

May 2026

Sayward News



Village of
Sayward

Celebrating 15 Years of Dedicated Service

After 15 years of committed service, we extend our sincere thanks and best wishes to **Michael Clark**, who is retiring from the Public Works Department.

Throughout his career, Mike has been a steady and dependable presence behind the scenes, helping keep our community running smoothly. From plowing snow late into the night, to mowing lawns during hot summer days, to operating and maintaining our water treatment plant - and everything in between - his dedication has ensured our roads are safe, our infrastructure is reliable, and essential services are always there when needed.

Beyond the day-to-day work, Mike has been known as a reliable teammate who was always willing to lend a hand, share knowledge, and support coworkers. His experience and dedication will be greatly missed.

We thank Mike for 15 years of outstanding service and commitment to our community, and we wish him a happy, healthy, and well-earned retirement filled with new adventures and time with family and friends.

Congratulations on a remarkable career and thank you for everything you've done, Mike!



Village of Sayward March Council Meetings:

Tuesday, May 12, 2026 - Regular 7pm
Tuesday, May 26, 2026 - Regular 7pm



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

Mother's Day Tea
WITH THE
SAYWARD VOLUNTEER FIRE RESCUE

Meet the Firefighters & First Responders
- Enjoy Tasty Treats -
Win Door Prizes!

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL AFTERNOON!
MAY 10TH • 12PM – 2PM
HALL #2
1306 SAYWARD ROAD



COVID-19 Vaccine Spring 2026 Clinics for Select Groups

An additional dose of the COVID-19 vaccine is recommended for those at risk of severe illness, including:

- Anyone 80 years and older
- Indigenous people aged 70 and older
- People 6 months and older diagnosed with significant immunocompromising conditions

Invites to book appointments are being sent to adults 65 and older registered in the Get Vaccinated system. Visit getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca or call 1-833-838-2323 to book. Call if you have any questions.

Island Health Clinic: May 27
Sayward Health Centre, 601 Kelsey Way



TO LEARN MORE, VISIT
islandhealth.ca/covid19-vaccine
or scan the QR code



SAYWARD FUTURES SOCIETY *Our Community, Our Future*

Sayward Futures Society is currently organizing work parties to open the various recreation sites and trails we are responsible for.

We need your help!

Elk Creek Recreation Site

Saturday, May 2 | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Kusam Klimb & Bill Trail

Saturday, May 23 & Saturday, May 30

Goals for Kusam Klimb trail network:

- Install new directional signage
- Repair/replace structures and crossings
- Brush cut all major routes

If you can join for any of these planned work parties, please contact:

volunteer@saywardfutures.ca

Sayward Harbour Authority

Annual General Meeting

May 31, 2026, at 9:30am

Sayward Harbour Office:

30 Sayward Rd, Sayward, B.C.



Garden Club News

Plant Sale Saturday, May 16

Late frosts in April caught some of us by surprise but now nights are finally warming. But it is still important to know the sequence of planting seeds and setting out plants. For example, peas can be planted early and will survive and germinate when the temperature is right. At the other extreme, cucumbers are very sensitive to cold and corn and beans also need the warmth.



Cabbage, broccoli and lettuce plants are in between and can deal with a bit of frost. Early plantings can be protected by plastic caps or bottomless 4-litre milk jugs. These have to be removed on sunny days to avoid “cooking” the plant.

The Garden Club had an entertaining March meeting with our special guests Helen Gazdik who spoke on plants that encourage pollinating insects. Helen is very knowledgeable about bees and knows the habits of the numerous wild bees we have in our gardens. Her power point presentation illustrated various plants that can feed bees through the seasons. Thanks to Ron's help the technical difficulties were overcome and the show was great.

The Garden Club will host our annual plant sale on Saturday, May 16 at the Heritage Hall starting at 10:00. This event is timed to provide starter plants for flowers and vegetables for setting out in the coming week. A wide assortment of unpriced plants will be available in return for a “what you can afford” donation to the club. Members are encouraged to make divisions of established plants like hostas and irises. Berry plants and any spare vegetable or flower starts can be brought to the regular club meeting on Thursday May 14 or to the sale on Saturday. See you there.



LIFE Kit



Village of Sayward

LIFE Kits are available for free from the village office at 652 H'Kusam Way. LIFE Kits help those who cannot reliably provide their own medical information. It is ideal for senior citizens, chronically ill persons, and those who live alone. The information is equally as important for young children under the care of a sitter.

Each LIFE Kit contains an information sheet that when filled out, provides first responders with vital information on the occupants of the home in the event they are unable to speak for themselves. There are spaces for medical history, emergency contacts, medications, vital patient statistics and advanced medical directives. The kits also contain two stickers and one magnet that reads 'LIFE KIT'. Residents are to place one sticker on the entrance to alert First Responders that a LIFE Kit is available, and the second sticker or magnet on the refrigerator, where the actual LIFE Kit is kept.

