

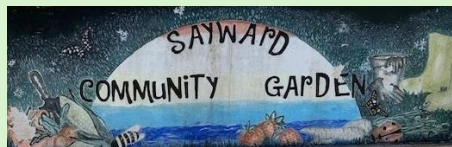


Village of Sayward

Thank you to the amazing group of youths - from both the mainland and Sayward- who dedicated some of their spring break to rejuvenating the Community Garden and the Working Waterfront Trail. Your hard work and enthusiasm is inspiring and have made a real impact to our community.

Special thanks to Pastor Darren Duncalf for orchestrating this volunteer initiative as well as spending many tireless hours levelling the trail to improve accessibility to strollers and wheelchairs. We are also very grateful to the Sayward Christian Fellowship Church members who generously donated equipment and rock chip to the project.

*Thank you all for your generosity, hard work and community spirit!*



**Village of Sayward Community Garden: where seeds become harvest & neighbours become friends!**

There has been lots of interest in the community garden, so reserve your spot today.

First come first served – *deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup>*



**Contact the village office to reserve a garden bed and turn a small plot into big possibilities.**

250-282-5512  
[village@saywardvalley.ca](mailto:village@saywardvalley.ca)



Free course!

## SAYWARD BASIC EMERGENCY FIRST AID

with CPR/AED Level C

*If you've ever wanted to learn about*

- Preparing to respond
- Airway emergencies
- Breathing & Circulation Emergencies
- First Aid for respiratory & cardiac arrest
- CPR & AED use
- Wound Care
- Opioid poisoning

*...then this course is for you!*

**When:** Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 9am - 6pm

**Where:** Kelsey Centre, 652 H'Kusam Way

**Certifications:**

- 3-year certification in Emergency (Basic) First Aid and CPR/AED Level C

**Completion:**

- Successfully demonstrate skills and critical steps
- Achieve a 75% mark (minimum) for written knowledge evaluation
- Attend and participate in 100% of the course

**READY TO REGISTER?**

Contact Shaun Koopman,  
 Manager of Emergency Services, at  
 250-830-6702 or  
[skoopman@srđ.ca](mailto:skoopman@srđ.ca)



**Village of Sayward March Council Meetings:**

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 - Regular 7pm  
 Tuesday, April 28, 2026 - Regular 7pm



Village of Sayward

**Village of Sayward Office: 652 H'Kusam Way**

250-282-5512 [village@saywardvalley.ca](mailto:village@saywardvalley.ca)

Open Monday to Friday 9am-4pm  
 closed 12pm-1pm for lunch

# Community Notice: Primary Care Appointments – April 2026

Dear Community Members,

We would like to inform you that **for the month of April 2026, primary care appointments will not be available** due to a temporary shortage of clinical staff. We understand the impact this may have and appreciate your patience as we work to restore services as soon as possible.

During this period, the following care options are available to support your health needs:

## Virtual and Telephone Care Options

- **TELUS Health MyCare** – Access virtual physician services from your mobile device.  
Website: *See a Doctor Online – TELUS Health MyCare | TELUS*
- **Rocket Doctor** – Connect with a physician online for virtual care.  
Website: <https://rocketdoctor.ca/rocket-doctor-bc>

## HealthLink BC (8-1-1)

Health service navigators are available **24 hours a day, 7 days a week**. They can:

- Provide general health information
- Help you find available healthcare services in your area
- Connect you with the appropriate health professional
- Email you reliable health resources

## Other Care Options

- **Speak with your local pharmacist**, who may be able to provide advice, prescribe for certain conditions, or recommend next steps.
- **For emergencies, always call 9-1-1.**

We understand that this temporary service interruption may be challenging, and we are committed to reinstating primary care appointments as soon as staffing allows. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

## Sayward Literacy Now 2026

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!  
[annvansnick3@gmail.com](mailto:annvansnick3@gmail.com)  
250-203-8332



## Sayward Library Hours:

Sunday - Monday: closed  
Tuesday: 10am - 2:30pm  
Wednesday - Thursday: 2:30pm - 7pm  
Friday - Saturday: 10am - 2:30pm

