden please call clinic to book appointments. Thank you.



CLINIC PH 250 282-3815 Fax 250- 282-0040

Sunday	Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28		29	30	1	2	3	
	NP Rebecca 9-5 Labs 9:30-11:30		NP Rebecca 9-5 Dr McFadden 10-3	CANADA DAY CLINIC CLOSED	No NP Tracey off	CLINIC CLOSED	
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	Labs 9:30-11:30					CLOSED	
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26		27	28	20	30	31	
	NP Tracey 9-5 Labs 9:30-11:30		NP Tracey 9-5	NP Tracey 9-5	NP Tracey- Off	CLINIC CLOSED	

** Labs will done by appointment 9:30-11:30 for the duration of the COVID 19 Pandemic**

Masks must be worn when entering the clinic. Unfortunately we are unable to provide them.



SAYWARD TOUR DE ROCK 2020

We are still collecting bottles and cans for recycling.



You can drop off recycling at 670 Kelsey Way (at back door) at any time. If you need to have your recycling picked up please give us a call at 282-3210.

All our volunteers handling the recycling really appreciate it if you rinse your bottles & cans and remove the caps.





SALMON RIVER COUNTRY ESTATE SAYWARD VALLEY

Spectacular Riverfront Country Estate in the Sayward Valley. Over 65 acres on three titles of gorgeous well-treed property with nearly a mile of river frontage located on the pristine Salmon River. A nature lover's paradise!





Sayward Christian





"It's hard to get into shape spiritually if you only work out on Sunday."

> Morning Service 11:00 AM 740 Gentry Rd. Mark Johnson 250-282-3473 Bruce Fyfe 250-282-3301 Bible Study, Wednesday 7:00 pm Contact Beth Johnson 250-282-3473 Everyone Welcome!

Delivery Mills Ltd.

Custom Cut Lumber

250-282-3208 No Calls or pick ups after 7 pm Please

SAYWARD COMMUNITY BURSARY

INFORMATION, REQUIREMENTS & APPLICATION

The purpose of the Sayward Community Bursary is to reward deserving, well-rounded students and to assist them in their post secondary education.

Applicants:

Must have resided at least one year in Sayward Must have a parent residing in Sayward at the time of the application Must show proof of acceptance in a post secondary program May apply annually for five years following secondary school completion

Applications should include:

A letter of introduction written by the applicant, including some personal history A list of community activities and/or volunteer services, along with letters or reference A transcript of marks for grades 11 and 12 An indication of future education plans Any other pertinent information

Please submit applications to the Sayward Community Bursary Committee by August 17th of the school year in which you will be taking post secondary courses.

Please note: Students are encouraged to update their applications by August 17th each following year, with transcripts of marks, indication of future education plans and any other pertinent information, in order to qualify for further monies should they become available.

Sayward Community Bursary Committee

The Sayward Bursary Committee shall be composed of one representative from each of the contributing organizations or households. A representative from a contributing youth organization must be an adult. A person with a direct relationship with an applicant may not sit as a representative on the Committee. Contributors are requested to deposit their donations with the Sayward Community Bursary Committee by September 1st in order to facilitate planning.

Bursary Criteria

The committee will select bursary recipients as soon as possible after school starts in the fall. Alternates may also by chosen, in case an original recipient does not begin his/her post secondary courses as planned. The committee will issue the Bursary monies in two instalments of equal amounts. The first cheque will be issued to the student as soon as possible after October 15th, once either a letter of acceptance or proof of registration is received. The second cheque will be issued as soon as possible after February 15th, with confirmation to the Committee that the student is still attending school. If the student does not begin the second term of post secondary education, the second cheque will be withheld and awarded to an alternate.

In the event that the bursary is not awarded to a student beginning his/her post secondary education, the Committee will meet to select recipients from previous applicants who have submitted updated letters of application.

Should you require further information, please contact Marilyn Barry at 250-282-3465, silvergill@gmail.com . You may also contact Ev Hrybko at 250 282-3269.

Clinic Corner News

Catherine Pryor, lab technician, has been coming to Sayward every second Monday for 3 years now, providing laboratory services. Catherine is retiring from Island Health in August and will be finished at the end of July. If you are in for lab services on a day that she is here, please wish her warm wishes on her retirement. Cat has been a wonderful addition to our clinic. We will miss you Cat! We are not sure who will be the replacement yet.