SAUNTERING AROUND SAYWARD IS BACK!!!

A WALKING GROUP

- ✓ ALL AGES, MOBILITY LEVELS AND WALKING AIDS WELCOME
- ✓ A LEISURELY 30-45 MINUTE WALK
- ✓ MEET AT THE KELSEY CENTRE - WALK TO THE TOTEM POLE AND BACK
- ✓ DOGS ARE WELCOME IF WELL BEHAVED



EVERY MONDAY
12:00PM-1:00PM



QUESTIONS?



250-201-7539
CP.SAYWARD@BCEHS.CA



SAYWARD
CHRISTIAN
FELLOWSHIP

"I can do all things through Him who gives me strength" Phil. 4:13

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



Age Friendly Van

Thursday, May 14th
Wednesday, May 27th

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 no later than the day before by **Noon** to reserve your seat

Questions?

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

CANADA POSTES
POST CANADA



Sayward Post Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm
Saturday 8:30am-12:30pm
Sunday: Closed



Seniors Carpet Bowling at the Kelsey Centre

9am-12pm

Wednesday, May 6th

Wednesday, May 13th

Wednesday, May 20th

Wednesday, May 27th

May Events!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Chair Fitness 1 10:00-11:00 Kelsey Centre	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	Blood Pressure Checks 11 9:00-12:00 Clinic	"Ask a Community Medic" 12 9:00-12:00 Clinic	13	14	Chair Fitness 15 10:00-11:00 Kelsey Centre	16
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24	Blood Pressure Checks 25 9:00-12:00 Clinic	Foot Care Nurse @ the clinic - Contact me for info 26	27	28	Chair Fitness 29 1:00-2:00 Kelsey Centre	30

📞 250-201-7539

✉ CP.Sayward@BCEHS.ca



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

Sunday, May 3rd
Sunday, May 17th
Sunday, May 31st



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 8th, 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



\$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@srđ.ca or call 250-914-9234.

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



Seniors Luncheons
at the Kelsey Centre
12pm-1pm

Wednesday, May 13th
Tuesday, May 19th

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!

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.

May 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
					1 CLINIC CLOSED	2
3	4 Labs 9 – 11:30	5	6	7	8 CLINIC CLOSED	9
10	11 Labs 9 – 11:30	12	13	14	15 CLINIC CLOSED	16
17	18 CLOSED VICTORIA DAY	19	20	21	22 CLINIC CLOSED	23
24	25 Labs 9 – 11:30	26	27	28	29 CLINIC CLOSED	30

This Schedule is subject to change...

🍀 Heritage Hall – What’s on in May 2026

Here’s what’s happening at Heritage Hall this May

🏠 **Indoor Market Saturday, May 2 | 10am–1pm (Last indoor market)**

🧵 **Sayward Helping Hands** Every Tuesday | 10am

Bring your sewing, knitting, or craft projects. \$2 drop-in — **everyone welcome.**

👶 **Kids Club.** Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays. Registration required.

Email: saywardcrew@gmail.com

🎵 **Music Night** First Thursday of the month Bring your instrument or your voice and join in. \$2 drop-in — everyone welcome.

Saturday Outdoor Market starts June 6th and will be every Saturday throughout the summer months and into the fall. VIHA rules to be followed.

All events are subject to change. Thanks for supporting Heritage Hall and our community

Sayward Community Food Table Society and Our Partners are Happy we are able to Continue Offering Donated and Rescued Food Items to Our Community To Be **PICKED UP Once a Month at the Kelsey Centre**

2026 FOOD SORT DATES: May 22 June 19 July 24 August 2
September 18 October 16 November 13 December 11

If Someone You Know is Experiencing Food Insecurity and Would Like to Participate in this Valuable Local Food Pick Up Program.

PLEASE COORDINATE YOUR OWN PICKUP

REGISTER for this PROGRAM by Contacting:

BC Ambulance Station: (250) 282-3600

Sayward Health Clinic: (250) 282-3815

EMAIL: Executive@saywardfoodtable.ca

SCFTS would like to Acknowledge and Thank, Sayward Community Health Society, Strathcona Regional District Area “A”, Village of Sayward, United Way, SCFH, GWLT, Mid Island Co-Op, as well as our Local Volunteers for their Hard Work and Dedication in keeping this Program available to the Sayward Residents over the last 4 Years. Without Whom we would not be able to Sustain this Initiative. [Thank you for your Patience while we grow, evolve, and adapt the SCFTS Program.](#)



We are Grateful to have these Dedicated Individuals and Partners Helping Provide Nutritional Support in these challenging times.
Thank You All from SCFTS Board and Members.



HOME OWNER GRANTS

If you qualify for the home owner grant, you must apply each year to receive the grant on your principal residence.

