

Sayward News

January 2026

Another festive light parade made its way from Crossroads Pub to the village gazebo on Saturday, December 13, 2025, brightening the night with colour and community spirit. Thank you to all the participants that decorated their vehicles with holiday flair. A special thank-you to the Sayward Volunteer Fire Department for coordinating the parade, and to Sayward Futures Society for serving hot chocolate and treats at the gazebo with help from Sayward Community Food Table Society volunteers. Appreciation also goes to Public Works & the volunteers that decorated the gazebo beautifully. And, of course, a big shout out to Marshall Forsythe for boosting the holiday cheer with his classic seasonal tunes!



A New Year, A New Look

Sayward News has undergone some important changes. These changes are intended to streamline communication and reduce costs. Sayward News continues to be available on the Village of Sayward website and on our Facebook page. Printed copies (black & white or colour) are now available in the village office for a small fee, as it will no longer be mailed as a flyer. Questions? Please contact the village office:

250-282-5512

village@saywardvalley.ca



A huge round of applause to our incredible Sayward News folding volunteers! As we transition to an online format, the Village of Sayward would like to celebrate the valuable service you have provided over the years. Thank you for your commitment and the meaningful contribution you have made to our community.

Village of Sayward January Council Meetings:

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Tuesday, January 27, 2026



Village of Sayward

Village of Sayward Office: 652 H'Kusam Way

250-282-5512 village@saywardvalley.ca

Open Monday to Friday 9am-4pm

closed 12pm-1pm for lunch



Village of Sayward

Lisa Clark, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for the Village of Sayward has decided to explore other employment opportunities in 2026. The Village would like to express its gratitude for her public service. Recruitment processes to find a new CFO for the Village of Sayward have already begun. We hope to have this key position filled in the new future.



Property Assessment Notices will be mailed out in January 2026. Ensure BC Assessment has your correct mailing address on file so you do not miss this important document. The address that BC Assessment has on file is the same address used to mail your **Property Tax Notice** in May. If your mail gets delivered to a post office box in the Village of Sayward, ensure BC Assessment has your post office box number.

Update your address here: <https://info.bcassessment.ca/Services-products/update-your-property-information> or pick up a change of address form from the Village of Sayward office during business hours.



Sayward Library Hours:

Monday: closed
Tuesday, Wednesday: 10am-8pm
Thursday - Saturday: 10am-2pm
Sunday: 12pm-4pm



\$3000 BACK ON HOME PROJECTS!!

VILLAGE OF SAYWARD FIRESMART REBATE PROGRAM

Receive up to **\$3000** for doing FireSmart work on your home and property!!

APPLY TODAY!

Limited spots available, rebates are first come, first served. Get in touch today to guarantee your spot!

Schedule a FREE FireSmart Assessment to be eligible to apply. Contact wrr@srd.ca or call **250-914-9234**.

Visit srd.ca/firesmart-rebate-program to learn more and to apply today!




Village of Sayward

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO AMEND COUNCIL PROCEDURE BYLAW NO. 416, 2015

Notice is hereby given that the Council for the Village of Sayward is proposing to amend its current *Procedures Bylaw*, known as COUNCIL PROCEDURE BYLAW NO. 416, 2015. This notice is provided in accordance with the requirement in Sections 94 and 124 of the *Community Charter*.

The Procedure Bylaw establishes the rules and regulations under which all proceedings of Council and its committees and other bodies established by Council are to be governed and how meetings are to be conducted.

Generally, the purpose of the amendment is to update meeting procedures as follows:

- Amend the schedule for regular council meetings from the first and third Tuesday, to the second and fourth Tuesday of every month.

Council will consider adoption of the amendment to Council Procedure Bylaw 416, 2015 at its meeting scheduled for Tuesday January 13, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

A copy of both the amending bylaw (Bylaw No. 518) and Council Procedure Bylaw 416, 2015 is available at the Village of Sayward office, 652 H'Kusam Way, Sayward, BC from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday to Friday. Copies will also be posted to the Village website. Persons who wish to comment on the proposed changes may submit comments in writing to the Chief Administrative Officer, 652 H'Kusam Way, Sayward, BC, V0P 1R0, or to cao@saywardvalley.ca before noon on Tuesday, January 13, 2026.

