

Village of Sayward

2005 ANNUAL REPORT

**ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE OF SAYWARD AS PRESENTED TO
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ON JUNE 28, 2006**

1. Audited Financial Statements

Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2005 prepared by Moeller & Company attached as Schedule "A".

2. Statement of Property Tax Exemptions

In accordance with Section 98(2)(b) of the *Community Charter*, the following properties in the Village of Sayward were provided permissive property tax exemptions by Council in 2005:

Legal Description	Civic Address	Organization	Value of Permissive Exemption
Lot 2, Plan 14387 Sayward District Roll No. 704.022	699 Sayward Rd	Royal Canadian Legion Sayward Valley Branch 147	\$1,020.98

3. Municipal Services and Operations for 2005

Personnel

In the spring of 2005 the Public Works Manager, Frank Sparling took early retirement due to health reasons. The Village entered into a severance agreement with Mr. Sparling whereby the shortfall in his pension, due to early retirement, was bridged. Cost to the taxpayers was \$30,437. The Village hired Mike Atchison to replace Mr. Sparling. Mike has brought a number of years of experience to the job as well as experience on the Fire Department. Mike was appointed Fire Chief in December.

Kelsey Bay Water & Sewer

In the spring of 2005 the Kelsey Bay water & sewer project was completed. The project has been ongoing since the original application to the province in 2002. Two-thirds of the funding of the project was received under the Canada BC Infrastructure Grant Program.

Northern Communities Emergency Plan

In December 2005 Council consented to the adoption of RDCS Emergency Preparedness (Northern Communities) Plan Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2733. The bylaw provides for cost sharing of a co-ordinated emergency preparedness plan for all areas within School Districts 72 & 84 (Areas D, G, H, I, J, Campbell River, Sayward, Gold River, Tahsis and Zeballos). The annual cost of the plan is \$50,000 with Sayward's share being approximately \$436. The joint

plan does not preclude the Village from having our own plan – in fact our plan would become part of the area plan. We have received information from RDCS on templates for an updated emergency plan for the participating municipalities.

Election – November 19, 2005

There was an excellent voter turn out of **72.51%** based on the estimated voters list. This can be compared to a **31.21%** turn out province wide. Of the reporting municipalities, Sayward placed eleventh in the province for percentage turn out.

The official election results are as follows:

Mayor:

	Votes
Hanson, Ron	46
Sprout, Heather	108
Westergaard, Kathleen	17
Rejected Ballots	11

Council:

	Votes
Coates, Debbie	116
Cunningham, Pat	116
MacDonald, John	135
McMillan, Cheryl	15
Schrader, Heidi	69
Sewid, Tom	53
Shearer, Denis	52
Terryberry, Dan	62
Rejected Ballots	6

Mayor and Council were sworn in at the inaugural meeting on December 7, 2005.