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



**Comox Strathcona  
Waste Management**

**Sayward  
Recycling Depot**  
~hours~  
**Thursday, Friday,  
Saturday, Sunday  
9:00am - 5:00pm**

**It's time for  
Spring  
Cleaning!**

**If you have extra  
garbage  
to dispose of garbage  
stickers can help!**




**18/19**  
**April**  
**9 am - 4 pm**

**Main Road Yard  
797 Island Hwy  
Sayward, BC**

**Got Extra Garbage?**  
**GARBAGE STICKERS FOR SALE**



**\$5.00 each**  
Village of Sayward  
Residents

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



**\$4.00 each**  
SRD Residents

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

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

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

## Sayward Clean-Up Days

### Accepted

- Appliances - large and small
- Batteries
- Electric outdoor power equipment
- Household
  - electronics
  - furniture
  - waste too big for curbside collection
- ProductCare items
- Scrap metal
- Tires

### Not Accepted

- Drywall
- Hazardous waste
- Motor oil, filters or antifreeze
- Single use packaging such as:
  - cardboard
  - foam
  - hard and soft plastics
  - tin

This material is prohibited from going into the garbage, please bring it to the Sayward Recycling Depot.

You must be able to unload and sort your own items. Habitat for Humanity ReStore will be on-site to collect gently used household items for donation. CSWM thanks Major Appliance Recycling Roundtable for their continued partnership. Questions? Call: 250-792-0026 or email: [svaldal@comoxvalleyrd.ca](mailto:svaldal@comoxvalleyrd.ca)

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## Sayward Interchange Recycling

### WE ACCEPT



### WE DO NOT ACCEPT



If you have questions, or would like to drop off used oil products please call 250-830-4116



## 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

## Garden Club News



### **Spring Things**

Winter had its last bit of cold weather but now with the end of serious overnight frosts, gardening gets going again. Don't worry, there is still time to apply lime to neutralize the natural acidity of our soils. Dolomite lime has the needed balance of calcium and magnesium. Dolopril is a finer, faster acting form of dolomite.

Some clumps of perennial flowers can now be divided to make a wider display in your beds or plants to share with others.

### **Speakers**

It was great to see a good turnout for our March meeting to hear a special guest speaker Ben Baykew, a professional arborist from Campbell River, who spoke on the planting of trees and shrubs. He provided some essential tips that can assure that the trees that we plant will thrive as they age. At our April 9 meeting we will have another guest presenter, Helen Gadzik, who will speak on Insects That Pollinate. Helen is an active member of the Campbell River Garden Club and has a wealth of knowledge about insects and spiders.

### **Opportunity Table**

A regular feature of our meeting is the Opportunity Table where members bring in plant starts and divisions to share with other members. These are available for a modest financial contribution to the club. One of the members of our planning committee, Debbie, has put together an organic fertilizer mix containing seven different important nutrients. This is available on the Opportunity Table in three cup bags for the cost of five dollars.

Members are reminded to bring in any used pots and multi-celled containers for others to use for new seedlings. These will be welcomed by those who start plants from seed.

Please come and join our friendly group and bring along a friend. There is no membership fee and we collect two dollars at each meeting to cover the hall cost but there is no charge for your first meeting. 'Till then, happy gardening.

**Seniors Luncheons**  
**at the Kelsey Centre**  
**12pm-1pm**

**Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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!



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

*Please note that lunches may be cancelled on short notice. Watch Facebook for updates!*

*Sayward Community Food Table Society*

**2026 Food Sort Dates:**

Jan-30	Feb-27	Mar-27	Apr-24
May-22	Jun-19	Jul-24	Aug-21
Sep-18	Oct-16	Nov-13	Dec-11

**Age Friendly Van**

**Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**



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](mailto:village@saywardvalley.ca)

**April 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
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6 Easter Monday CLOSED	7	8	9	10 CLINIC CLOSED	11
12	13 Labs 9-11:30	14	15	16	17 CLINIC CLOSED	18
19	20 Labs 9-11:30	21	22	23	24 CLINIC CLOSED	25
26	27 Labs 9-11:30	28	29	30	1 CLINIC CLOSED	2

**This Schedule is subject to change.**


# Medic Minutes With Greg

## April Events!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	"Ask a 7 Community Medic" 9:00-12:00 Clinic	8	9	Chair 10 Fitness 10:00-11:00 Kelsey Centre	11
12	Blood 13 Pressure Checks 9:00-12:00 Clinic	"Ask a 14 Community Medic" 9:00-12:00 Clinic	15	16	Chair 17 Fitness 10:00-11:00 Kelsey Centre	18
19	Blood 20 Pressure Checks 9:00-12:00 Clinic	"Ask a 21 Community Medic" 9:00-12:00 Clinic	22	23	Chair 24 Fitness 1:00-2:00 Kelsey Centre	25
26	Blood 27 Pressure Checks 9:00-12:00 Clinic	Foot Care 28 Nurse @ the clinic - Contact me for info	29	29		