Andrew Young, MCIP, RPP
Chief Administrative Officer &
Corporate Officer
Village of Sayward

Gabage pick up is delayed due to the holiday, New Years Day.
Garbage will be picked up Friday, January 2nd, 2026





Village of Sayward

Sayward Recycling Depot
~hours~
Comox Strathcona Waste Management
Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday
9:00am - 5:00pm



Got Extra Garbage?
GARBAGE STICKERS FOR SALE



Each household is allowed two garbage receptacles (cans/bags) per week.

Additional receptacles (up to 77 liters/25 kgs) must have a garbage sticker on it for pick-up.



WHERE TO PURCHASE GARBAGE STICKERS?

Village of Sayward - \$5.00 each
• Municipal office
During business hours

SRD (Sayward Valley) - \$3.75 each
• SRD Corporate Office - Campbell River
• Sayward Municipal Office
During business hours

Village of Sayward
250-282-5512 • village@saywardvalley.ca

Strathcona Regional District
250-830-6700 • engineering@srd.ca

December 17, 2025

WATER CONSERVATION UPDATE for VILLAGE OF SAYWARD

Thank you for your continued efforts to conserve our drinking water supply while Sayward's Public Works staff continue their work at the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) and the water intake in Newcastle Creek. Currently, the WTP, water intake, and water reservoir are operating well.

NEWCASTLE CREEK LANDSLIDE ASSESSMENT

Due to ongoing turbidity issues with the water drawn from Newcastle Creek arising from the landslide that took place on October 23, 2025, the Village of Sayward and the Strathcona Regional District are seeking additional support from the Ministry of Emergency Management & Climate Readiness (EMCR) for a geotechnical assessment of the Newcastle Creek watershed and to provide a report on possible remediation and mitigation options. If approved, we hope to conduct a LiDAR survey (Light Detection and Ranging survey) of the watershed in early 2026 that will provide significantly more information about the area to support the geotechnical assessment.

Andrew Young, MCIP, RPP
Chief Administrative Officer
Village of Sayward

No Parking
on boulevards between
November 15th to March 15th
to help Public Works in
clearing snow and ice
to keep you safe.

Medic Minutes With Greg

BCEHS | BC Emergency Health Services
Provincial Health Services Authority

Its January and you know what that means... 'Tis the season for New Years Resolutions! If you are thinking about getting more active in 2026, I have some fun facts about the benefits of exercise to help motivate you!

There is a difference between "physical activity" and "exercise"

- Physical activity is any movement of your body
- Exercise is physical activity with a specific intensity and duration to improve or maintain fitness. Doing a combination of both can help you achieve these benefits

Exercise is important for people of all ages! Exercising provides a myriad of benefits for your physical health, mental health and lifestyle

Physical health

- Feel stronger and more athletic
- Prevent and manage many health problems that come with age
- Maintain and improve brain health and a healthy weight

Mental health

- Improve the quality of your sleep
- Manage stress and improve mental health
- Improve overall feelings of wellbeing

Lifestyle

- Maintain your mobility and independence
- Reduce your risk of falling by maintaining and improving your balance
- Continue to enjoy your leisure activities



To help you achieve your fitness goals and improve your health, I'm happy to announce that I will be offering a FREE chair exercise class every Friday starting this month! This class is completely free and operates on a drop-in basis, so no need to register or commit to several classes. Please see below for more details.

Sayward Chair Fitness

Date: Fridays (starting January 9th, 2026)

Time: 10:00AM-11:00AM

Location: Kelsey Centre (652 H'Kusam Way)

Have Questions? I'm available Monday-Friday, 8:00AM-4:00PM

(250)201-7539

CP.Sayward@BCEHS.ca

January 2026. SCRA – Heritage Hall Happenings 📍 1257 Sayward Rd

Sayward Kids Club – After-School Fun! First day of the new year is Jan. 14th

Kids ages 5–12 can enjoy: 🎨 Crafts 🎲 Games 🌳 Outdoor adventures 🍷 Snacks

When: Wed, Thurs, Fri • 2:45–4:45 PM, **Where:** Sayward Heritage Hall

Cost: \$10/day Pre-registration required

Volunteers welcome! 📞 250-830-4116. ✉️ saywardcrew@gmail.com

📅 **Indoor Market** – First Saturday of the month, 10 AM – 1 PM

• Table rentals: \$2 • VIHA rules apply

• Kitchen open! Vendors — come on down! Shoppers — support local!

