



Village of Sayward

STATEMENT

October 15, 2025

Yesterday afternoon the Village of Sayward (“Village”) took an extraordinary step and filed a petition in the Supreme Court of British Columbia and in the Victoria Registry to reduce Village Council quorum from three Councillors to two Councillors in an effort to:

- assist Village Council to carry out Village Council members’ duties and responsibilities effectively under *Community Charter* section 115; and
- provide the Village and Village Council authority to control their processes and fulfill their responsibilities pursuant to *Community Charter* sections 4, 7, 114, 115 and 117.

This is a step in the right direction to restore order, civility, and professionalism to the Village and, most importantly, to enable Village Council to carry out the work that the residents and electorate of the Village expect and deserve.

As a small community, the Village is facing economic and transitional challenges. In order to support economic development, seize grant opportunities and advance the Village’s strategic plan and priorities, including the asset management plan, it is imperative that the Council be able to carry out its work. The long-term stability of the Village is at risk if the Council is unable to carry out its responsibilities and make decisions.

The Village’s municipal government is responsible for a variety of functions and the provision of essential services in our community, of which about 350 people call home. Since the last election, Village Council has struggled to function effectively and has faced ongoing governance challenges.

This has required a significant amount of time and resources for the Village, including hosting a by-election to replace two Councillors who resigned due to the ongoing challenges.

The Village is committed to providing accountable local government that ensures fairness, transparency, equality, equal representation, inclusiveness, and collaboration among partners.

As this matter is now before the courts, the Village has no further comment at this time.

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