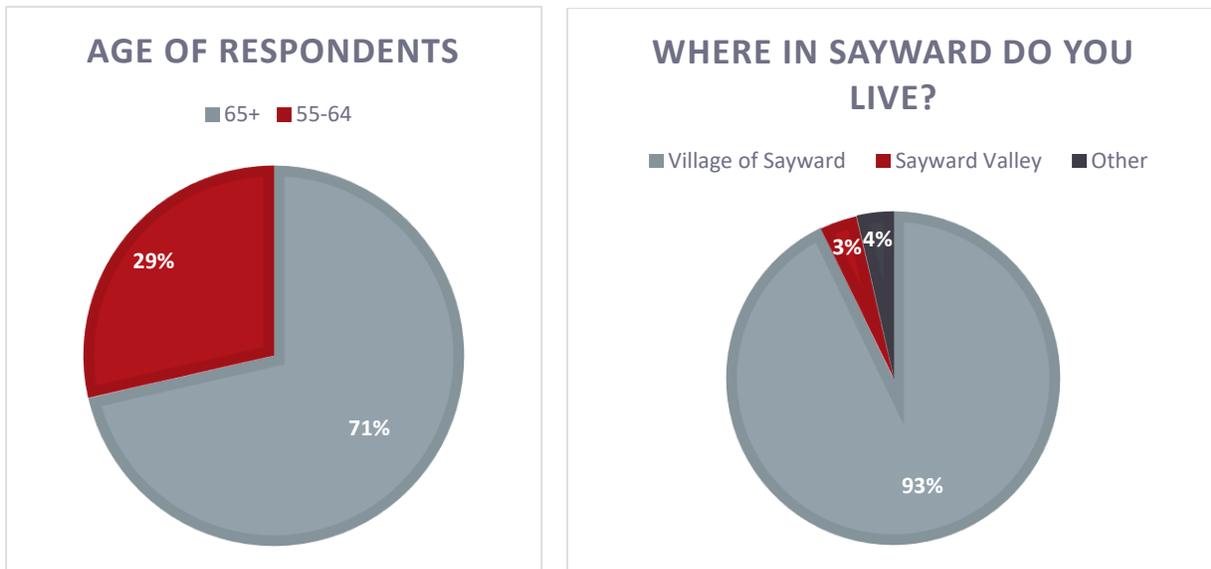


## SAYWARD OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN SURVEY ANALYSIS

To assist in the development of the Village of Sayward’s Official Community Plan update, a community survey was used to gather feedback on the key themes from the existing OCP and collect information on the current trends and experiences in Sayward. Twenty-eight residents responded to the survey.

The summary below presents the findings of this survey. For certain questions, participants were given the opportunity to provide additional comments, which are listed within this document.<sup>1</sup> Themes from these comments are summarized below with numbers in parentheses to show how many comments are related to each theme.

### Demographics & Background



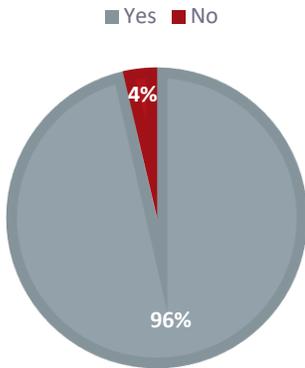
All of the survey respondents were over 55 with most over 65 years and older. Majority of respondents reside within the Village of Sayward, though we did receive one survey from a Valley resident and one survey from a respondent who indicated they live on a nearby island to which the Village of Sayward is the closest municipality. We chose to include these two responses in the summary.

The Village of Sayward is the primary residence (residing there for more than half the year) for all but one of the respondents. The length of time respondents have lived in Sayward ranges from less than five years to 21 or more years. A small majority of the respondents (29%) have resided in Sayward for 5 years or less.

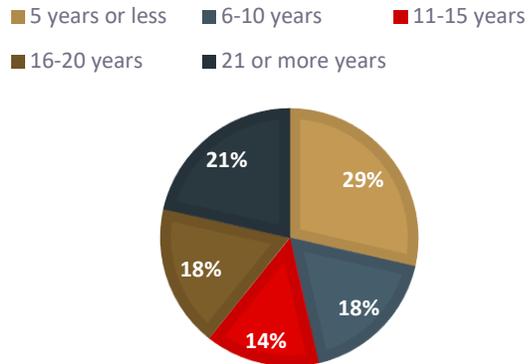
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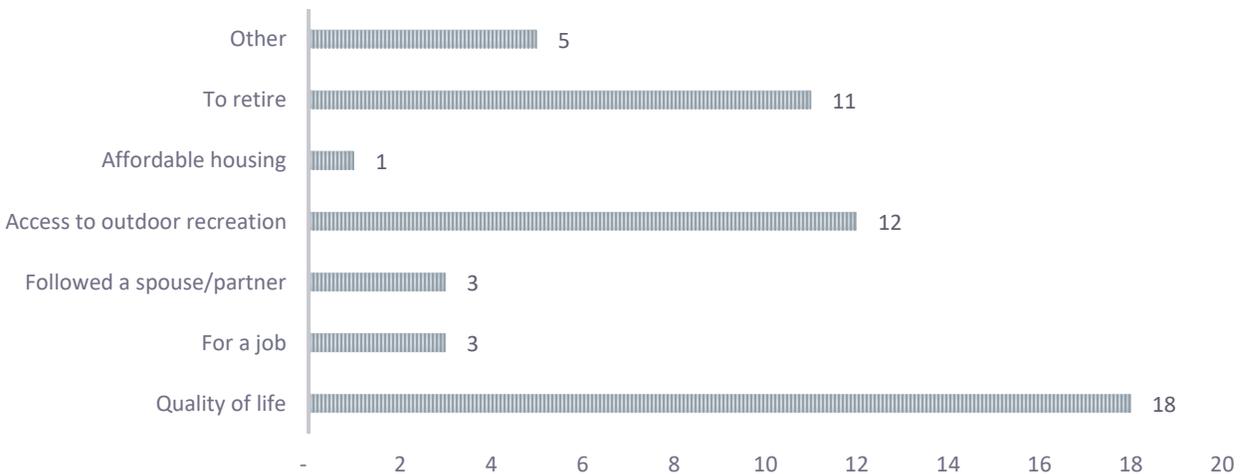


### LENGTH OF TIME LIVING IN SAYWARD



When asked what aspects of Sayward attracted the respondents to live in the community, they were asked to pick multiple responses. Quality of life, access to outdoor recreation, affordable housing, and retirement were the most commonly chosen answers. Only six respondents chose one reason for their attraction to the community. Five respondents answered “Other” and indicated air quality (1), quiet environment (1), low crime rate (1), homesteading (1) and living near family (2) as reasons for choosing to live in Sayward.