Seniors Valentine Free Lunch – 65 plus, **registration a must.** Call hall or email hall. Signup sheet at Sayward Healthcare Clinic or Barb Bowbrick.

📅 **Saturday, February 14th** 🕒 1:00 PM

This is for anyone 65 plus (one person of couple has to be 65)

Sayward Helping Hands - every Tuesday 10 am to 1 pm. Everyone welcome. Bring your project be it sewing, knitting etc - \$2 drop in fee

SCRA Membership• \$10/year

Next Regular Meeting 📅 January 13th – 7 PM

✉️ heritagehallscra@gmail.com 📞 250-282-0192.

All dates/events subject to change

Sayward Literacy Now 2025

Books! Check out our book houses. If you are in need, I have books for children 0 to teens.

Watch for our book giveaways at local events.

Computer questions, we will try to help! Email, call or text!

**Ann at annvansnick3@gmail.com
250-203-8332**



Village of Sayward 2026 Dog Licences

If your dog has a licenced tag and is lost, your information is available so we can reunite you with your dog quickly.

Available for purchase from the village office



Garden Club News

Winter is here and gardeners are consulting their seed catalogs and planning for the Spring. However, there's always pruning that can be easily done at this time of year. Winter pruning of fruit trees helps to shape them and encourages fruiting. First look for dead wood to remove. Then eliminate one limb of two limbs that cross and might rub against each other. Any growth that that aims toward the centre of the tree can be cut out to keep the middle of the tree open to encourage good air circulation. Finally, trim back the ends of the limbs, cutting back to leave a bud that is aiming in the desired direction

The Garden Club had a booth at the Heritage Hall Christmas sale, and we sold some beautiful hand-made wreathes, swags and baskets. The proceeds will finance some interesting guest speakers in the New Year.

We had a festive potluck dinner for our December meeting. It is remarkable how, without planning, there was a great mix of main dishes, salads, desserts and some tasty maple lemonade. There were three Christmas hampers full of homemade treats that were raffled.

The club will not meet in January, but we will have a series of speakers starting in February. Read all about it in the next issue. Until then have a Happy New Year and keep after those weeds.



COMMUNITY SHARE SHED

**Tuesday, Thursday &
Saturday**

10:00am-1:00pm

**located beside the
Recycling Depot**

**Donations of functional,
clean items accepted during
open hours.**

**Please do not leave items
outside.**

**For information, please call
Debbie @ 250-895-4500**



The **SAYWARD Community Health Society** will be holding their AGM on January 9, 2026, at 5:00pm at the Sayward Clinic. According to BC Societies rules, only fully paid-up members can attend the AGM. Anyone is more than welcome to turn up on the day, join of course, and then attend the meeting.

SCHS needs and values your support so please consider becoming a member, only \$10 per year.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding the AGM.

Charon Risdale, Director of SCHS
charonrids@gmail.com
250-850-7144

Clinic News

The clinic remains open for patients of the clinic, with Nurse Practitioner Enid O’Hara covering some shifts.

Clinic hours remain the same:

Monday to Wednesday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Call 250-282-3815

The following services are available to everyone.
 (you do not need to be a clinic patient)

Lab, ECGs, 24-hour Holter monitoring, Injections, Wound and dressing care.

Please call when you can’t make your lab or NP appointment. We have very limited spots.

Seniors Luncheons at the Kelsey Centre



12pm-1pm

Wednesday, January 14th

Wednesday, January 28th

Hosted by the Sayward Community Health Society and its amazing volunteers!

Join us for a delightful afternoon of connection and community. This is a **free event** open to all seniors, so come ready to relax, mingle, and make new memories. We look forward to seeing you there!

January 2026

Clinic Phone 250 282-3815

Fax 250 282-0040

Clinic Hour 9-5 Monday to Wednesday, 9-4 Thursday

Public Health Phone 250 850-2110



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 CLINIC CLOSED	2 CLINIC CLOSED	3
4 Labs 9-12	5	6	7	8	9 CLINIC CLOSED	10
11	12	13	14 Seniors 55 + Free Lunch 12 at the Kelsey Centre	15	16 CLINIC CLOSED	17
18 Labs 9-12	19	20	21	22	23 CLINIC CLOSED	24
25 Labs 9-11:30 NP	26 NP	27	28 Seniors 55 + Free Lunch 12 at the Kelsey Centre NP	29 NP	30 CLINIC CLOSED	31

This Schedule is subject to change.



