



**VILLAGE OF SAYWARD
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 24, 2025
Regular Council Meeting
Postposed from June 17, 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 Debbie Coates
Councillor Jason Johnson
Councillor Sue Poulsen (via Teams)

Absent: Councillor Scott Burchett

In Attendance: John Thomas, Acting CAO/Corporate Officer
Lisa Clark, CFO
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 - None

4. Approval of Agenda

MOTION R25/195

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the agenda for the Special Meeting of Council for **June 24, 2025**, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Councillor Poulsen joined the meeting at 7:02pm.

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings

MOTION R25/196

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on **June 3, 2025**, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

MOTION R25/197

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on **March 13, 2024**, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

MOTION R25/198

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the minutes from the Special Council Meeting held on **May 8, 2024**, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

6. Petitions and Delegations

a) Sayward Community Health Society – Angie Hibbert

MOTION R25/199

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the meeting be moved In-Camera to receive this delegation in accordance with Community Charter section 90(1)(d) security of the property of the municipality.

CARRIED

The meeting moved In-Camera at 7:08pm.

The meeting resumed at 7:29pm with the same members of council present and staff in attendance.

7. Correspondence

MOTION R25/200

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council receives correspondence a) - d) for information.

CARRIED

a) Guidebook - Outdoor Recreation for Community

b) Proclamation Request – National Drowning Prevention

MOTION R25/201

MOVED AND SECONDED

WHEREAS the mission of Lifesaving Society Canada is to prevent drowning throughout this great country, and even one drowning in BC is one too many; and,

WHEREAS most drownings are preventable in a Water Smart community, and only through Water Smart education and a healthy respect for the potential danger that any body of water may present can we genuinely enjoy the beauty and recreation

opportunities offered by these bodies of water; and,

WHEREAS the Lifesaving Society urges Canadians and residents of the Village of Sayward to supervise children who are in and around the water, to refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages while participating in aquatic activities, and to always wear a lifejacket when boating; and,

WHEREAS the United Nations General Assembly passed the UN Resolution on Drowning Prevention (A/75/L.76) and named July 25th of each year as World Drowning Prevention Day; and,

WHEREAS Lifesaving Society Canada has declared July 20th-26th, 2025 National Drowning Prevention Week to focus on the drowning problem and the hundreds of lives that could be saved this year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Mark Baker, Mayor for the Village of Sayward do hereby proclaim July 20th to 26th, 2025 NATIONAL DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK in the Village and do commend its thoughtful recognition to all citizens of our Village.

CARRIED

Direction to staff to include the proclamation in the Sayward News.

c) Let's Lead Change Together for BC's Resource-Dependent Communities

MOTION R25/202

MOVED AND SECONDED

WHEREAS rural and resource-based communities continue to be a significant economic driver in both rural and urban areas across British Columbia.

AND WHEREAS communities throughout British Columbia are experiencing job losses and heightened economic challenges arising from trade uncertainties, and provincial legislation and policies that disproportionately affect resource industries such as forestry, mining, energy, and aquaculture;

AND WHEREAS these communities are integral to the provincial economy, contributing substantially to British Columbia's GDP, employment, and export revenues, while sustaining the economic vitality of urban centres through interconnected supply chains, workforce migration, and complementary industries;

AND WHEREAS current provincial decision-making processes frequently lack adequate representation and consultation with rural and resource-based communities, leading to policies that may inadvertently jeopardize the sustainability, cohesiveness and resilience of these regions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia to formally recognize the critical economic contributions of rural and resource-based

communities and to ensure their meaningful inclusion in the development of legislation, regulations, and economic strategies that impact resource industries by:

- Prioritizing economically viable access to resources;
- Supporting innovation within each sector to foster sustainable growth and enhance competitiveness;
- Actively engaging with each resource sector and its stakeholders to comprehensively understand their unique challenges and opportunities; and,
- Take decisive action to amend policies and legislation based on the unique challenges and opportunities identified
- Removing restrictive legislation on resource sector industries.

CARRIED

d) Coastal Fire Centre – Update

8. Council Reports - None

9. Reports of Committees - None

10. Mayor's Report - None

11. Unfinished Business

a) Submission to the SRD's Kelsey Centre Review Committee

MOTION R25/203

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council authorizes the A/CAO to submit the following information to the SRD's Kelsey Centre Review Committee pursuant to their request for information.

CARRIED

12. Staff Reports

a) Finance Department Update

MOTION R25/204

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the Finance Department Update Staff Report be received for information and discussion.

CARRIED

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

14. Bylaws - None

15. New Business - None

16. Public Question Period - None

No members of the public were present in the gallery.

17. In Camera

MOTION R25/205

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) security of the 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(1)(j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

CARRIED

18. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19pm.

Original signed by "M. Baker"
Mayor

Original signed by "J. Thomas"
Corporate Officer