



**VILLAGE OF SAYWARD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2024
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/Corporate Officer

1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Input

- a) Lorna Agnew of 754 Sayward Rd: Inquired about the zoning to their property and requested the Village change the zoning based on a previous subdivision error.

The CAO outlined the history of the work staff have completed, the legal review, the recent decision by Council, and the opportunity that Mr. and Mrs. Agnew have to make an application for rezoning and subdivision should they wish.

- b) Mark Agnew of 754 Sayward Rd: Expressed his disappointment in how he and his wife have been treated since they began inquiring about subdividing their property.

Mayor Baker confirmed that he, the CAO and Mr. and Mrs. Agnew are meeting tomorrow to discuss their concerns.

- c) Serena Gill of Lot 2 Kelsey Way: Informed Council that she and her husband are proceeding with building on Lot 2 Kelsey Way and that they have submitted their application.

3. Introduction of Late Items

- a) Cllr Burchett requested a Staff Update re: the status of the books gifted to the Village by We Wai Kai and Wei Wai Kum First Nation's and the Ethnohistory presentation to occur in Sayward be added to the agenda as New Business 15. a).

**MOTION R24/XX1
MOVED AND SECONDED**

THAT a Staff Update re: the status of the books gifted to the Village by We Wai Kai and Wei Wai Kum First Nation's and the Ethnohistory presentation to occur in Sayward be added to the agenda as New Business 15. a).

CARRIED

4. Approval of Agenda

**MOTION R24/XX2
MOVED AND SECONDED**

THAT the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council for March 5, 2024, be approved, as amended.

Opposed Cllr Poulsen

CARRIED

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings

**MOTION R24/XX3
MOVED AND SECONDED**

THAT the minutes from the Regular Council meeting held on February 20, 2024, be adopted.

Opposed Mayor Baker, Cllr Burchett, Cllr Poulsen

DEFEATED

**MOTION R24/XX4
MOVED AND SECONDED**

THAT the minutes from the Regular Council meeting held on February 20, 2024, be deferred until the March 20, 2024 Council meeting.

CARRIED

6. Petitions and Delegation - None

7. Correspondence

a) MLA Babchuk, RE: Monthly Update February 2024.

**MOTION R24/XX5
MOVED AND SECONDED**

THAT correspondence a) be received.

CARRIED

8. Council Reports - None

9. Reports of Committees - None

10. Mayor's Report

MOTION R24/XX6

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council support a request for governance assistance from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

CARRIED

11. Unfinished Business

- a) **Verbal Update RE: Village Fireworks Bylaw, Keir Gervais, CAO**

MOTION R24/XX7

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council receive the CAO verbal report.

Opposed Cllr Burchett

CARRIED

12. Staff Reports

- a) **Regional Collaboration Opportunity – Indigenous Engagement Requirements, Keir Gervais, CAO**

MOTION R24/XX8

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council receive the Regional Collaboration Opportunity – Indigenous Engagement Requirements staff for information and discussion; and,

THAT as part of the Village of Sayward's ongoing work in relation to emergency planning that the Village commits it's \$40,000 Indigenous Engagement Requirement funding grant to the Strathcona Regional District to fund a multi-year Emergency Services Indigenous Engagement Coordinator staff position.

CARRIED

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

14. Bylaws – None

15. New Business

- a) **Staff Update re: the status of the books gifted to the Village by We Wai Kai and Wei Wai Kum First Nation's and the Ethnohistory presentation to occur in Sayward.**

MOTION R24/XX9

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council donate the books gifted to the Village by We Wai Kai and Wei Wai Kum First Nation's to the local library to remain in the library, not for withdrawal, if the library agrees to accept them.

CARRIED

MOTION R24/XX10

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT staff be directed to schedule the Ethnohistory presentation in the Kelsey Centre.

CARRIED

16. Public Question Period

- a) Mark Agnew of 754 Sayward Rd: Inquired if some of the housing grant will be spent on 754 Sayward Rd.

The CAO indicated that any decision on where funds are spent is made by Council and there has been no information brought before Council at this time.

- b) Mark Agnew of 754 Sayward Rd: Asked if there is a timeline on the funding, and who gives direction about how the housing grant is dispersed.

The CAO indicated there is currently no specific plan on how to spend the funds. There have been many questions from several municipalities about how to apply the funds.

Mayor Baker said that they are waiting for direction on how to apply the funds.

- c) Lorna Agnew of 754 Sayward Rd: Asked who gives the municipality direction on how to apply the housing grant?

Mayor Baker replied that the province primarily provides this direction.

The CAO indicated that spending the grant on any one private property is not an eligible expense and outlined various eligible expenses categories like planning, development, revisions of plans.

17. In Camera

MOTION R24/XX11

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) labor relations or other employee relations.
2. 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

18. Rise & Report - None

19. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 PM

Original Signed

Mayor

Original Signed

Corporate Officer