MUAY THAI IS BACK!

Get ready to hit the mats! Our community Muay Thai classes are officially resuming on January 7th, and we're kicking the year off bigger than ever!

NEW: MUAY THAI MINI-MITES (Ages 4 to 7 only!) Due to popular demand, we've added a dedicated slot for our youngest warriors! We already have 4 Mini-Mite training, and we are welcoming more moms, dads, and guardians to bring their little ones down to join the fun.

THE SCHEDULE:

- **4:15 PM – 4:50 PM: Mini-Mites (Ages 4 to 7 only)**
- **5:00 PM – 6:30 PM: Regular Class (Youth & Adults)**

COST: 100% FREE for the whole community!

WHAT TO BRING: No fancy gear needed! Just wear a T-shirt and shorts, and don't forget your water bottle.

Whether you're a seasoned pro or a total beginner, come join our growing village Muay Thai family. See you there!



Youth Group is Back!

We are so excited to welcome back our current youth and meet new friends! Our first youth group gathering of the year is officially happening on **Friday, January 9th**.

- **When: Friday, Jan 9th | 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM**
- **740 Gentry Road, Sayward**
- **Who: Ages 7 to 17**
- **Cost: FREE!**

What to Expect: We'll have plenty of indoor games and snacks to get the night started. Weather permitting, we'll head outside for a bonfire, where we'll be roasting marshmallows and hot dogs.

New to the group? We are always looking for new youth to join the fun! Whether you've been before or it's your very first time, you are welcome here.

Note to Parents: Please ensure a parent or guardian of new youth are present at drop off to fill out our standard registration form. This helps us keep everyone safe and informed!

Note to Youth: Remember to bring your Tuck Bucks as the Tuck shop will be open!!



Join us at the Sayward Royal Canadian Legion #147, 699 Sayward Road at **1:00pm for BINGO:**

Sunday, January 11th
Sunday, January 25th



Sayward Post Office Hours:
Monday-Friday 9am-5pm
Saturday 8:30am-12:30pm
Sunday: Closed

Age Friendly Van

Thursday, January 15th
Wednesday, January 28th

The Age Friendly Van is for anyone over the age of 19 years living in the Village of Sayward or the Sayward Valley. The Van will pick you up and drop you off at your home. The driver will take you to appointments, shopping or any other destinations required. Return time to Sayward may vary from trip to trip, depending on the rider's needs. The Age Friendly Van will arrive back in Sayward no later than 5pm unless arrangements are discussed in advance and approved.

Cost is by donation.

Please call the Village Office the day before by **Noon** to reserve your seat on the van.