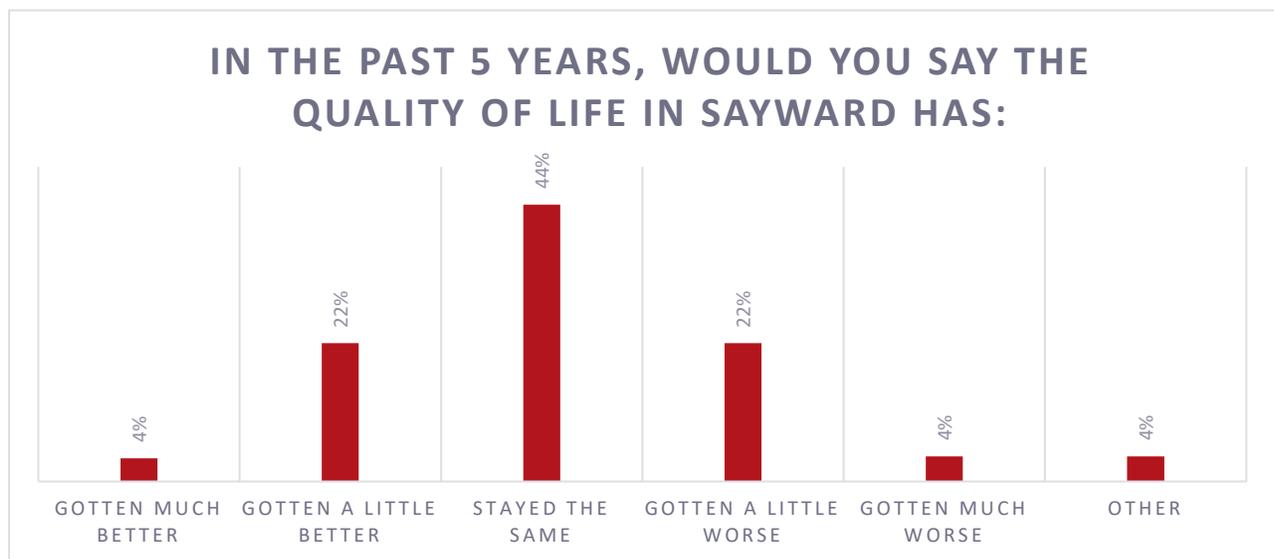
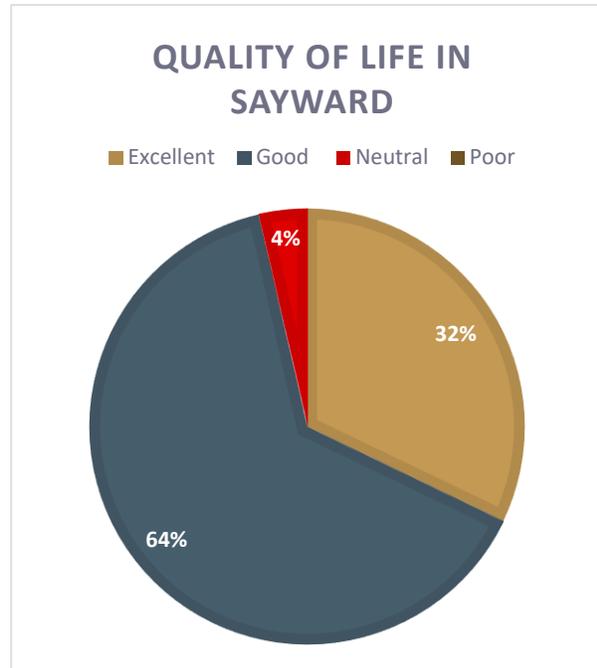
### WHAT ASPECT OF SAYWARD ATTRACTED YOU TO LIVE IN THE COMMUNITY?



## Quality of Life & Lifestyle

Most respondents (96%) rated the quality of life in Sayward as either good or excellent, with no respondents indicating it as being “poor”.

In addition, most respondent (44%) indicated that the quality of life has been stable for the last five years, with an even split (22%) among respondents believing that it has either gotten a little worse or a little better. One respondent said they had not lived in Sayward long enough to answer the question.



Additional comments were provided by 12 respondents. Some comments had elements that fit into multiple themes and were counted more than once. The most common theme was a lack of services (5), with all five of these comments mentioning no grocery stores or restaurants. Other common themes were peaceful lifestyle (3), positive comments about services and amenities (2). There was one comment about a lack of bylaw enforcement (1), one comment about water quality issues, one comment about a lack of recreational activities and one unrelated comment.

### Comments received:

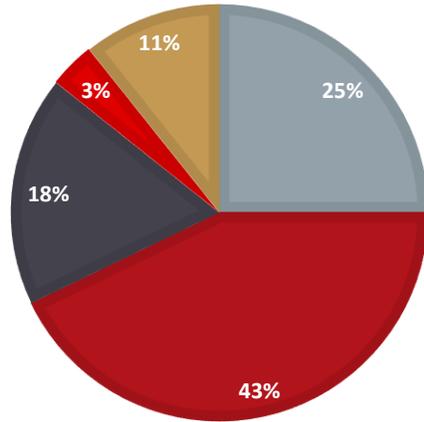
- We came here 25 years ago because we enjoy country living and we enjoy the peace and quiet. The only thing that's missing is a good grocery store... That was supposed to materialize several years ago when the strip mall was purchased.
- Loss of services (e.g., restaurants) and increased crime.
- Due to the pandemic! Everything is shut down including Legion. No bank, grocery store or drugstore
- loss of business (store, hotel etc.)
- Availability of affordable housing, rentals are reduced, shopping (food, essentials) - must travel 1 hour to retail areas. Restaurants operate, close down, change hands, re-open. Recreation, organized sports very limited
- Clean air, peaceful, not much traffic
- It takes a special person to live where there are no stores, limited restaurants, and to want a quiet lifestyle. I enjoy living this way and being close to nature
- In the past few years there seems to be no pride within the Village of Sayward with properties. Bylaw 384 needs to be addressed and enforced! It is an embarrassment and disgrace to the Village! The village has never looked this horrible! Uninsured vehicles on village property, many vehicles on single properties, which I believe there is a bylaw for that as well.  
Let's make the Village of Sayward great again! Make the property owners of the Village of Sayward accountable to Bylaw # 384!
- The Recreation Center, Health Center, Post Office, Ambulance Service +Police Service + new Library meet our needs without the stress of big city living. We love the tranquility of Sayward.
- The addition of the medical clinic was great
- Not here long enough to comment
- The water was on a boil water advisory when we first moved here. Now its great!

Most respondents (68%) indicated the Village of Sayward as a good or excellent place to raise a family, with neutral (18%) and non-applicable (11%) as the next most popular answers. Only one respondent said it was poor. As well, most respondents (82%) indicated the Village of Sayward as a good or excellent place to retire, with no respondents indicating it as poor.

\*An explanation for neutral and non-applicable responses could be from those who don't have experience raising their families in Sayward or are not at retirement age.

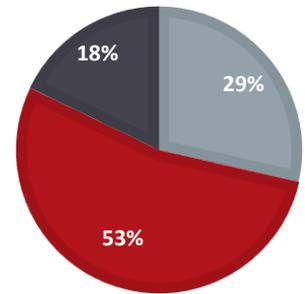
### HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE VILLAGE OF SAYWARD AS A PLACE TO RAISE YOUR FAMILY?

■ Excellent ■ Good ■ Neutral ■ Poor ■ Very poor ■ Not applicable



### HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE VILLAGE OF SAYWARD AS A PLACE TO RETIRE?

■ Excellent ■ Good ■ Neutral ■ Poor ■ Very poor ■ Not applicable



### Key Themes

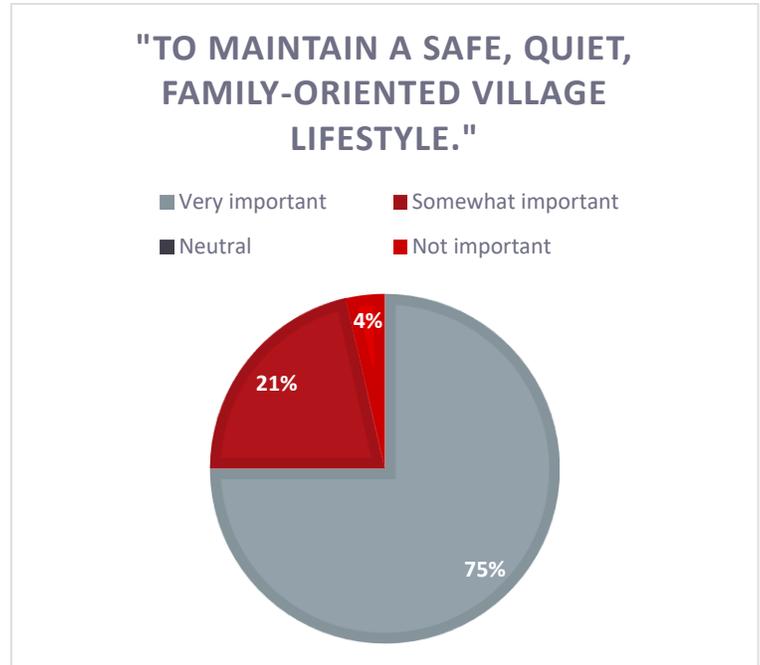
The previous Official Community Plan for the Village of Sayward was created in 2005 and identified four main themes. These themes are:

- Settlement and Community
- Environment
- Resources
- Economy

The following survey responses focus on these themes to evaluate their relevancy to the Village today and to the next Official Community Plan.

## Settlement & Community

Two thirds (75%) of respondents answered that maintaining a safe, quiet, family-oriented village lifestyle as very important to them. 21% of respondents said this was somewhat important, while 4% of respondent said it was not important. Additional feedback was provided by 8 respondents. 3 comments addressed crime within the community, with two asking for increased enforcement of petty crime, while another commented that there is little crime or drugs. Others indicated a lack of social activities (1) and lack of services (1) and too much industrial activity on weekends (1), while one felt that the term "family-oriented" excluded seniors. There were two unrelated answer.