📞 250-201-7539

✉ CP.Sayward@BCEHS.ca




**SAYWARD**  
CHRISTIAN  
FELLOWSHIP

*"I will lift up my eyes to the mountains. Where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth."* Psalm 121:1-2

**Morning Service**  
11:00am

740 Gentry Rd.  
Darren Duncalfe 1-604-701-2727  
[saywardshepherd@gmail.com](mailto:saywardshepherd@gmail.com)



ROMAN CATHOLIC  
DIOCESE OF VICTORIA

**St. Bernadette's  
Catholic Church**

Sunday Service 11:00am  
(1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 3pm)  
963 Despina Rd.  
250-287-3498

CANADA POSTES  
POST CANADA



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




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

*Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>*  
*Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>*



**Seniors Carpet Bowling at the Kelsey Centre**  
**9am-12pm**

Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>  
Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

# Cookbooks for Sale

\$35.00 each

Over 50 recipes from our local students & families!

Featuring breads, breakfast, lunch, dinner and many cookies & desserts!

Cash & E-transfers accepted to [saywardschoolpac@gmail.com](mailto:saywardschoolpac@gmail.com)



## SAYWARD SCHOOL COMMUNITY COOKBOOK

### HOT LUNCH Schedule:

- April 9<sup>th</sup> - Chicken Caesar Wraps and Fries
- April 16<sup>th</sup> - Sweet & Sour Chicken and Fried Rice
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> - Quesadillas and Tator Tots

### PAC Meetings Schedule

- April 13<sup>th</sup> 2:45pm
- May 4<sup>th</sup> 2:45pm
- June 1<sup>st</sup> AGM - The one where we vote our new PAC in! Everyone welcome. Come see what we have planned for Spring!

APRIL 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Notes
			1	2	3 <i>Happy Easter</i>	4 <b>SPRING BREAK</b>	April 1 <sup>st</sup> - April Fool's Day April 1 <sup>st</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> - Spring Break: No School April 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Good Friday April 5 <sup>th</sup> - Easter Sunday April 6 <sup>th</sup> - Easter Monday April 7 <sup>th</sup> - Professional Development Day: No School April 8 <sup>th</sup> - First Day Back April 13 <sup>th</sup> - PAC Meeting 2:45pm April 17 <sup>th</sup> - Bake Sale 12:30-2:30pm School Kitchen. Baked donations gratefully accepted- thank you! April 21 <sup>st</sup> - Fire Awareness Day April 30 <sup>th</sup> - Student LED Conferences: No Classes  Hot Lunches: April 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup>
5	6	7	8 <i>Welcome Back!</i>	9	10	11	
12	13	14	15	16	17 <b>BAKE SALE</b>	18	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30			



## Village of Sayward

### **Proposal to Dissolve the Village of Sayward (Municipal Dissolution)**

A local group has been canvassing Village of Sayward residents to support a petition to the Province of British Columbia to dissolve the municipality and become part of Strathcona Regional District (SRD) Electoral Area A. Currently, the standing of the petition is not known.

However, Sayward Council received information from the Village's Financial Consultant at the March 17, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting about what would happen if the Village of Sayward dissolved as part of the consultant's report on the Village's proposed 2026-2030 Financial Plan. The consultant's report included the following ...

#### ***Potential Municipal Dissolution – Legislative Requirements and Financial Considerations***

*Under the Local Government Act, the dissolution of a municipality is a formal process that requires approval from multiple parties and cannot occur solely at the discretion of the municipality or its residents. Dissolution requires approval from the Province of British Columbia through an Order in Council issued by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. In addition, the receiving regional district, the Strathcona Regional District (SRD), must agree to assume responsibility for governance and the delivery of local services. The Province also requires evidence of community support demonstrating that a majority of electors support dissolution.*

*From a financial perspective, a preliminary review suggests that dissolution may not result in a significant net change in overall costs to taxpayers. Some administrative efficiencies may be achieved through consolidating governance and administrative functions within the Strathcona Regional District (SRD). For example, financial reporting, regulatory compliance, and other statutory requirements currently completed by both the municipality and the SRD would be streamlined. In addition, the costs of maintaining a separate municipal council and senior administrative structure would no longer be required. Responsibility for local roads would also shift to the Province.*

*However, these savings would be largely offset by the loss of the Provincial Small Communities Grant, which currently provides the Village of Sayward with approximately \$335,000 annually. The reduction in provincial funding must be weighed against the governance and administrative savings associated with dissolution.*

*Should dissolution occur, services currently provided by the Village would be established as separate services under the SRD. Residents within those service areas would continue to fund the full cost of those services through service-specific taxation or user fees, and the SRD would apply an administrative overhead charge to recover the costs associated with governance and corporate support.*

*Property taxation would also be administered differently. Rather than being collected directly by the municipality, property taxes would be collected by the Province through the Surveyor of Taxes system, which applies an administrative charge of approximately 5.25% on the taxes collected. In addition, property tax ratios between property classes would revert to the*

provincial tax multiple, which would result in a greater portion of the cost being allocated to the residential property class.

