



**VILLAGE OF SAYWARD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 24, 2026
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 – via Teams
Councillor Scott Burchett
Councillor Debbie Coates
Councillor Jason Johnson – Meeting Chair
Councillor Sue Poulsen

In Attendance: Andrew Young, CAO/CO
Jennifer Redshaw, Office Administrator

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Public Input – None

3. Introduction of Late Items – None

4. Approval of Agenda

MOTION R26/47

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council for **March 24, 2026**, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings

MOTION R26/48

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the minutes from the **Regular Council Meeting** held on **February 24, 2026**, be adopted as presented.

Opposed Cllr Burchett, Cllr Poulsen

CARRIED

**MOTION R26/49
MOVED AND SECONDED**

THAT the minutes from the **Committee of the Whole Meeting** held on **March 17, 2026**, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

6. Petitions and Delegations – None

7. Correspondence

- a) BC Council of Forest Industries letter to Mayor Baker titled – Forestry is a solution for BC, for Canada dated February 26, 2026

**MOTION R26/50
MOVED AND SECONDED**

THAT Council direct staff to provide a letter of support as written.

CARRIED

- b) Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation letter regarding – Upcoming Treaty Implementation Legislation and Ratification of the K'omoks Treaty – dated March 4, 2026

- c) City of Abbotsford letter to UBCM Member Municipalities Request for Support - 2026 Proposed UBCM Resolutions – dated March 3, 2026

**MOTION R26/51
MOVED AND SECONDED**

THAT Council supports the City of Abbotsford on both motions to UBCM.

Opposed Cllr Burchett

CARRIED

8. Council Reports – None

9. Reports of Committees – None

10. Mayor's Report – None

11. Unfinished Business – None

12. Staff Reports

- a) Proposed Amendments to Village of Sayward Zoning Bylaw No. 309, 2000

**MOTION R26/52
MOVED AND SECONDED**

THAT Council:

- a. Gives first and second readings to Village of Sayward Zoning Bylaw, 2000, Bylaw No. 309, Amendment No. 521; and,
- b. Directs staff to schedule a public hearing for Village of Sayward Zoning Bylaw, 2000, Bylaw No. 309, Amendment No. 521.

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 R26/53

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:

- a) 90(1)(c) labour relations or other employee relations;
- b) 90(1)(d) the security of the property of the municipality;
- c) 90(1)(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;
- d) 90(1)(i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- e) 90(1)(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public;
- f) 90(1)(m) a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting.

CARRIED

Cllr Johnson, Meeting Chair, called a recess at 7:28 pm.

Cllr Johnson, Meeting Chair recalled the meeting to order at 7:38 pm.

18. Adjournment

MOTION R26/54

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the Village of Sayward Council adjourns its March 24, 2026 Regular Meeting.

CARRIED

Time: 9:27 pm

Original signed by "M.Baker"
Mayor

Original signed by "A.Young"
Corporate Officer