



**VILLAGE OF SAYWARD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 9, 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
Councillor Scott Burchett
Councillor Debbie Coates
Councillor Jason Johnson
Councillor Sue Poulsen (via Teams)

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

1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Input

- a) Lee Ettinger of 220 Sayward Heights commented on the increase of the value of the Permissive Tax Exemptions for the 2026 tax year and inquired why the municipality would walk away from so much revenue.
- b) Lorna Agnew of 754 Sayward Rd inquired where the 2026 tax dollars went.
- c) Walter Morgan of 341 MacMillan Drive inquired why his property taxes increased by \$1000.00 when he had anticipated a \$460.00 increase each of the next three years.
Mayor Baker called a recess at 7:16pm. Mayor Baker called the meeting back to order at 7:28 pm without Cllr Burchett present.
- d) Irene Callaghan of 230 Kelsey Way asked why she pays a different amount of taxes than someone else in the village, for example, why doesn't everyone pay the same amount for Fire Department.
- e) Bill Ives of 121 Seaview Street said that comments in the Campbell River Mirror by Gerald Whalley (SRD Area A Director) are inappropriate because he should not be involved in the politics of the Village of Sayward. Mr. Ives also stated that this should be addressed by the Strathcona Regional District.

3. Introduction of Late Items – None

4. Approval of Agenda

MOTION R26/103

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council for **June 9, 2026**, be approved as presented.

Opposed Cllr Poulsen CARRIED

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings

MOTION R26/104

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the revised minutes from the **Regular Council meeting** held on **May 12, 2026**, be adopted as presented.

Opposed Cllr Poulsen CARRIED

MOTION R26/105

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the minutes from the **Regular Council meeting** held on **May 26, 2026**, be adopted as presented.

Opposed Cllr Poulsen CARRIED

MOTION R26/106

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the minutes from the **Special Council meeting** held on **June 2, 2026 starting at 7:00 pm**, be adopted as presented.

Opposed Cllr Poulsen CARRIED

6. Petitions and Delegations – None

7. Correspondence

- a) Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities (AVICC) Strategic Priorities for 2026-2030 (attachment)

8. Council Reports – None

9. Reports of Committees – None

10. Mayor's Report – None

11. Unfinished Business - None

12. Staff Reports

- a) **Village of Sayward Permissive Tax Exemptions 2027**

13. Emergency Services/Public Works/Recreation Department Reports – None

14. Bylaws

- a) **Village of Sayward Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 520, 2026**

MOTION R26/107

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council gives fourth and final reading to, and adopts, Village of Sayward Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 520, 2026.

Opposed Cllr Poulsen

CARRIED

b) Village of Sayward Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 521, 2026.

MOTION R26/108

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT Council gives fourth and final reading to, and adopts, Village of Sayward Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 521, 2026.

Opposed Cllr Poulsen

CARRIED

15. New Business – None

16. Public Question Period – None

17. In Camera

MOTION R26/109

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)(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality;
- d) 90 (1)(j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*;
- e) 90 (1)(m) a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting;
- f) 90 (1)(n) the consideration of whether a council meeting should be closed under a provision of this subsection or subsection (2)

Opposed Cllr Poulsen

CARRIED

18. Adjournment

MOTION R26/110

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the Village of Sayward Council adjourns its June 9, 2026 Regular Meeting.

Time: 9:03 pm.

CARRIED

Original signed by "M.Baker"
Mayor

Original signed by "A. Young"
Corporate Officer