## Comments Received:

- Require RCMP presence to promote safe environment. Require ambulance services. Volunteer presence of Cops, neighbourhood watch. Ongoing commitment of all residents to watch out for each other
- There is a need to deal with (mostly petty) crime. Theft and vandalism at the Kelsey Bay wharf is a problem for those of us living remotely and using Sayward as our primary "go-to" community.
- Have activities for the community to do such as a bowling alley or a group set up for hikers to hike together etc...
- More community-oriented resources are required, for example, access to groceries without driving to Campbell River (a local grocery store or regular shipping from Campbell River stores???). This is particularly important for seniors and persons living remotely.
- In my opinion 'Community Well-being' would be a more appropriate theme. Consider replacing the current goal with 2-3 that support an updated theme where 'safe' and 'Village lifestyle' can be incorporated. 'Family-oriented' resonates with me as exclusionary to retirees, singles, etc... Also recognition of First Nations should be a priority.
- It would be appreciated to have NO activity at the log sort on SUNDAYS
- Little crime, not many drugs
- Quality over quantity
- No

## Environment

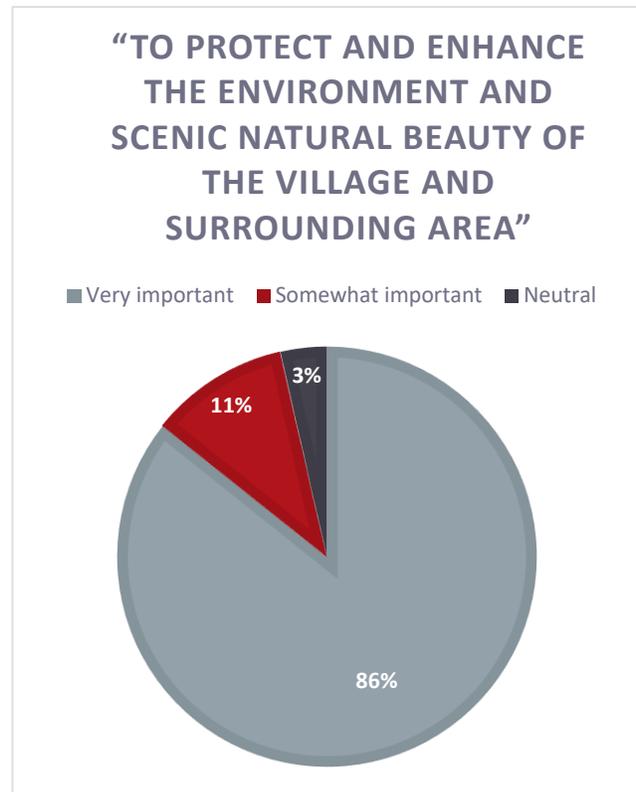
A majority (86%) of respondents answered that protecting and enhancing the environment and scenic natural beauty of the area is very important to them. 11% indicated it was somewhat important, 3% were neutral and 0% felt that it was not important. Additional feedback was provided by 8 respondents. Preserving natural beauty and cleanliness was mentioned four times. Other comments referred to development (1), having knowledge of the issues (1), setting clear goals (1), logging (1), preventing illegal dumping (1) and collaborating across sectors with environmental and other partners including forestry companies, Provincial Ministries, and Coast Guard (1).

### Comments Received:

- Protecting the environment involves knowledge of the issues. The local government seems clueless.
- Any development that is proposed should be looked upon very carefully in regards to the scenic and natural beauty of this Village and surrounding area.
- Should be more than one goal and commit to preserve and restore in addition to protect and enhance.
- The beauty of this pristine environment drew us here!
- No logging near Village or in Watershed
- Being known as the "cleanest" village on Vancouver Island would be a good reputation
- To live in harmony with nature, and having a clean environment
- Collaborate and encourage participation from environmental groups and forestry (Island conservancy) WFP, Mosaic, fisheries, Coast Guard, Provincial Ministries (Eg- Provincial Park Maintenance), how to interact with natures, pack out what you pack in (discourage illegal dumping)

## Resources

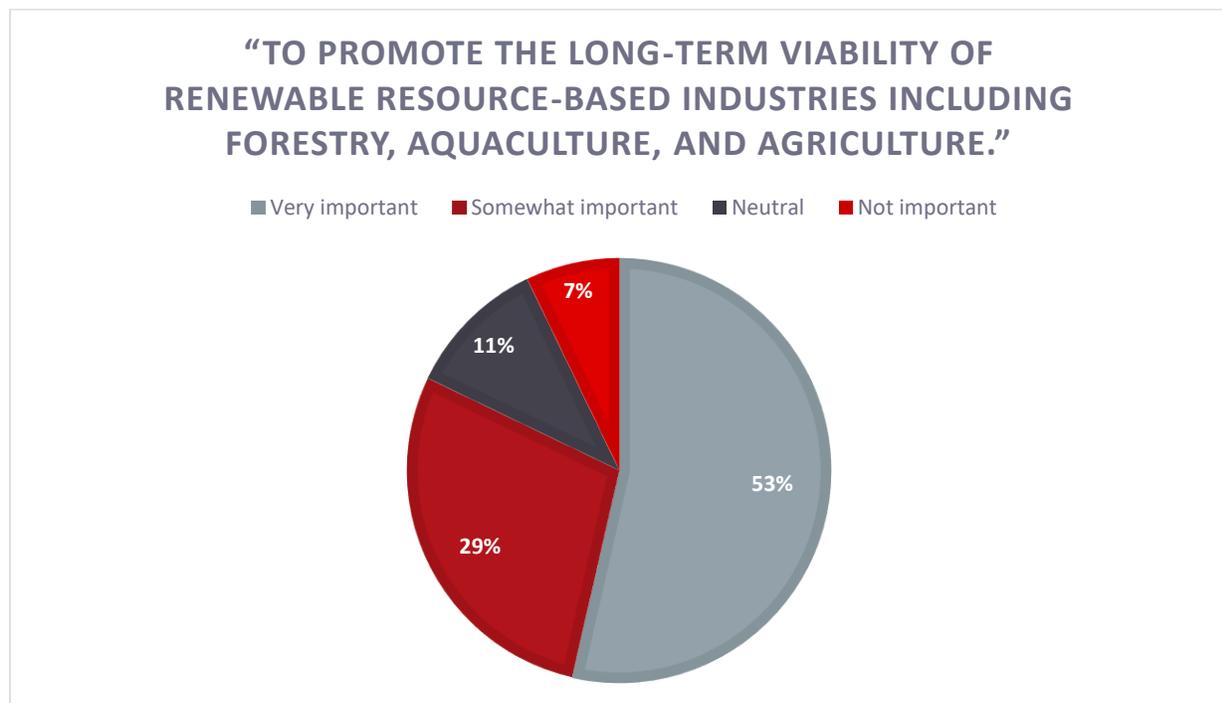
Just over half of respondents (53%) feel that it is very important to “promote the long-term viability of renewable resource-based industries including forestry, aquaculture, and agriculture” while 7% feel it is not important. An additional 10 comments were provided on this theme. Sayward residents commented on the importance of jobs (3), which contribute to keeping young people in town who provide other essential functions (1). One respondent felt that there was little action on this theme from local government, and another felt that the theme needed to be



more clearly defined. Other themes identified include sustainability (1), tourism (1), keeping fishing wild (1), investigating options for natural resource extraction (1) and an agricultural co-operative (1).

