



**VILLAGE OF SAYWARD  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA  
MARCH 21, 2023 - 7:00 PM  
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.*

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Introduction of Late Items**

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Recommended Resolution:

THAT the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council for March 21, 2023, be approved.

**4. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

Recommended Resolutions:

THAT the minutes from the Regular Council meeting held on February 21, 2023, be adopted.

THAT the minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 28, 2023, be adopted.

THAT the minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting held on March 14, 2023, be adopted.

**5. Petitions and Delegation**

- a) Mr. Brian Kingzett, Executive Director BC Salmon Farmers Association re: Rights and Reconciliation Leads Salmon Farming Transition Plan
- b) Mr. Alex Turner, Sayward Garden Club – Request to have Sayward News advertising fees waived
- c) Mr. Ken McRae, President Sayward Futures Society – Update about recent and planned activities

**6. Correspondence**

- a) Email from BC SPCA Government Relations Officer - RE: Animal welfare follow-up (Pet-friendly housing; Public space for dogs; Exotic pets; Fireworks; Humane rodent control; Human-wildlife conflicts)
- b) Letter of Approval from UBCM – RE: 2022 CEPF Disaster Risk Reduction-Climate Adaptation – Approval Agreement & Terms of Conditions of Funding

- c) Email from Island Health – RE: Island Health News: Action taken to strengthen North Vancouver Island health care
- d) Letter from Minister Anne Kang – RE: Growing Communities Fund Grant (Ref: 271994)

Recommended Resolution:

THAT correspondence a) to d) be received

**7. Council Reports**

- a) **Councillor Tinsley – RE: Current Signage & Property Maintenance at Old Mall**

Recommended Resolutions:

THAT Council receives the Councillor Report - Current Signage & Property Maintenance at Old Mall for information and discussion.

THAT staff be directed to research options available regarding writing the property owner with a request to update the signage.

THAT staff be directed to research options available regarding writing the property owner with a request to tidying up the property.

**8. Reports of Committees - None**

**9. Mayor's Report - None**

**10. Unfinished Business - None**

**11. Staff Reports**

- a) **Sayward Volunteer Fire Department 2022 Annual Report & Call Log - Frank Morgan, SVFD Fire Chief**

Recommended Resolution:

THAT Council receive the Sayward Volunteer Fire Department 2022 Annual Report & Call Log staff report for information and discussion.

- b) **Land Exchange Agreement Extension – Lisa Clark, CFO/CO**

Recommended Resolutions:

THAT Council receive the Land Exchange Agreement Extension staff report for information and discussion.

THAT the land exchange agreement amendment be approved; and,

THAT the Mayor and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the agreement.

- c) **Amendment to Bylaw 416, 2015 Council Procedure Bylaw – Lisa Clark, CFO/CO**

Recommended Resolutions:

THAT Council receive the Amendment to Bylaw 416, 2015 Council Procedure Bylaw staff report for information and discussion.

THAT Staff post notice of the proposed amendment on the Village's public notice board, in the April 2023 Sayward News, on the Village website, and on the Village's Facebook page; and,

THAT staff return to the April 18, 2023 council meeting with a summary of any public comments received on the proposed amendment before fourth and final reading.

**12. Emergency Services/Public Works/Recreation Department Reports - None**

**13. Bylaws - None**

**14. New Business**

**15. Public Question Period (maximum 15 minutes)**

**Mayor:** "The purpose of the public question period is to enable citizens to ask questions of Council about issues that are important to the citizen asking the question. Speakers are asked to limit their questions to one each and, if time permits after everyone has had an opportunity to ask questions, speakers may ask a second question. Citizens will be asked to state their name and address."

**16. In Camera**

Recommended Resolution:

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*:

- 90(1)(c) labor relations or other employee relations

**17. Adjournment**



**VILLAGE OF SAYWARD  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 21, 2023  
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 Kohen Gilkin  
Councillor Sue Poulsen  
Councillor Tom Tinsley

**In Attendance:** Keir Gervais, CAO  
Lisa Clark, CFO/Corporate Officer  
Jennifer Redshaw, Finance/Admin Clerk  
John Manson, Approving Officer

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

**2. Introduction of Late Items - None**

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION R23/51**

**MOVED AND SECONDED**

THAT the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council for February 21, 2023, be approved.

**CARRIED**

**4. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**MOTION R23/52**

**MOVED AND SECONDED**

THAT the minutes from the Regular Council meeting held on February 7, 2023, be adopted.

THAT the minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 14, 2023, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**5. Petitions and Delegations**

- a) Serena Gill and Sean Manzer, property owners 711 Kelsey Way RE: Development Proposal Update
- b) Mr. Chris Cowley, General Manager, Mainroad North Island Contracting LP re: Winter Maintenance Procedures

**6. Correspondence**

- a) Email from concerned citizen – RE: Nurses need help.
- b) Letter from Honourable Anne Kang, Ministry of Municipal Affairs - Growing Community Fund (Ref: 272022)
- c) Letter from Steven F. Kozuki, Executive Director, Forest Enhancement Society of British Columbia RE: FESBC 2023 Accomplishments Update

**MOTION R23/53**

**MOVED AND SECONDED**

THAT correspondence a) to c) be received.