If you apply for the grant after your property taxes are due, late payment penalties will apply to the unpaid portion of your property taxes. The homeowner grant is a form of payment towards your property taxes and it's considered a late payment if you apply after the property taxes due date. You can apply for the homeowner grant up to December 31 of the current tax year, even if you have not paid your property taxes.

If you qualified for the grant for the year prior to the current tax year, and you did not apply, you may be able to apply and claim the grant retroactively.

Apply 24/7 online: Visit www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant Ensure you have your Jurisdiction Number & Roll Number and SIN number available as you will need this information for the online application form. (Jurisdiction & Roll Numbers are listed on your property tax notice and your BC Assessment Notice, and can also be searched on the BC Assessment website: <https://www.bccassessment.ca/>)

Apply with an agent: Toll-free at 1 888 355-2700, Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

For more information about the homeowner grant program, or to apply, visit www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant or call toll free 1-888-355-2700



PROPERTY TAX DEFERMENT

The British Columbia Property Tax Deferment Program is a loan program that allows you to defer your annual property taxes on your home if you meet certain criteria. The Property Tax Deferment program is administered by the Province of British Columbia. There are two tax deferment programs available:

- 1.) Regular program - for homeowners 55+, surviving spouses of any age, or persons with disabilities.
- 2.) Families with children program.

Please note: interest rate terms have changed for the 2026 tax year. To apply online visit: www.gov.bc.ca/propertytaxdeferment .You can also call **1-888-355-2700** for more information.

If you qualify for the program, you can submit an application to defer your unpaid current year property taxes between **May 1 and December 31**. We recommend you apply immediately after you receive your property tax notice before your property tax due date. Any outstanding balance on your property tax account must be paid before your deferment application will be approved.

****Please note that if you successfully defer your taxes,
you are still obligated to pay utility user fees for the current year.
Utility user fee payments made after the property tax due date will result in late
payment penalties.***



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**VILLAGE OF SAYWARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
MAY 12, 2026**

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Office, 652 H'Kusam Way, Sayward, BC, to consider Village of Sayward's Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 520, 2026.

Purpose:

The purpose of the proposed bylaw is to amend the Village of Sayward's Official Community Plan to align it with the Village's Housing Needs Report and the requirements of Bill 44, Housing Statutes (Residential Development) Amendment Act, 2023.

General Effect:

The proposed amendments are intended to ensure the Village's Official Community Plan complies with current provincial housing legislation. In general terms, the amendments are to:

- add a new Housing section that supports diverse, affordable, and resilient housing;
- expand supported residential forms to include duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, and rowhouses;
- support secondary suites and gentle infill within existing neighbourhoods;
- add support for purpose-built social and seniors housing; and
- introduce policy direction that explore reduced parking requirements.

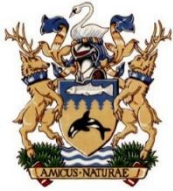
The proposed amendments do not introduce new growth areas or major land use redesignations.

A copy of the proposed bylaw, staff report, and related background information may be inspected from April 29, 2026 to May 12, 2026, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays, at the Village Office, 652 H'Kusam Way, Sayward, BC, and on the Village's website.

All persons who believe their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaw shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard in person, by representative, or by written submission at the Public Hearing. Written submissions may be delivered to the Village Office at 652 H'Kusam Way, Sayward, BC V0P 1R0, or emailed to village@saywardvalley.ca.

Following the close of the Public Hearing, no further submissions or comments may be accepted by Council with respect to the proposed bylaw.

For more information, please contact the Village of Sayward at (250) 282-5512.



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Purpose:

The purpose of the proposed bylaw is to amend the Village of Sayward Zoning Bylaw No. 309, 2000, to:

- Prohibit single and double-wide mobile homes in the Residential One (R-1) zone;
- Increase the security required from \$1,000 to \$5,000 for residential occupancy of recreational vehicles during construction of a dwelling unit under approved building permit; and
- Update Section 107, Penalty, of the Zoning Bylaw to increase the maximum fine from \$2,000 to \$50,000 to align with the updated provisions of Section 263 (1) of the Community Charter.

General Effect:

The proposed amendments are intended to ensure that:

- mobile homes are not placed in the Residential One (R-1) zone;
- adequate security is received for the temporary use of recreational vehicles while construction of a dwelling unit is completed; and
- the Village of Sayward Zoning Bylaw No 309, 2000, is aligned with the penalties and provisions within the Community Charter.

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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



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.



Village of Sayward 250-282-5512 • village@saywardvalley.ca
Strathcona Regional District 250-830-6700 • engineering@srd.ca

Sayward Interchange Recycling

WE ACCEPT



Used Oil



Used
Antifreeze



Oil & Antifreeze
Containers



Used
Oil Filters

WE DO NOT ACCEPT



Cooking Oil



Fuel Cans



Hazardous Waste



Oil Barrels



Grease



Paint



Sawdust



Transformer Oil



Cat Litter



Brake Fluid



Rags

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

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
250-203-8332



Sayward Library Hours:

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