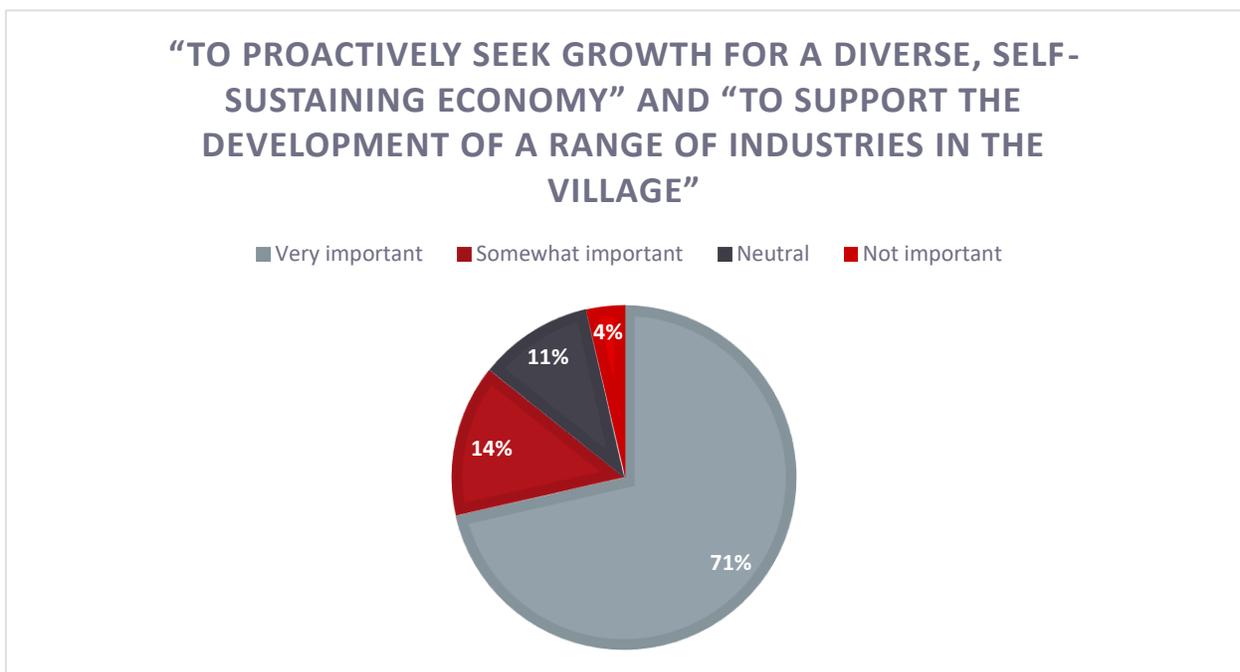
**Comments Received:**

- The local, government has done nothing in this area except talk.
- People that live here rely on it for jobs
- Theme needs clearer definition. the current goal suggests Industrial Resources that could be better placed in the economy theme. Regarding this goal, I question whether 'support' would better serve rather than 'promote'.
- Encourage not discourage
- All industry must be environmentally friendly and sustainable. Concerned about deforestation
- The plus tourism and work from home jobs
- No reason to operate 7 days a week. See previous comment
- Not aquaculture - keep it wild!
- Without jobs we cannot keep the younger people who perform many of emergency volunteer services
- Great potential for the agriculture areas to form a co-operative - produce local food supply: including produce, meat, fish. Investigate possibilities for mining, gravel pits, establishing a wharf for shipping



## Economy

The majority of respondents (71%) believe that the goal “To proactively seek growth for a diverse, self-sustaining economy” and “to support the development of a range of industries in the Village” is very important while 4% of respondent indicated it was not important. An additional 12 comments were provided on this theme. Several respondents mentioned supporting small local business (4) and creating local jobs (3) especially for young families and those hoping to relocate to Sayward. Other suggestions include: more parking at Kelsey Bay for industrial users (1), approve new business in the abandoned mall (1), tourism (1), entice the film industry to use Sayward as a filming site (1), and keeping air, water and environment clean (1). One respondent mentioned that a store is needed in the village and that most new business retailers are selling out of their homes.



### Comments Received:

- People need jobs to support themselves
- Nothing has been done. No store in the village yet. All new business has been from folks selling out of their homes.
- All depends on what range of types of Industries to be developed for this Village.
- More parking at Kelsey Bay for industrial users of the port. It is difficult for local persons to find parking during peak seasons of logging/fishing/aquaculture industry activity.
- Again there needs to be more than one goal. the current focuses on 'industry'. Does Sayward need more industry or perhaps include small business?
- Encourage not discourage
- An effective unified professional council is valuable contribution to this. Thank you!
- New business approved in the abandoned mall
- Retail. Tourism.

- Keep it clean - clean air - clean water - clean environment
- As per remarks in item 12 we need economic development to obtain local jobs for young families
- The Economic Development in Sayward is the most important driver to increase the local workforce and encourage people to relocate to the Sayward area. Entice filming industry to consider the Sayward Area as a permanent site for movies, tv specials series etc.

In summary, the theme of environment seemed to be of greatest importance to respondents with 86% indicating the environment was very important. 75% indicated settlement and community was very important, 71% indicated economy was very important and 53% indicated resources were very important.

### Opportunities and Visioning

**When asked if there were any other goals or themes, they think should be added to the OCP 16** respondents provided comments. Tourism (5) was highlighted as a major theme, with a focus on upgrading Village facilities, such as the Village camping. Many of the other answers fit into the themes already established including economy (6), settlement and community (2) and environment (1).

For economy, 3 of the 6 answers mentioned “growth” as an important aspect, with two answers mentioning Sayward as becoming a bedroom community and needing to adapt to this reality. In addition, two answers fit under the theme of public consultation and engagement, asking for more engagement and transparency from government and (1) fit under asset maintenance and upgrades.

#### **Comments Received:**

- Support the small business and the camp ground to encourage tourism by advertising to encourage people to come travel here and spend time together here.
- Tourism should be an additional theme and focus
- Upgraded camping facilities within the village
- Eco-tourism
- Tourism promotion
- More Jobs available
- Residential growth and Economic development
- Sustainable economic development
- Quaint, seaside village with residential growth and economical growth.
- Prepare for growth in the future we are already becoming a bedroom community
- Promote the Sayward area as a permanent residence/bedroom community for CR/points north Finish the Working Waterfront Project
- To keep this community rural and not change it into a city... Another Campbell River for example.

- I would like to see if it is possible to put traffic calming (speedbumps) on the main road to the marina as fish farm trucks and private vehicles go along at highway speeds (recipe for accidents)
- Replace the Bailey (bridge)
- Development of resilience to global climate change and other large scale changes which could impact quality of life in the community.
- To be sure there should be more themes and goals, but rather than rushing to add let's take time to brainstorm and identify a set of values that will be the basis to inform appropriate themes and goals.
- Better communication with local government. Transparency does not exist now

**When asked what they liked BEST about the Village of Sayward**, 21 respondents shared their comments. The quiet, peacefulness was mentioned most frequently (10), followed by proximity to nature/natural beauty (5), friendliness (4), safety/low crime (4), community amenities (4), the people (2), small/rural feel (2), and the well-kept common areas (2).

#### **Comments Received:**

- The friendliness and the quietness. Have live here for 21 years this year and would not want to live anywhere else.
- Nature
- The people and the safe environment.
- Friendly and clean place.
- Quiet
- The peace and tranquility all day and all night. The fact that you can sit in the middle of say word Village in the middle of the day and hear the birds chirp.
- It's a friendly place.
- Location
- Recreation Centre, Clinic, Library, School
- That it's a village, not a city!
- Quality of life, fresh clean air, peaceful, quiet, safe, low crime, rural town.
- The tidy grounds maintained by the Village gardeners, recycle centre, clinic
- The well-kept common community recreation areas. The tranquility; great community; close to nature
- People feel connected other people
- Peaceful, low crime, quiet
- Quiet
- The people; safe + quiet
- The serenity, the beautiful views, tranquility
- Low crime rate, safety, living in harmony with nature
- Natural beauty. Opportunity to develop local tourism activities - fishing, tour to Yorke Island, whale watching, Forestry tours - Active logging, hiking trail upgrades
- sustainable economic development

When asked if they could change ONE thing about the Village of Sayward, the most popular answer was an increase in services (7), with 5 respondents directly mentioning a grocery store. Other popular themes were increasing social services (3), including daycare services and seniors housing and asset maintenance (3), which includes city maintenance of the village pond, campground and local roads. Lastly, other comments could fit under the theme's bylaw enforcement (2), improved governance (2) (mentioning of a more intuitive village website) and a more positive outlook by residents (2). One comment asked for a reduction in policing (1), another for a restriction on woodstoves to improve air quality (1) and one was unrelated (1).

