



**VILLAGE OF SAYWARD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 7, 2023
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 Kohen Gilkin
Councillor Sue Poulsen
Councillor Tom Tinsley

In Attendance: Keir Gervais, CAO
Lisa Clark, CFO/Corporate Officer
Jennifer Redshaw, Finance/Admin Clerk

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

2. Introduction of Late Items

a) Mayor Baker requested the subject of a letter of support for North Island Forestry be added to the agenda - added to 9. Mayor's Report.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION R23/40

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council for February 7, 2023, be approved as amended.

CARRIED

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings

MOTION R23/41

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the minutes from the Regular Council meeting held on January 24, 2023, be adopted.

THAT the minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting held on January 31, 2023, be adopted.

CARRIED

5. Petitions and Delegation - None

6. Correspondence

- b) Decriminalization – FAQ, Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
- c) Email from Village of Sayward resident - RE: Further examples of db ratings around the 400 area of Macmillan
- d) Email from Village of Sayward resident - RE: In regards to proposed Noise Nuisance Bylaw amendment for the consideration of Village Councillors and Mayor Baker

MOTION R23/42

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT correspondence a) to c) be received.

CARRIED

7. Council Reports - None

8. Reports of Committees - None

9. Mayor's Report

- a) **Mayor Baker – Designating a second Public Question Period to the beginning of all regular Council meetings and Committee of the Whole meetings – verbal report.**

MOTION R23/43

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council receive and discuss the public question period verbal report from Mayor Baker; and,

THAT Council include a public question period at the beginning of regular council and Committee of the Whole meetings; and,

THAT speakers be limited to a maximum of 2 minutes of speaking time; and,

THAT Staff be directed to prepare an amendment to Bylaw No. 416 Village of Sayward Council Procedure Bylaw, 2015 for Council's consideration.

CARRIED

- b) **Mayor Baker - Recommendation of creating a joint letter of support for the Forestry Industry on Northern Vancouver Island with other North Island Mayors & Council, Strathcona Regional District, & Indigenous Governments. Letter to be sent to the Provincial Government addressing the current reduced Allowable Annual Cut (ACC) and the increasingly long timeframes of obtaining permits – verbal report.**

MOTION R23/44

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Staff & Mayor Baker bring a draft letter of support for the North Island Forestry Industry to the next regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

10. Unfinished Business - None

11. Staff Reports

a) Memorial Plaque for former Mayor John MacDonald – Keir Gervais, CAO

** Cllr Poulsen declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting*

MOTION R23/45

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council receive and discuss the supplier’s proof for the Memorial Plaque for former Mayor John MacDonald; and,

THAT Council approve the supplier proof and authorize staff to order the Memorial Plaque, after clarifying wording with Mrs. Poulsen.

CARRIED

** Cllr Poulsen returned to the meeting*

b) 2023 Strategic and Financial Planning Process – Keir Gervais, CAO

MOTION R23/46

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council receive the 2023 Strategic and Financial Planning Process report; and,

THAT the COW meeting planned for February 14th at 7:00pm be rescheduled to occur 1:00-7:00pm; and, be closed to the public; and,

THAT a COW meeting be planned for February 28th at 7:00pm; and,

THAT the Council meeting planned for March 7th be cancelled.

CARRIED

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

13. Bylaws

a) Revenue Anticipation Bylaw No. 493, 2023

MOTION R23/47

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the Revenue Anticipation Bylaw No. 493, 2023 be given fourth and final reading.

CARRIED

b) Remuneration Amendment Bylaw No. 494, 2023

MOTION R23/48

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Remuneration Amendment Bylaw No. 494, 2023 be given fourth and final reading.

Opposed Cllr Burchett

CARRIED

c) Code of Conduct Amendment Bylaw No. 495, 2023

MOTION R23/49

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Code of Conduct Amendment Bylaw No. 495, 2023 be given first, second and third reading.

CARRIED

14. New Business- None

15. Public Question Period

16. In Camera

MOTION R23/50

MOVED AND SECONDED

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

- 90(1)(k) negotiations and related discussion respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public.

CARRIED

17. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm

Original signed by "M. Baker"

Mayor

Original signed by "L. Clark"

Corporate Officer