### More Information Requested

At the March 17, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Sayward Council requested that Village staff and the Financial Consultant prepare a financial analysis to examine a potential dissolution of the municipality. The analysis will include:

- Projected property tax impacts
- Service cost comparisons
- Administrative charges under a regional district governance model

Council asked that it be provided with clear, detailed information about a potential dissolution of the municipality so that information can be shared with Sayward residents and property owners to support informed discussion and decision-making. When that information is available it will be shared in the coming weeks through the Village's website as well as in a flyer that will be mailed to Village residents.



## 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](mailto:wrr@srd.ca) or call **250-914-9234**.

★ Visit [srd.ca/firesmart-rebate-program](http://srd.ca/firesmart-rebate-program) to learn more and to apply today!

### Host Your Next Event at the Kelsey Recreation Centre!

Looking for the perfect space for your next gathering? The **Kelsey Recreation Centre** offers bright, versatile, and affordable rooms ideal for events of all sizes!

#### **Gymnasium Rental**

A spacious, multi-use gym perfect for:

- **Corporate events & team-building**
- **Large celebrations**
- **Sporting activities & tournaments**
- **Community events**
- **Birthday parties with room to run!**

#### **Multi-Purpose Room**

A flexible, comfortable space ideal for:

- **Birthday parties & family celebrations**
- **Workshops**
- **Meetings & corporate training**
- **Small receptions**

#### **Why Choose Us?**

- Affordable rates
- Convenient location
- Plenty of room for decorating and customizing your event
- Ideal for gatherings big or small

 **Book Your Event Today!**

Let's help you create a memorable event at the Kelsey Recreation Centre. Contact the village office to check availability and rates! [village@saywardvalley.ca](mailto:village@saywardvalley.ca) or 250-282-5512

## MEDIA RELEASE

March 23, 2026

### Finance Committee Announces Budget 2027 Consultation Details

VICTORIA – The Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services has announced details for its consultation on the next provincial budget.

The Committee will be holding several public meetings to hear from British Columbians about their priorities for Budget 2027. The meetings are anticipated to take place in June and will be a mix of in-person and virtual meetings. The Committee expects to hold in-person meetings in the following communities:

- Burnaby
- Castlegar
- Cranbrook
- Dawson Creek
- Prince George
- Smithers
- Kamloops
- Kelowna
- Mission
- Nanaimo
- Vancouver
- Victoria

British Columbians are asked to indicate their interest in speaking with the Committee by **Friday, April 10 at 2:00 p.m. (Pacific)** by completing a request form on the [Parliamentary Committees Consultation Portal](#).

The opportunity to provide written input to the Committee will also be available beginning in June.

The Committee is comprised of both government and opposition MLAs and is tasked by the Legislative Assembly to undertake an annual public consultation on the next provincial budget, and to make recommendations based on its consultation.

For more information on the consultation, visit [bcleg.ca/consultations](https://bcleg.ca/consultations) or contact the Parliamentary Committees Office by email at [FinanceCommittee@leg.bc.ca](mailto:FinanceCommittee@leg.bc.ca) or by phone at 250-356-2933 or 1-877-428- 8337 (toll-free in BC).

The Members of the Committee are:

Paul Choi, MLA, Burnaby South-Metrotown (Chair);  
Donegal Wilson, MLA, Boundary-Similkameen (Deputy Chair);  
Rohini Arora, MLA, Burnaby East;  
Steve Morissette, MLA, Kootenay-Monashee;  
Bryan Tepper, MLA, Surrey-Panorama.

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**The Finance Committee  
wants to hear from you!**

**Share your ideas and priorities  
for the next provincial budget!**

Registration for public hearing spots across the province is available between March 23 and April 10, 2026. Additional participation options will be available in June.

Learn more and request to present to the Committee by 2pm (Pacific) on April 10 via [la-bc.ca/consultations](https://la-bc.ca/consultations) or scan the QR code, or call 250-356-2933 / toll-free 1-877-428-8337

