



the Village of  
**Sayward**

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## **Contract Awarded for New Sayward Library**

*Monday, April 8, 2019, Sayward, BC* – The new Sayward library has taken an important step towards construction. On April 5, 2 Hills Renovations, a Campbell River-based construction firm, was awarded the contract to build the new library for the Village.

“This is an exciting day for Sayward,” says Rosemary Bonanno, Vancouver Island Regional Library’s (VIRL) Executive Director. “With the contract now awarded and construction soon to start, the entire Sayward Valley can look forward to a state-of-the-art library for many years to come. I would like to thank Sayward Council for giving up their Council Chambers to allow for a temporary library for the better part of the past two years.”

A construction start date and timeline will be made available once VIRL receives it from 2 Hills.

“Council has been committed to this project from day one,” says John MacDonald, Mayor of the Village of Sayward. “For Capital Projects of this size and scope, there are many moving parts and milestones before construction can start. Thank you to everyone for your understanding throughout the process — your patience is being rewarded with your new full-service library!”

The plan for the new library encompasses all aspects of the project, including construction, furniture, IT infrastructure, and more.

Once built, Sayward will have a state-of-the-art library with the following features and amenities:

- 2,100 square feet of floor space
- Expanded hours of operation
- A larger opening day collection with many new materials
- An expanded program schedule
- A laptop bar
- Study space
- A bookable space

Renderings of the new library are included with this release (and attached).

More information will be provided as it becomes available.

### **A Prototype for Other Rural Builds**

The cost-effectiveness and scalability of the Sayward branch design means that VIRL now has a prototype model that can be replicated in other rural communities in need of new libraries. The 2,100 square foot model being built in Sayward can be scaled up or down depending on a community's size and service needs. This prototype approach will help VIRL deliver on the commitments to our rural communities set out in the [Consolidated Facilities Master Plan](#).

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