Please remember that everyone must wear a mask when coming to the clinic. You must provide your own. Family members are not permitted to accompany the patient, unless you are the primary care giver for someone in need. If this is the case, only one family member is allowed. Children are allowed one parent to accompany them. This is an Island Health policy.

Laboratory days have been busy and everyone must book an appointment for labs. We cannot accept walk ins. Please also remember to call the clinic for appointments, rather than just coming down to the clinic. We are working hard at trying to maintain social distancing requirements that are mandatory.



Sayward Literacy Now in partnership with Sayward Children's Health Hub will be offering out "Literacy Kits" and "Books" to families soon! Watch for dates, times and place!







Article for the Sayward News July Edition By Councillor Cragg

As I look over the world, I see chaos, devastation and despair everywhere. Seattle is an anarchist disaster, Altanta, Minneapolis, New York, Toronto, Victoria, Paris, and on and on and on. Coronavirus, activists, protests, anarchists, economic collapse, civil war...it truly feels like the Book of Revelations has come to pass in what is universally known as the year of "2020".

The Village of Sayward has not been immune to the year of "2020". We have a very ugly political situation, having survived a collapsed government in a pandemic. Politicians, like myself internally at war with each other, out of control ego's, secrecy, alliances, factions fighting for control. It's something like Sayward's own Game of Thrones novel...and it is time for it to stop.

Even a cursory look in "Around Sayward" and "Sayward Rant and Rave" by the various factions and political supporters will show how bad things are here.

We all agree that an election must be held as quickly as possible and yes, that will help tremendously. Having said that, this election is shaping up to be dirty, mean, and vicious, which I fear will leave Sayward in the same position of internal civil war as the USA is currently embroiled in.

So how does this stop? It stops with the truth...and this conversation has long been overdue.

At present, the most pressing issue that needs the truth is why I made the Motion to remove Bill Ives as Acting Mayor, especially since we were friends and "on the same team".

Before I get into the "WHY" of the matter, clarification is required as to how an Acting Mayor can be removed. In this case, the role of Acting Mayor was "appointed", under the Community Charter, Part 5, Division 2, Section 130. The role was never an elected role and thus, the Acting Mayor can be "un-appointed".

If the Mayor was dually elected, there is NO applicable motion to remove him/her as Mayor. In keeping with that, for dually elected Council, there is NO motion that can have them removed from office until the term is up. So, Bill lves can be removed as Acting Mayor but not as an elected Council representative.

Bill Ives was officially removed as Acting Mayor with the explanation of violations of the BC Community Charter, specifically Part 5, Division 1, Section 116, Paragraph (s) (d) and (g).

In retrospect, I should also have added violations to the BC Community Charter under Part 5, Division 5, Section 153 as that was the most important factor to be considered.

Strathco

The Strathcona Regional District (SRD) is a partnership of five municipalities and four electoral areas which covers approximately 18,278 square kilometers (7,057 square miles) of land. The SRD serves and provides 44,671 residents (2016 census) with a diverse range of services including water and sewerage systems, fire protection, land use planning, parks, recreation, and emergency response.

In accordance with the Local Government Act, Regional Districts do not have the authority to collect taxes directly from residents or businesses. Instead, taxes for Regional Districts are requisitioned from the Province and member municipalities who collect from the taxpayers on behalf of the Regional District.

Understanding your tax notice

You have just received your property tax notice from the province. The province collects taxes for schools, roads, policing and Regional District services. You will notice the following items on your property tax notice which are not administered by the SRD:

Provincial School Tax

The province collects this tax for education services and school facilities.

Provincial Rural Tax and Police Tax This provincial government tax is for rural road maintenance and police protective services.

Comox-Strathcona RHD

The Comox-Strathcona Regional Hospital District provides capital funding for hospital facilities in our region. The hospital board comprises members from the Comox Valley and Strathcona Regional District boards.

Comox Strathcona Waste Management

The CSWM provides waste and recycling services and education in the Comox Valley Regional District and Strathcona Regional District.

BC Assessment Authority

BC Assessment Authority is a crown corporation that sets all property assessment values in the province. Its costs are recovered by this tax.

Municipal Finance Authority

The Municipal Finance Authority coordinates debt financing for local governments in British Columbia.

Residents receiving rural tax notices can choose from the following payment options:

- Online with eTaxBC

0 #301 - 990 Cedar Street. Campbell River, BC V9W 7Z8

finance@srd.ca

2020 Rural Property Tax Notice

Area A - Kyuguot/Nootka-Sayward

For more information:

Rural property tax notices are issued by the provincial Surveyor of Taxes and are paid to the province. Please refer to your rural property tax notice for payment options.