4. Declaration of Disqualification of Council Members made Under Section 111 of the *Community Charter* in 2004

None

5. Statement of Municipal Objectives and Progress Measures of Current Year (2006) and Next Year (2007)

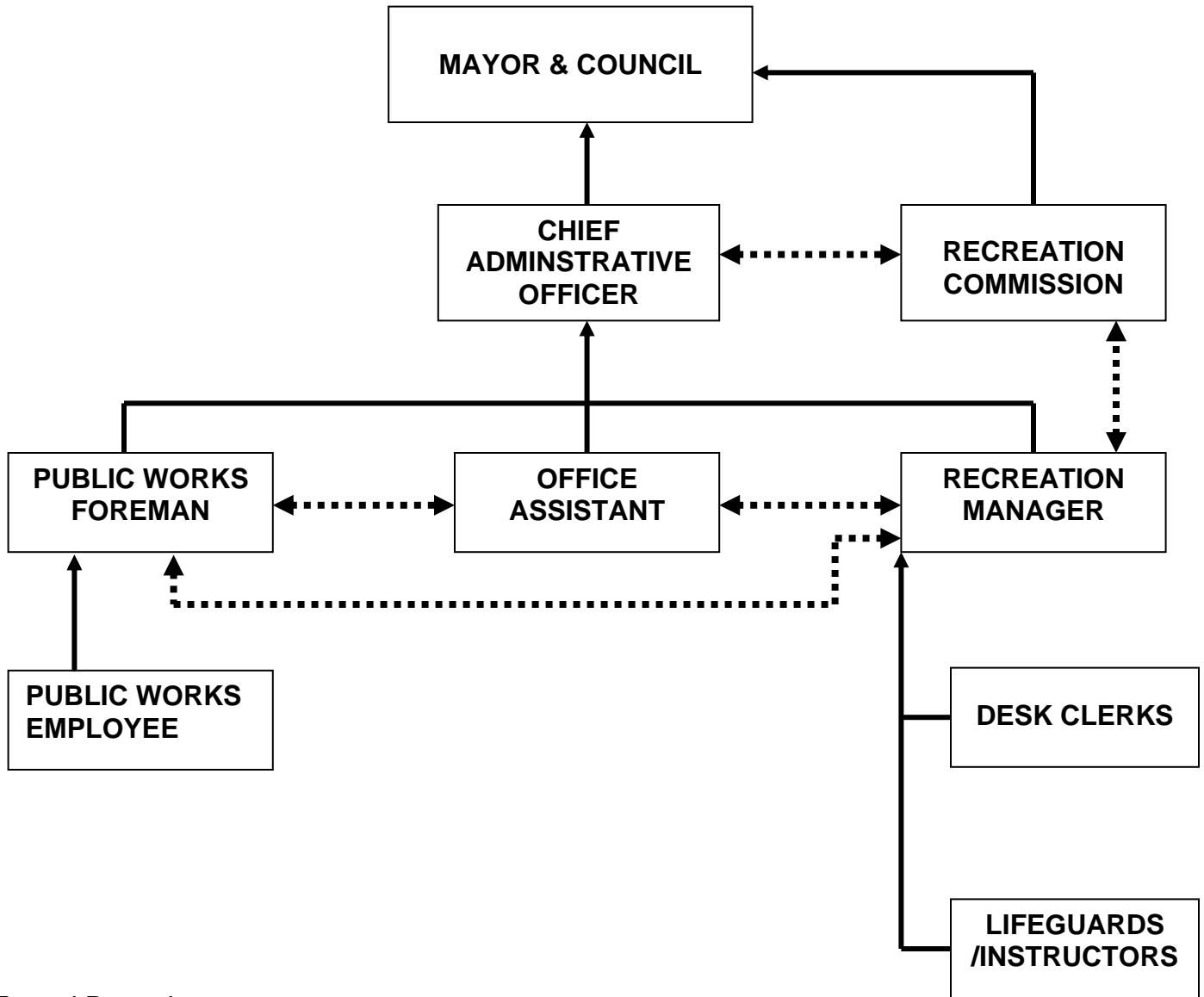
2006

Objective	Measures
Perform all accounting functions in-house	All accounting functions, including printing of tax notices and payroll done in-house.
Review of Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw	Adoption of revised OCP and Zoning Bylaw
Continuation of Paving Program	Completion of paving of Spar Street and Sayward Heights
Reduce the 2006 Light Industrial Tax Rate by \$2.75 per thousand as per Phase 2 Transition Study in December of 2003	Set 2006 the municipal portion of the Light Industrial Tax Rate no higher than 29.50
Secure Broadband for the Village residents	Completion of the last mile under Provincial Digital Divide program
Update Website according to policy set in 2005	Release of additional information on website

2007

Objective	Measures
Continuation of Paving Program	Completion of paving of Seaview & Hemlock
Update of Website	Release of additional information on website
Reduce the 2007 Light Industrial Tax Rate by \$2.75 per thousand as per Phase 2 Transition Study in December of 2003	Set 2007 the municipal portion of the Light Industrial Tax Rate no higher than 26.75
Tourism Strategy	Completion of draft tourism plan by Tourism Task Force and adoption of plan by Council
Regulatory Bylaw Review	Adoption of bylaw amendments by Council resulting from bylaw review. Note: There may not be any amendments
Study of Possible Aeration of Pond	Commission study of pond
Investigate changing the name of the Village	Investigate legal and cost implications of changing name

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