### Comments Received:<sup>2</sup>

- Have a larger grocery store
- Open the mall back up.
- More local facilities - e.g., grocery store or shipping warehouse, restaurant, etc.
- Grocery Store
- Bring a grocery store to the Village
- Parking at the oceanfront - more organized parking needed, open the store + wharf i.e. small coffee shop, ice cream etc.
- More service i.e. groceries, gas, day care, trade people
- The fish Farm. The blasting that shakes my house. That's two things sorry?! Yeah
- The log sort
- Having daycare + expanded school grades available
- Dry sort hours to 5 days per week only! Have WFP water first kilometer of Salmon River Main to prevent dust clouds! Thank you!
- Build a seniors only complex. With patio homes (pre-fab) to rent or buy on large parcel of land. (Like the land on southside of Mall) with fees for yard maintenance (optional) + housecleaning, meals, medical care (home visitation) as required.
- support for self employed, small business, at home industry (grant writing)
- City maintenance - improve campground, add showers, clean up pond
- Make sure to keep up the roads. New asphalt every year. Do some to keep it up. Look after our roads
- Clean out the swamp and return it to a safe and accessible swimming spot for campsite users and locals. With all the water around us, there are little opportunities to "go to the beach." The algae bloom in the summer is so visually offensive, and is a central detraction to the otherwise beautiful environment. Make it a focal point with bridges, lighting, benches, as an extension of our beautiful Gazebo
- The local government
- For the Village website to be better organised and updated on a weekly or at least bi-weekly basis. No search function, Village office hours aren't posted, 2005 OCP is nowhere to be found for reference to this survey. WordPress websites by design are intended to be updated by the site owner without the cost of hiring a web design firm. Please make use of this!

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<sup>2</sup> One comment was removed due to inappropriate language.

- That residents of the Village take pride in their properties and That bylaw #384 be enforced!
- Enforcement of bylaws to clean up old cars (or remove) surround some properties + creates permission for others to not care
- Have residents in the Village to have more pride in their Community. Residents should stop the negativity and help make Sayward a better Community
- Restrict fireworks in the village, Use of wood stoves should be phased out (very bad for the environment and our health)
- Serene
- less policing

**When asked to describe what they imagine when you think of a flourishing Village of Sayward over the next 20 years and to share with their vision for Sayward's future,** respondent's vision for the next twenty years fit into six central themes: Housing (5), Employment (2), Population (5), Economic development/revitalization (7), Services (6), and Values (5). Of the 24 responses, most agree that more housing and more job opportunities (in Sayward and Campbell River) are needed to sustain the existing as well as any new residents. Comments about population growth mostly suggested who residents would like to attract: young people, kids, retirees, and full time residents. One person commented that population and economic growth need to be managed "intelligently". Opinions ranged in the Economic development and revitalization category. While some respondents suggest growing the tourist economy, others recommend that alternatives to tourism be sought. Most agree that existing and future local businesses need support, a grocery store is needed, and plans should be envisioned for the old mall. Future visions for community services include transportation, medical, recreation for seniors, and water supply. One comment mentioned that local services are especially needed so residents don't have to travel for them. While some respondents offered specific suggestions for how to achieve their vision, others spoke more broadly about the values and feeling they would like to see flourishing in twenty years. Notable among these were the phrases "inclusive," "family community," "thriving," and "self sustaining." Two respondents answered that they would like the Village to stay the same.

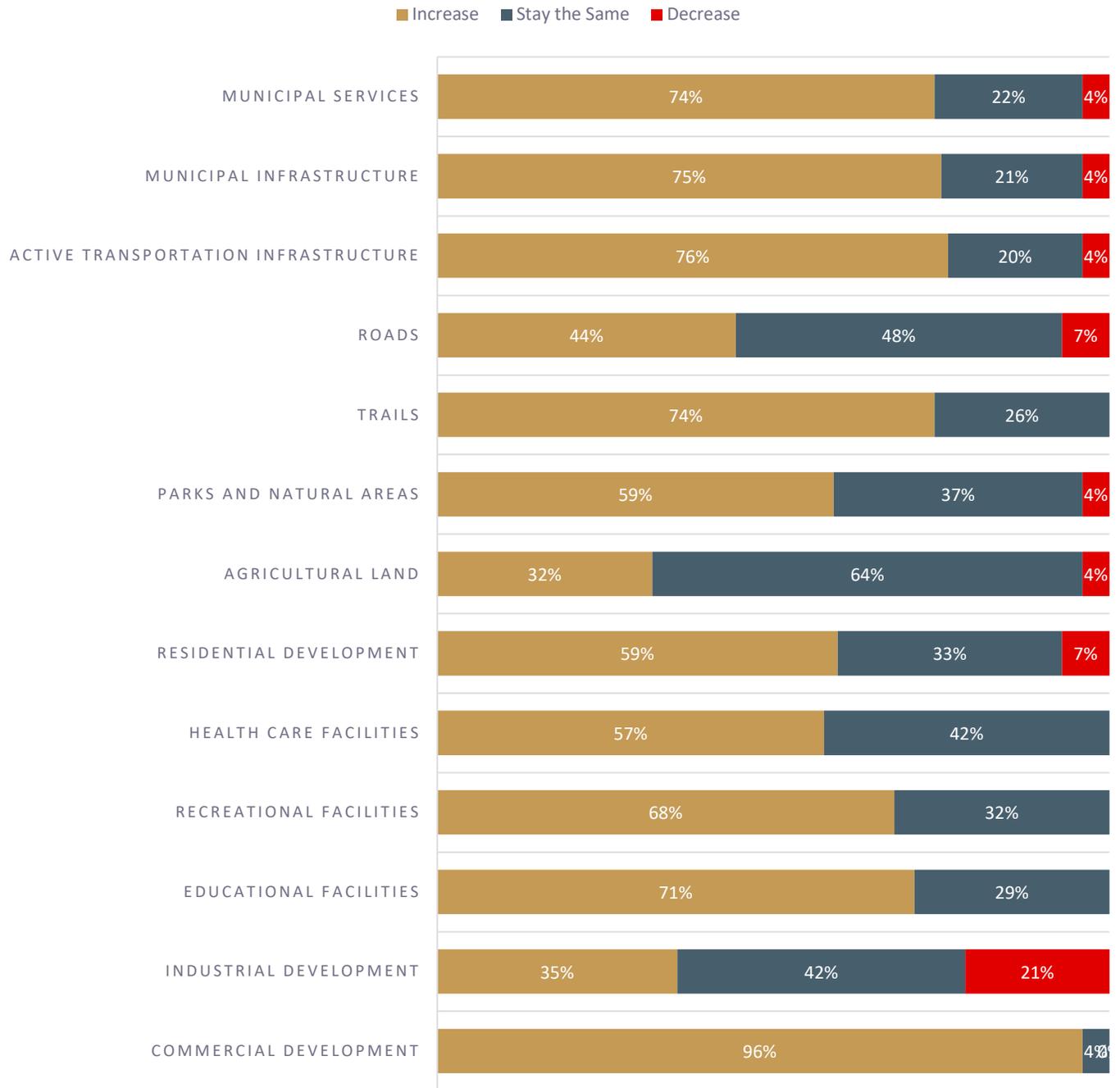
### Comments received

- More housing, more jobs, more kids for the school
- Mall opening again
- A store, services for the whole valley and expanded medical and transportation service, but no more houses and securing adequate water supply.
- To be a thriving family community where everyone one wants to visit and live.
- more seniors recreation
- I would the strip mall filled with viable businesses i.e., grocery store hardware store and the like that people in this community would support.
- Small local, self-sustaining community with services for seniors, children, and the extended community (e.g., Port Neville, Hardwicke Island).
- I would like to see Sayward as a tourist destination, restaurants, shops, hotels
- Have more services in the Village so that we don't have to travel for them.