Home owner grants are administered by the Government of British Columbia. More information is available on their website: gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant

Other information is available through Enguiry BC at 1-800-663-7867. gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/propertytaxes

In person at your bank/financial institution or any Service BC location





www.sid.ca

Strathcona

2020 Rural Property Tax Notice

Area A - Kyuquot/Nootka-Sayward

Where does the money come from?

Services applicable to Area A:

Service		2019		2020	
Administration - General Government	\$	8.75	\$	8.81	
Grant in Aid Area A		-		0.10	
Electoral Area Administration		15.91		21.21	
Regional Broadband		2.98		2.75	
Feasibility Studies - Regional		0.14			
Feasibility Studies - Electoral Area A		-		0.20	
Strathcona Emergency Program		2.95		2.72	
911 Answering Service		3.87		3.73	
Planning		21.26		20.04	
Vancouver Island Regional Library		17.36		16.60	
Area A Services	\$	73.22	\$	76.16	
Sayward Valley Fire Protection	\$	110.03	\$	84.50	
Sayward and Area A Sayward Refuse		8.56		3.74	
House Numbering Area A Sayward		0.13		0.12	
Economic Development - Area A Saywa		0.22		0.20	
Sayward Valley Heritage Hall		34.57		26.84	
Kyuquot Nootka Emergency Program		0.54		0.51	
Area A Kyuquot Nootka Solid Waste		5.41		5.11	
Kyuquot Community Hall	~~~~~	10.71		2.28	
Specified Area Services	Ś	170.16	Ś	123.30	

The tax amounts shown here are estimates based on the 2020-2024 Financial Plan and using the 2020 Revised Assessment Roll; they do not include the provincial collection fee of 5.25%. These amounts will vary from your actual tax notice.

Your property may also belong to a local or specified service area for which taxes are levied. More information about these services can be found on our website.





General government 33% Protective 20% Parks, recreation and cultural 13%

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www.srd.ca

#301 – 990 Cedar Street, Campbell River, BC V9W 728



Tel: 250-830-6700 Toll free: 1-877-830-2990 I could also have included a Sayward Code of Conduct violation for an extremely inappropriate correspondence sent to one of our Village's constituents, but that will be for the general public to decide on voting day.

The exact nature and full description of the above violations should be made public as we have received official direction from the Ministry in that regard. I will be seeking a legal opinion on the matter first, however. In the interim, I will be writing a full report on the matter for submission to the Ministry for review.

This may not entirely satisfy the "Why" of the matter, nor is it the full scope of the situation but it is the best explanation I am afforded to give right now.

I do not engage nor participate in social media sites like "Around Sayward" and "Sayward Rant and Rave". Thus, I would encourage folks to pay attention to my Council page for updates. I am hopeful I will be given the green light to make available the specifics of the Charter Violations charged before the publication of the next issue of the Sayward News in the interests of clarity, transparency and accountability.

For the record, anyone wishing to blame Councillor Kirschner, or who may have made negative gossip about Councillor Kirschner in this motion is in the wrong. The motion was mine to present and Councillor Kirschner, when presented with all the facts made the decision on behalf of the Village of Sayward to support the motion at the table. Given the potential backlash, it was a difficult decision for him to make.

In my view, the Village was facing another potential collapsed government situation and I had a very difficult choice to make. Do I sit back and let it collapse and have the Ministry come in and take it over at a very serious financial burden to Village ratepayers

or do whatever I could to keep the Village afloat until the by-election could be called. That was the choice staring at me, with a very limited time frame to make it.

My decisions are based purely on my moral compass. The principle of the matter is my judgment and code. If I find a matter to be on the wrong side of the; Moral, Ethical, Financial or Legal side of the equation then I will rise against it. That's it, that's all.

I believe in facts, not feelings and right versus wrong.

Friendships, emotions, feelings, bullying (online and in-person) and supposed intimidation from certain members of the community have absolutely ZERO affect on my resolve to do the right thing for the people.

Contrary to the fake narrative circulating on social media, the decision to remove Bill Ives was not made in, hate, jealousy, spite, ego or whatever lies and false narrative is spewing out. The decision to remove Bill Ives as Acting Mayor was made because it was, in my opinion, simply the right thing to do and in the best interest of the Village. Sincerely,

Wes Cragg

Councillor,

Village of Sayward



PROPERTY TAX DEFERMENT

FEES & INTEREST

set in April & October.

account is paid in full.