**CARRIED**

**7. Council Reports - None**

**8. Reports of Committees - None**

**9. Mayor’s Report - None**

**10. Unfinished Business - None**

**11. Staff Reports**

- a) **Sayward Legion and Village Service Agreement (Share Shed) – Keir Gervais, CAO**

**MOTION R23/54**

**MOVED AND SECONDED**

THAT Council receive the Sayward Legion Service Agreement - Share Shed Staff report for information and discussion.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION R23/55**

**MOVED AND SECONDED**

THAT Council approve the renewal of the Sayward Legion and Village of Sayward Working Agreement - Share Shed as amended for one (1) year; and,

THAT Council authorize the CAO to execute said Service Agreement on behalf of the Municipality following amendments.

**CARRIED**

- b) **Regional Grant Opportunity – Salmon River Flood Storymap – Keir Gervais, CAO**

**MOTION R23/56  
MOVED AND SECONDED**

THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION R23/57  
MOVED AND SECONDED**

THAT as part of the Village of Sayward's ongoing work in relation to disaster risk reduction that an application for financial assistance under the Intake #2 2023 Disaster Risk Reduction / Climate Adaptation grant be authorized for submission to the UBCM in collaboration with the Strathcona Regional District; and

THAT the Strathcona Regional District be authorized to receive and manage the funding on behalf of the Village of Sayward if the application is successful.

**CARRIED**

**c) Village of Sayward Audit Planning Report – Lisa Clark, CFO/CO**

**MOTION R23/58  
MOVED AND SECONDED**

THAT Council receive the Village of Sayward Audit Planning Report for information and discussion.

**CARRIED**

**d) Grant Opportunity: Rural Advisory Program – Keir Gervais, CAO**

**MOTION R23/59  
MOVED AND SECONDED**

THAT Council receive the Grant Opportunity: Rural Advisory Program Report.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION R23/60  
MOVED AND SECONDED**

THAT Council directs Staff to complete and submit a grant application to Island Coastal Economic Trust's Rural Advisory Program for the purpose of funding a Community-based Advisor for a one-year term.

**CARRIED**

**12. Emergency Services/Public Works/Recreation Department Reports – None**

**13. Bylaws**

**a) Code of Conduct Amendment Bylaw No. 495, 2023**

**MOTION R23/61  
MOVED AND SECONDED**

THAT Code of Conduct Amendment Bylaw No. 495, 2023 be given fourth and final reading.

**CARRIED**

**14. New Business- None**

**15. Public Question Period**

**16. In Camera**

**MOTION R23/62**

**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*:

- 90(1)(c) labor relations or other employee relations,
- 90(1)(k) negotiations and related discussion respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public.

**CARRIED**

**17. Rise & Report**

**MOTION IC23/17**

**MOVED AND SECONDED**

THAT Staff be directed to prepare a letter for Council's consideration regarding the lab crisis in Campbell River.

**CARRIED**

**18. Adjournment**

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm.**

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**Mayor**

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**Corporate Officer**



**VILLAGE OF SAYWARD  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 28, 2023  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**Present:** Mayor Mark Baker  
Councillor Scott Burchett  
Councillor Kohen Gilkin  
Councillor Sue Poulsen  
Councillor Tom Tinsley

**In Attendance:** Keir Gervais, CAO  
Lisa Clark, CFO/Corporate Officer

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM

**2. Introduction of Late Items**

a) CAO Gervais requested that an in camera meeting be scheduled as item 13. in accordance with section 91(1)(c) labour relations or other employee relations.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION C23/6**

**MOVED AND SECONDED**

THAT the agenda for the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council for February 28, 2023, be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

**4. Petitions and Delegations - None**

**5. Correspondence - None**

**6. Council Reports - None**

**7. Reports of Committees - None**

**8. Mayor's Report - None**

**9. Unfinished Business - None**

**10. Staff Reports**

a) Budget Planning Session led by Lisa Clark, CFO

**MOTION C23/7**

**MOVED AND SECONDED**



THAT the Committee of the Whole receive the Financial Plan 2023-2027 staff report for information and discussion.

**CARRIED**

**11. New Business - None**

**12. Public Question Period - None**

**13. In Camera**

**MOTION C23/8**

**MOVED AND SECONDED**

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- 90(1)(c) labour relations or other employee relations.

**CARRIED**

**14. Adjournment**

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 PM**

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**Mayor**

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**Corporate Officer**



**VILLAGE OF SAYWARD  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 14, 2023  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**Present:** Mayor Mark Baker  
Councillor Scott Burchett  
Councillor Kohen Gilkin  
Councillor Sue Poulsen  
Councillor Tom Tinsley

**In Attendance:** Keir Gervais, CAO  
Lisa Clark, CFO/Corporate Officer  
Jennifer Redshaw, Finance/Admin Clerk

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

**2. Introduction of Late Items - None**

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION C23/9**

**MOVED AND SECONDED**

THAT the agenda for the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council for March 14, 2023, be approved.