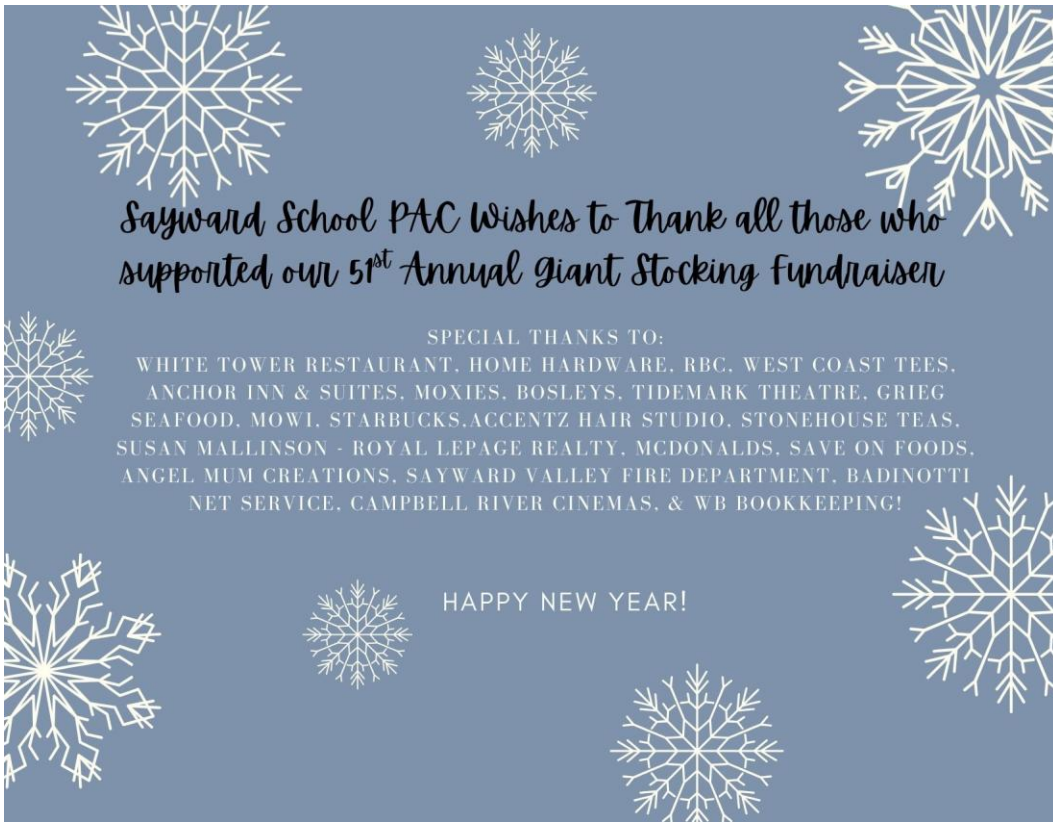

Questions? Contact the Village Office:
250-282-5512 or
village@saywardvalley.ca



Seniors Carpet Bowling at the Kelsey Centre

9am-12pm


Wednesday, January 7th
Wednesday, January 14th
Wednesday, January 28th

SAYWARD
CHRISTIAN
FELLOWSHIP

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."


Morning Service 11:00am
740 Gentry Rd.
Darren Duncalfe 1-604-701-2727
saywardshepherd@gmail.com



ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF VICTORIA

**St Bernadette's
Catholic Church**

Sunday Service 11:00am
(1st & 3rd Sunday at 3pm)
963 Despins Rd.
250-287-3498



Village of Sayward

**DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS ASSET
NAVISTAR 4900 4x2 RESCUE TRUCK**

The Village of Sayward has the following surplus item for disposal by public bid: 1989 Navistar 4900 4x2 Rescue Truck.

This vehicle will be sold "as is, where is" with no express or implied warranties. Successful bidders will be responsible for removal of the vehicle from its location at Sayward Fire Hall #1 620 Kelsey Way Sayward, BC no later than Friday April 24, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. (PST). The Village of Sayward reserves the right to accept the bid(s) deemed most favorable to its interests.

Pictures of the vehicle are available below and the vehicle may be viewed by appointment only at Sayward Fire Hall #1 located at 620 Kelsey Way Sayward, BC. This vehicle was last licensed in 2024, and it starts regularly. Arrangements for viewing can be made by calling Fire Chief Frank Morgan at 250-282-3204 or by emailing fmorgan@srd.ca

Bids in the amount of less than \$23,000 will not be accepted.

Qualifying bids must be received no later than **4:00 p.m. (PST) on Friday February 27, 2026** and submitted via email to cao@sawwardvalley.ca or in a sealed envelope clearly marked as follows:

"1989 NAVISTAR 4900 4X2 RESCUE TRUCK"
Attention: Andrew Young – CAO
Village of Sayward
Box 29
Sayward, BC
V0P 1R0

Year	1989
Make	Navistar
Model	4900 4x2
VIN	1HTSDZ3N8LH261331
Color	Red
Fuel Type	Diesel
Odometer	40,152 miles

Pick up a Bid Submission Form from the village office or access one on our website.



SAYWARD SCHOOL PAC
ONGOING BOTTLE COLLECTION

**DROP OFF
REFUNDABLE
PRODUCTS
AT THE
SCHOOL**

PROCEEDS HELP FUND STUDENTS
HOT LUNCH AND SPECIAL EVENTS.
THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
DONATIONS CAN ALSO BE MADE AT
CAMPBELL RIVER ISLAND RETURN IT
DEPOT TO THE SAYWARD SCHOOL PAC
ACCOUNT