- An inclusive community where: the majority of property owners or rental tenants are full time residents. - those of employment age either work in the Village or commute to Campbell River. - affordable housing exists - population and commercial growth managed through thoughtful and intelligent planning - tourism isn't the be all and end all - the majority of property owners or rental tenants are full time residents. - those of employment age either work in the Village or commute to Campbell River. - affordable housing exists - population and commercial growth managed through thoughtful and intelligent planning - tourism isn't the be all and end all
- I see it as a beautiful Seaside Village that flourishes and takes pride in it's appearance once again. To flourish we need to see ocean view homes, property above MacMillan Dr. being developed. The tax base would increase and the village would be able to enhance it's beauty. Residential development will attract economic development to the Village.
- The "mall" open and filled with stores and locals using them
- Coffee shop in the Village; Art gallery displays and sales promoting local artist - Indigenous and others; A ban on all hunting in the Village Estuary; Promote the estuary as a hub of diversity for wildlife; whale + wildlife tours; opportunities for hunters to trade their guns and become wildlife tour guides for foreigners to appreciate the wildlife alive.
- Good tourism, and business, regular public transit to Campbell River
- Either tear down the Mall or renovate it for new businesses or tear down for a larger Seniors Complex as above
- Grocery store; Eco-tourism; Tourism Boutique stores & galleries
- Tourism
- Village to remain pretty much the same
- Shopping in the Village eg. Grocery store, restaurants or coffee shop hair stylist
- The Village will expand, being a bedroom community. More retirees will move to Sayward.
- Fully serviced campsites + access to pond for swimming/paddling. Derelict building + properties cleaned up/demolished local tradesmen for building businesses, repairing/renovating homes. Storage units for boats/trailers/household goods/cars + bylaws enforced to reduce # of vehicles parked in residential areas. I would like to see the Village showing pride by keeping Sayward beautiful
- sustainable economic development

**When asked when they think about Sayward in 2041, to indicate whether they would like to see certain land use increase, stay the same or decrease** responses indicate that an “increase” is desired in most of the categories provided. The exception to this trend is industrial development, agricultural land and roads, where a majority would like to see these categories “stay the same.” Industrial development also received the greatest number of “decrease” votes, about half as many as those who asked for it to “increase” or “stay the same.” Commercial development and municipal infrastructure received the highest amount of “increase” votes. Additional comments range in subject and are provided below.

## VISION FOR SAYWARD IN 2041



### Comments Received:<sup>3</sup>

- Small local industrial development would be good, rather than large-scale externally-owned operations.

<sup>3</sup> One comment was removed due to its personal nature.

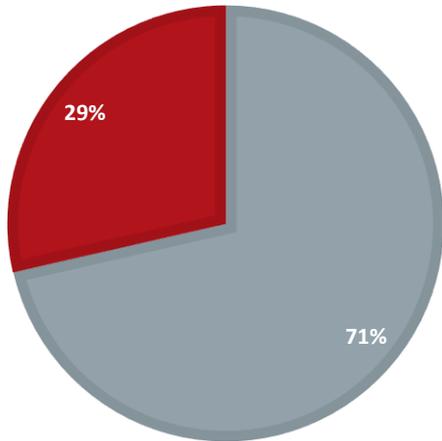
- I think #23 is a problematic question because one's change vision is dependant upon the change in population number that isn't an option in 23. If the population remains little changed from today there's isn't much need for more parks, roads, etc... If there was somewhat of an increase in population would that necessarily mean there would be a need for an increased number of health facilities or an expansion of the current facility? Also, indicating a preferred change in one example item, e.g. workshops, does not indicate a desire to see the same change in types of industrial development.
- Public transit to Campbell River
- I'll be long moved by 2041 and won't care (I'll be 90 and probably living in senior assisted facility if still alive)
- Eco-tourism, tourism
- Bylaw enforcement of all Fish Farm to be moved onto land. We are pro - fish stocks only
- Keep it wild/natural for our great grandchildren
- Roads - to have our corporate neighbourhood to do something with their dirty road. There is no need for us to have to put up with the dust storms. As a person with COPD I have to stay inside and keep windows closed on these days. I'm sure that I am not the only.
- Other ideas/ suggestions are included throughout the survey. Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of this very valuable process. I hope I'll still be alive and kicking by 2041 so I can enjoy all the positive changes to come about.

## FireSmart

A majority of respondents (71%) are familiar with the FireSmart program. All 71% of respondents who are familiar with FireSmart also apply the FireSmart principles in their home. There is a possibility of confusion with this question as 3 respondents who answered “no” to being familiar with FireSmart proceeded to answer the second question “If yes, do you apply FireSmart Principles in your home?” For this reason, three responses have been coded as errors and were removed from the total responses. This explains why 80% of respondents to this question answered yes. No answer indicates that they were not familiar with FireSmart and therefore likely did not apply the principles in their home.

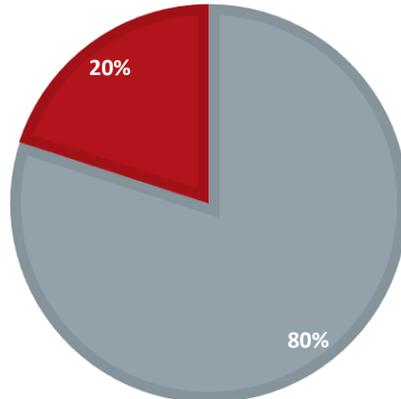
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■ Yes ■ No

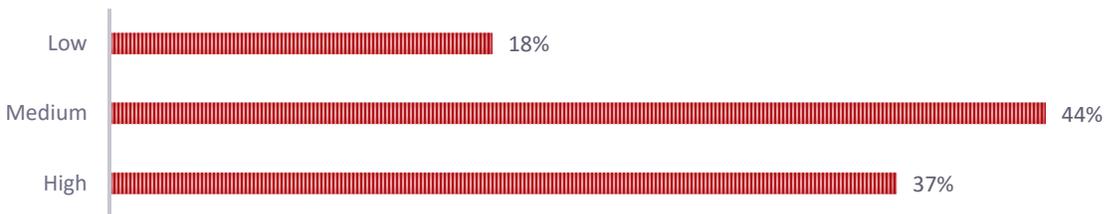


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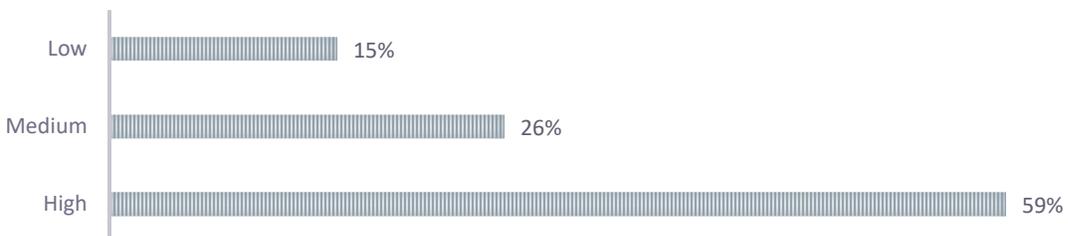
■ Yes ■ No Answer



### HOW GREAT OF A RISK DO YOU FEEL WILDFIRES PRESENT YOUR PRIVATE PROPERTY?



### HOW GREAT OF A RISK DO YOU FEEL WILDFIRES PRESENT TO THE LARGER COMMUNITY?



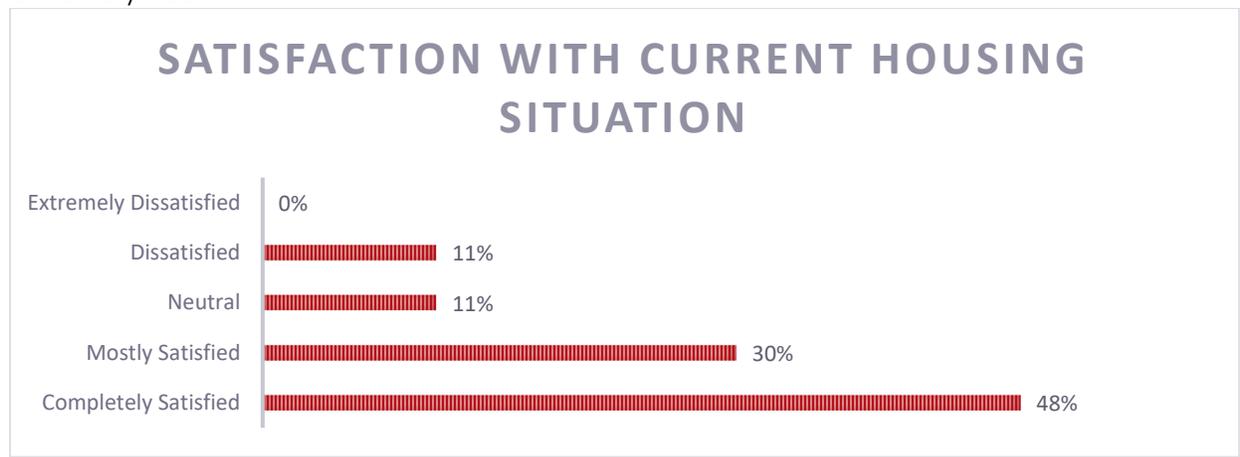
A majority of respondents feel that the wildfire risk to private property is medium to high at 44% and 37% respectively. Respondents indicated they felt that the risk wildfires present to the larger community is high at 59%. Sayward is surrounded by forest which to three respondents means the risk is indisputable (3). Some comments mentioned that more effort should be taken to clear dry brush (3) and more responsibility should be taken by the forestry industry (1). Education on fire prevention was also suggested (1).

