



**VILLAGE OF SAYWARD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 16, 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 Sue Poulsen

In Attendance: Andrew Young, CAO/CO
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 R25/252

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council for **September 16, 2025**, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings

MOTION R25/253

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the minutes from the **Regular Council Meeting** held on **September 2, 2025**, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

6. Petitions and Delegations

- a) Neil MacDougall representing Sayward Muay Thai and request for Grant in Aid

7. Correspondence

- a) City of Prince George request for support for five proposed resolutions during UBCM 2025 Convention - dated September 2, 2025

MOTION R25/254

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council support resolutions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 by voting in the affirmative at the 2025 UBCM Convention.

Opposed Cllr Burchett

CARRIED

- b) Invitation from Dallas Brodie, MLA Vancouver-Quilchena dated Sept 5-2025 to attend “What DRIPA Means for Local Governments” on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at the Parkside Hotel – Victoria during the UBCM 2025 Convention. RSVP requested.
- c) BC Salmons Farmers Association email and news release dated Sept 5- 2025 “No Farms, Still Sea Lice ... Again: Evidence Mounts Further Debunking Assumptions About Salmon Farming And Parasite Levels”.
- d) Invitation from SRD to Elected Officials to attend – “Building Bridges Through Understanding the Village Workshop” – November 4, 2025.

Mayor Baker and Cllr Coates stated they would like to attend the “Building Bridges Through Understanding the Village Workshop”.

8. Council Reports - None

9. Reports of Committees - None

10. Mayor’s Report

11. Unfinished Business - None

12. Staff Reports

- a) **Grant in Aid Request – Sayward Muay Thai**

MOTION R25/255

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council approves the grant in aid request from Neil MacDougall on behalf of Sayward Muay Thai dated September 4, 2025.

Opposed Cllr Burchett, Cllr Poulsen

CARRIED

MOTION R25/256

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT insurance costs, the security of the fob, and damage deposit are included in the grant in aid.

Opposed Cllr Poulsen

CARRIED

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

14. Bylaws - None

15. New Business - None

16. Public Question Period - None

17. In Camera

MOTION R25/257

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*.

Opposed Cllr Burchett, Cllr Poulsen

CARRIED

Councillor Burchett stated that due to the ongoing litigation and investigations with the Village of Sayward and the majority of council's decision to not record In Camera meetings, he will not attend the In Camera meeting due to there being no accountability.

18. Adjournment

MOTION R25/258

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the Village of Sayward Council adjourns its September 16, 2025 Regular Meeting.

Time and Date: 9:56 pm September 16, 2025.

CARRIED

Original signed by "M.Baker"

Mayor

Original signed by "A.Young"

Corporate Officer