



**VILLAGE OF SAYWARD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 7, 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 Poulsen

In Attendance: John Thomas, Acting CAO/Corporate Officer
Lisa Clark, Chief Financial Officer
Jennifer Redshaw, Office Administrator

1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Input - None

3. Introduction of Late Items

- a) ATV secondary routes in the Village of Sayward.

MOTION R25/1

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT ATV secondary routes in Sayward be added to the agenda as New Business 15.a).

CARRIED

- b) Impacts to a fiber optic cable from the barge moored at Sayward dock.

MOTION R25/2

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the impacts of a barge moored at Sayward dock be added to the agenda as New Business 15.b)

Opposed Cllr Johnson

CARRIED

- c) MIFLAG verbal report and presentation from Cllr Burchett added to the agenda as Council reports 8.a).

4. Approval of Agenda

MOTION R25/3

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council for January 7, 2025, be approved as amended.

CARRIED

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings

MOTION R25/4

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the minutes from the Regular Council meeting held on December 2, 2024, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

6. Petitions and Delegations

a) **Greg DeMille, Manager of Operations, La-kwa sa muqw – Presentation on Watershed Operations**

MOTION R25/5

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the time allotted for the delegation be extended as much as needed to allow for completion of the presentation.

CARRIED

7. Correspondence

a) **BC Salmon Farmers**

MOTION R25/6

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT staff reach out to BC Salmon Farmers to gain a better understanding of the topic and the impacts to our community through stakeholders.

Opposed Cllr Burchett

CARRIED

8. Council Reports

a) **MIFLAG –Cllr Burchett verbal report & presentation**

MOTION R25/7

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT council receives the MIFLAG council report.

CARRIED

9. Reports of Committees - None

10. Mayor's Report - None

11. Unfinished Business

a) Restarting Council Corner – Sayward Newsletter

Note: Deferred by Council on December 2, 2024, to January 7, 2025.

MOTION R25/8

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council receive the Restarting Council Corner – Sayward Newsletter report.

Opposed Cllr Burchett

CARRIED

MOTION R25/9

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council approves the reintroduction of the "Council Corner" in the monthly Sayward Newsletter, beginning in January 2025, with the following guidelines:

1. Each Council member will contribute to the "Council Corner" on a monthly rotating basis.
2. Content will focus on updates from Council, local events, public service reminders, and reflections on current issues affecting the Village.
3. Contributions will be approximately 200-300 words in length.
4. Contributions will remain professional, respectful, and focused on the Council's collective vision.
5. Any visuals submitted will adhere to the Village's branding guidelines.
6. All contributions must be reviewed by the Mayor or designated staff prior to publication to ensure consistency and alignment with the Council's objectives.

Opposed Cllr Burchett

CARRIED

b) LGLA 2025 Conference Attendance

Note: Deferred by Council on December 2, 2024, to January 7, 2025.

MOTION R25/10

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council defer this topic until budget meetings.

Opposed Cllr Burchett

CARRIED

c) Draft Annual Report 2023

MOTION R25/11

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council approves the 2023 Annual Report as presented.

CARRIED

Staff will report liabilities and surplus at the next COW meeting.

12. Staff Reports

a) Appointment of Deputy Mayor – 2025 to 2026

b) Adoption - Code of Conduct Bylaw, Bylaw No. 512

MOTION R25/17

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Code of Conduct Bylaw, Bylaw No. 512 be adopted.

CARRIED

c) Bylaw 513. – 2024-2028 Five Year Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw

MOTION R25/18

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Five Year Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 513, 2024 be given first, second and third readings.

CARRIED

15. New Business

a) ATV secondary routes in the Village of Sayward.

MOTION R25/19

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT staff review Bylaw 446 and investigate with all stakeholders the possibility of expansion of secondary routes for off-road vehicles.

CARRIED

b) Impacts to a fiber optic cable from a barge moored at Sayward dock.

Mayor Baker committed to bringing this topic to the SRD's attention.

16. Public Question Period

- a) Milena Gradisar of 221 Ambleside Drive:** For those living in Sayward in 2018 do you remember the windstorm blow down all those trees on the hill in the watershed? The forest company cleaned up what blew down, so it is not actually a clear clearcut. It is only a clearcut visually and the forest company cannot be blamed for what mother nature did.

17. In Camera

MOTION R25/20

MOVED AND SECONDED

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

1. 90(1)(c) labour relations or other employee relations.
2. 90(1)(d) the security of 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(2)(b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party;

CARRIED

18. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52pm.

Original Signed

Mayor

Original Signed

Corporate Officer