**Comments Received:**

- Need people to clear old brush away from their property and WFP to clear out some of the dead trees and brush surrounding the village
- Make a pamphlet to educate the community sent in the mail to create awareness of the dangers and how to prevent damage.
- I have no issues with the Residential FireSmart program. What I do have issue with is that in spite of all residential best efforts to comply with the program, it's all for naught if industry, i.e. Western Forest Products, does not commit to removing undergrowth beneath their trees bordering residential property. The forestry sector should be required to create buffer zones at the borders of villages and towns.
- Too many 'dry wood' areas
- We're high risk since we are surrounded by forests
- We live in the forest (which I love) how can it not hold big risk when it comes to forest fire
- A little more could be done with clearing the forest line around Village (a fire break)
- If a wildfire were to sweep down Newcastle Ridge, the Village would be trapped, as only exit would be by water. The potential fire risk must be managed by the forest industry by proper harvesting and clean-up of dried combustible material

**Housing**

Overall, most respondents (48%) were completely satisfied with their current housing situation, with 30% mostly satisfied. A few respondents neutral (11%) and dissatisfied (11%) and 0% extremely dissatisfied.



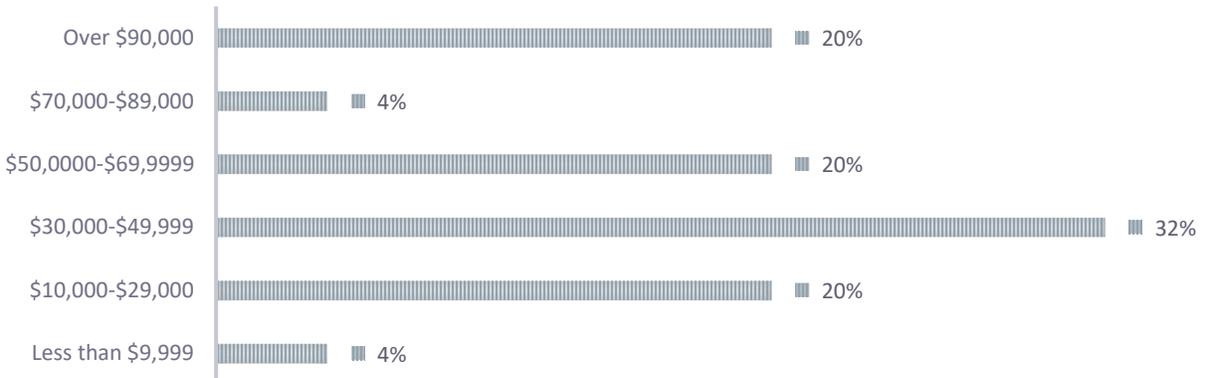
Additional comments were received by 16 respondents. The most common theme was a need for seniors housing (6), including seniors supportive housing, with two respondents mentioning a lack of options for seniors wishing to downsize. Other themes were high home satisfaction (4) and high home maintenance and upkeep costs (3). Lack of cell service (1) was also mentioned as an issue. Two comments were unrelated.

### Comments received

- We are seniors living in our own home as are all the seniors living in Sayward, there is no Senior Housing available
- I am happy where I live at this time but think a seniors complex is very much needed
- Need local seniors housing so that our aging people can age in place. Cottages - assisted living - multi-level care. Need housing for mental health/hard to place persons with supervisory.
- Need more lower cost options, rental & condo type of apartments for seniors who can't maintain their homes
- Housing for seniors needs help. Keep it affordable is important. Van Island is gentrifying
- I would like to think (hope) that who needed - in home care will be available
- We live in an off-grid cabin in Port Neville Inlet which we have built to our specifications. We are very happy with our location and our home!!
- I own my house and I'm happy with it.
- Delighted with home and property
- Have a bungalow, on flat land, with best view in the Village
- The trouble with owning your own home is the ongoing expenses of upkeep (maintenance + repair)
- Leak in backyard. Response from local government = I don't know. Taxes way to high!!
- No mortgage is a plus :-)
- I don't have cell service at my house.
- Still healthy

Three respondents decided not to share their annual household income. A small majority of the respondents (32%) earn between \$30,000-\$49,000 a year.

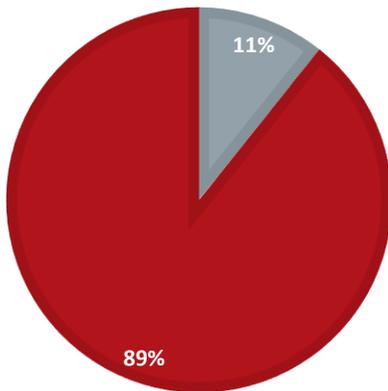
## WHAT IS YOUR ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME?



Majority of respondents (89%) own their home while 11% rent. The 11% of renters average monthly rent falls within the categories of less than \$299, \$500-\$699 or over \$1100.

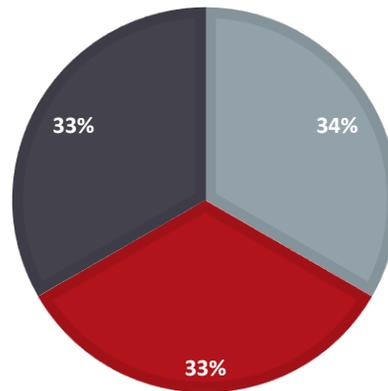
### DO YOU OWN YOUR HOME OR RENT?

■ Rent ■ Own



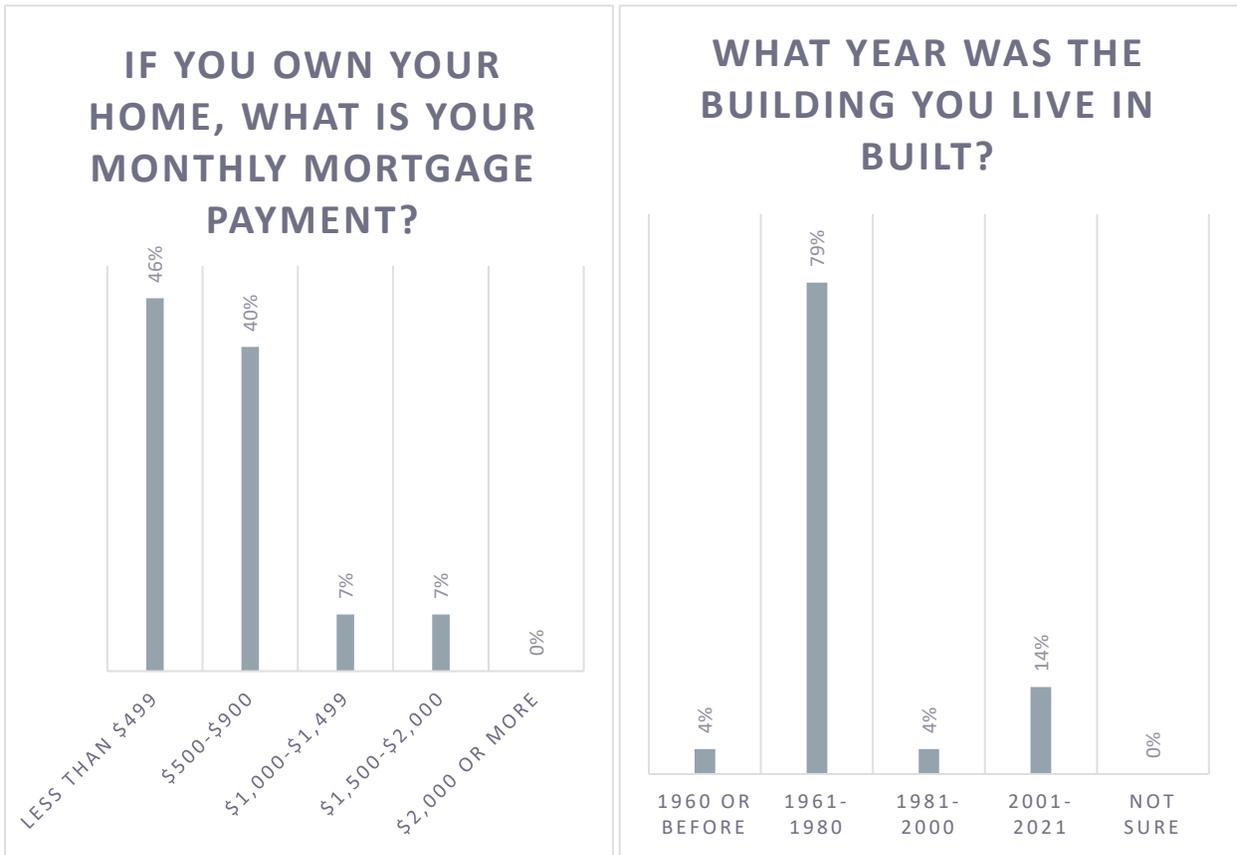
### IF YOU RENT, WHAT IS YOUR AVERAGE MONTHLY RENT?