AFTER YOU APPLY



REGULAR PROGRAM

WHAT IS IT? 🧕

Tax deferment is a low interest loan program that helps qualified B.C. homeowners pay their annual property taxes on their principal residence.

PENALTIES

Your property tax office will charge you a late payment penalty if. - Your application is not approved and it is past the tax due date - You withdraw your application for any reason after the tax due date

ANNUAL RENEWAL

If your application is approved, you must renew your agreement each year. Automatic renewal can be set up through your eTaxBC account.

DO I QUALIFY?

55 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER DURING THE CURRENT YEAR

Or a surviving spouse , or a person with disabilities as defined by regulation.

CANADIAN CITIZEN OR PERMANENT RESIDENT 🦷 🧐

And must have been living in 8.C. for at least one year prior to application.

PROPERTY TAX ACCOUNT IS UP TO DATE 🥂 🤇

Your property tax account must be up to date. This means you must pay any property taxes owing from previous years, penalties, or interest before you apply to defer your taxes.

REGISTERED OWNER'S PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE

Property must be taxed as residential (class 1).

HAVE & MAINTAIN 25% EQUITY OF THE PROPERTY'S ASSESSED VALUE

- The value of your oustanding morgage, if any
- Plus the maximum borrowing amount on any line of credit

There is an initial application fee of \$60 and a renewal fee of

\$10. These fees are added to your loan balance automatically.

Interest is charged at 2% below the bank prime rate which is

If your application is approved, it is then registered as a

restrictive lien with the Land Title Office. Once

registered, the Province of BC will pay your current

property taxes. The lien remains in effect until the

- secured by a charge against your property
- Plus current year's taxes

Must be less than 75% of the BC Assessment value. You have to review your equity each year of renewal to ensure you continue to qualify.

APPLY FOR PROPERTY TAX DEFERMENT ONLINE

RECEIVE PROPERTY TAX NOTICE

PAY UTILITY FEES & CLAIM YOUR HOME OWNER GRANT

You can only defer property taxes for the current year. All utility user fees must be paid & the home owner grant must be claimed.

CURRENT FIRE INSURANCE

Property must be insured for at least the BC Assessment value

ONLINE APPLICATION

Applications are submitted online through eTaxBC https://www.etax.gov.bc.ca/btp/ptd/_/

For more information, please visit gov.bc.ca/propertytaxdeferment or call 1-888-355-2700

Kyuquot-Nootka / Sayward News Strathcona Regional District (Area 'A')

Property Taxes:

This year my property taxes doubled from what I had paid last year. I know that many of you are also paying a lot more this year as well, and I expect people are asking, "What happened?" The answer is that our property tax increases are uniquely caused by our increase in property values, and nothing else. This is rather disappointing to me personally because overall for 2020 I have achieved a reduction in the amount of tax we each pay per \$1000 of property value (mill rate). Unfortunately, when the provincial property assessments were finally tallied, Area A's property values rose significantly more than most other jurisdictions. This means that we now end up paying a larger proportion of the total cost of governance. (When a couple of properties in our area sell for a high market value this triggers the provincial government to increase everyone's property values.)

The Strathcona Regional District's total operating expenses are \$23M. Area A's share is \$881K of which \$327K are Area A specific services and the rest are shared with other areas. Of this \$881K, 2020 property taxes will contribute \$462K and the remaining \$419K will come from sales of services (mostly garbage fees), grants, and reserves.

By the way, on our 2020 Property Tax Notice there is a line item that reads, "Sayward Valley Recreation". However, we do not have a Recreation Service, nor do we contribute to any other Recreation Service. This item is really the cost of operating the Heritage Hall, and last year I had asked staff to change this line item to read "Heritage Hall Service". It somehow fell off their "to-do" list so I will get it fixed for next year. In this current issue of the Sayward News I have also included a Regional District summary of Area A property tax levies. These used to be mailed out together with our Tax Notices, but this year staff left them out to reduce costs. This summary compares the costs we are paying in 2020 with those that we paid in 2019. You will quickly see the overall reduction of actual costs in 2020 that I have mentioned above. If our property assessments had only increased in par with the other areas, then our taxes would have decreased from 2019; but because our assessments increased considerably more than the average, therefore we are paying considerably more.

If anyone has any comments or concerns do not hesitate to contact me.

Gerald Whalley Regional Director (Area 'A') (250) 282-3787 gwhalley@srd.ca June 20, 2020