■ Less than \$299 ■ \$500-\$699 ■ Over \$1100

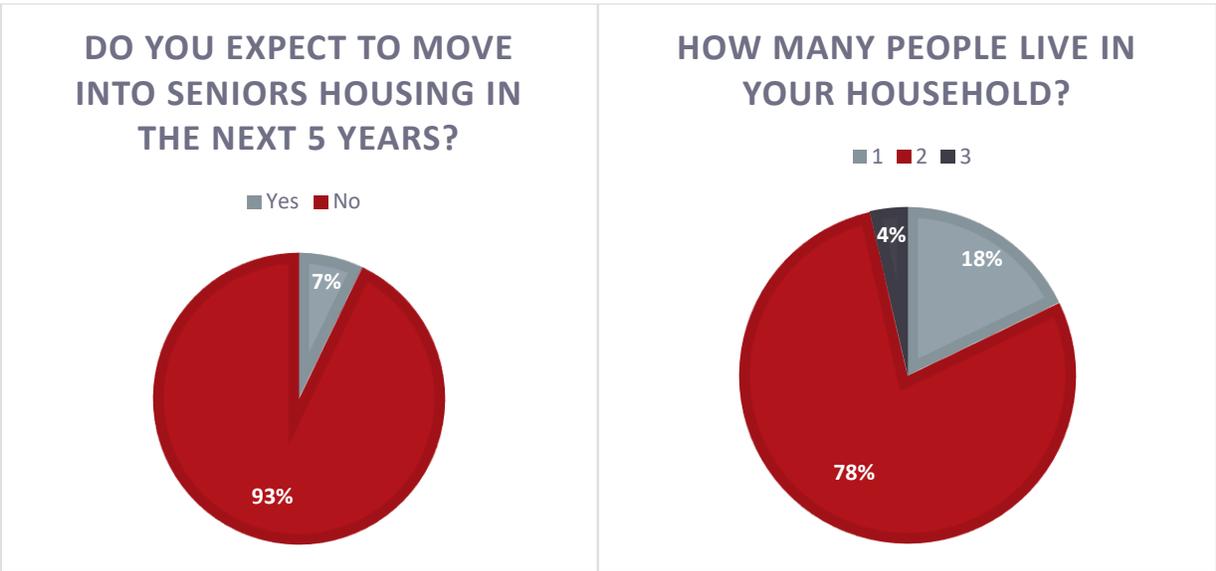


Only 15 respondents provided answers to their monthly mortgage payments. This could be that there was no place to indicate if they had paid off their mortgage or they did not wish to share that information.

Majority of respondents (79%) live in a building that was built between 1961 and 1980. And most households (78%) are composed of two people.

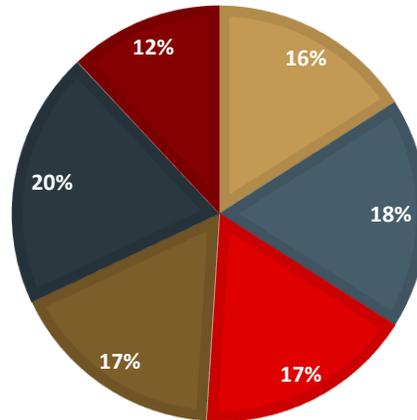


Majority of respondents (93%) do not expect to move into seniors housing though some comments indicated it was because that this was not option in their community.



## WHAT HOUSING ISSUES DO YOU FEEL ARE MOST AFFECTING THE VILLAGE OF SAYWARD?

- Housing is becoming unaffordable
  - Not enough new homes coming onto the market
  - Seniors housing is not adequate or affordable
- Lack of rental options
  - There is not enough variety in housing supply
  - Other



Most respondents selected most or all of these categories as issues. Respondents indicated that housing is becoming unaffordable to rent and buy. In addition to being unaffordable, there are few houses on the market and scarce rentals available. Not enough residential development is happening, possibly due to lack of useable land (1). Other comments mention seniors leaving town due to lack of medical facilities (1), the lack of a grocery store (1) and the run-down appearance of the trailer park (1) as issues related to housing. Two respondents were satisfied with their housing situation, though one noted that they are aware housing is an issue in the community.

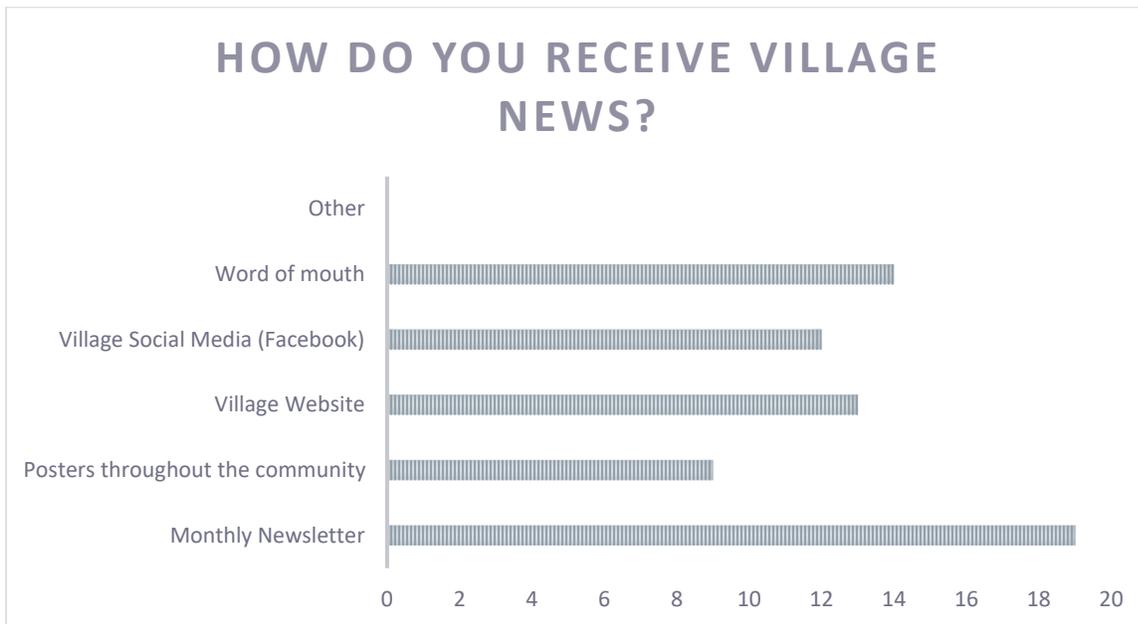
### Comments Received:

- Young people cannot afford the rents nowadays and cannot afford to buy a house.
- Not exactly a wealth of property available in the village on which to build.
- Development of residential properties is needed now. There are no rentals available and few houses on the market.
- Open the grocery store
- The trailer park (across from school field) is the first thing you see and is a real eye sore and should be eliminated and at the very least should have stricter by-laws and building codes and condemn where necessary
- This is BC wide - Island especially
- We're completely satisfied with the housing situation
- Help young families with children to buy in. Increase our school population

- Not applicable for us but I know it's an issue
- Unfortunately many of the seniors end up moving to the city due to medical facility availability

### Future Engagement

Most respondents indicated multiple ways of receiving village news. A number of respondents indicated only using the monthly newsletter (5) and village website (5), while no respondents indicated using only word of mouth or posters.



Most respondents prefer multiple methods for providing input. The Village newsletter and community meetings are the most popular methods and posters are the least popular method. One person mentioned that community meetings are preferable for them, but only once COVID-19 protocols allow for gathering.

## WHAT IS YOUR PREFERRED METHOD OF PROVIDING YOUR INPUT ON THE VILLAGE'S OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE?