**CARRIED**

**4. Petitions and Delegations - None**

**5. Correspondence - None**

**6. Council Reports - None**

**7. Reports of Committees - None**

**8. Mayor's Report - None**

**9. Unfinished Business - None**

**10. Staff Reports**

a) Budget Planning Session led by Lisa Clark, CFO

**11. New Business - None**

**12. Public Question Period - None**

**13. In Camera - None**

**14. Adjournment**

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM**

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**Mayor**

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**Corporate Officer**

# Rights and Reconciliation Leads Salmon Farming Transition Plan

January 18, 2023

*BC Salmon Farmers Association declare Indigenous-led transition plan as the future for salmon farming in British Columbia*

## **CAMPBELL RIVER, B.C. -**

A new report titled, “[Indigenous-led Transition Plan](#)”, details how First Nations right to self-determination and reconciliation will lead the way to a successful transition plan for salmon farming in British Columbia. The report also outlines how the sector’s deep history of innovation supports the federal government’s vision for BC aquaculture, reconciliation, food security, the blue economy, and climate friendly protein production.

In July 2022, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) released a framework for discussion regarding the net pen transition plan for BC. The proposal for transition of the salmon farming sector to be First Nations led is taking place concurrently with DFO’s development of a new framework.

“Working together with First Nations who are interested in aquaculture is essential to our future on the west coast,” says Diane Morrison, Board Chair of the BC Salmon Farmers Association and Managing Director of Mowi Canada West. “These principles will ensure we transition in a way that progressively minimizes interactions with wild salmon and be led by the First Nations in whose territories we operate.”

To be compatible with the sector’s vision for salmon farming within the territories of First Nations, BC Salmon Farmers suggest the following Fundamental Principles be included:

**1. First Nations Right to Self-Determination:** The Transition Plan must fully recognize and support Indigenous rights to self-determination and the rights of First Nations to make informed decisions on matters that impact their territories.

**2. Reconciliation:** The Transition Plan must ensure continued opportunity for capacity building within Nations and equitable economic opportunities – as well as establish a framework for enduring long-term relationships.

**3. Governance:** The Transition Plan must include a governance model based upon tripartite agreement (First Nations, federal, and provincial governments) – and provide a robust role in governance and oversight for Indigenous rights holders in whose territories the salmon farms operate.

**4. Sustainable Sector Growth:** The Transition Plan must support the creation of an attractive business environment that signals Canada is committed to advancing growth in sustainable salmon farming in coastal BC. A transition growth plan that builds towards increasing production volumes.

**5. Alignment with Federal Initiatives:** The Transition Plan must support investment into innovative practices and technology, and other federal government priorities, especially the Climate Change Plan and Blue Economy Strategy.

**6. Trust and Transparency:** The Transition Plan must provide clear communication processes and outlets, including engagement opportunities, that will help to foster a better understanding of the industry and create trust and transparency with local First Nations who have aquaculture within their territories, as well as First Nations who have an interest, and the broader Canadian public.

By working through these principles, the Transition Plan has the potential to create a level of business certainty required for the long-term stability of the BC salmon farming sector and allow the sector to play an even greater role in the ongoing process of reconciliation in BC, community vitality, and the restoration of wild salmon.

“Transition is not new to our sector,” says Brian Kingzett, Executive Director of the BC Salmon Farmers Association. “Like all farmers, we have been transitioning for decades to adapt to changing conditions. We have been investing in and implementing cutting-edge technologies and innovations to improve our processes, and progressively minimize interactions with the surrounding marine environment, including wild salmon.”

The Transition Plan could also expand the sector’s capacity to contribute to the success of Canada’s Blue Economy Strategy by generating the magnitude of economic benefits, jobs, investment, and regional growth that will help to advance BC’s economy on a low-carbon, environmentally sustainable, climate-resilient, and competitive path forward.

Find the full report here: <https://www.bcsalmonfarmers.ca/reports>

## **ABOUT THE BC SALMON FARMERS ASSOCIATION**

BC salmon farmers are committed to reconciliation and operate under multiple agreements with First Nations in whose territory we operate. Each of these agreements is founded upon recognition to First Nations right to exercise jurisdiction over the land, resources, and waters within their territories.

Farm-raised salmon is BC's highest valued seafood product, the province's top agricultural export, and generates over \$1.2 billion towards the provincial economy, creating thousands of jobs. The BC Salmon Farmers Association represents over 60 businesses and organizations throughout the value chain of finfish aquaculture in BC. Our members account for over 95% of the annual provincial harvest of farm-raised salmon in British Columbia.

For more information, visit <https://www.bcsalmonfarmers.ca>.

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# BC Salmon Aquaculture Transition:

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## Then & Now



BC SALMON  
FARMERS

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# Transition Then...

Transition is not new to the BC salmon farming sector. Since its inception in the late 1960s, the sector has followed an ongoing, orderly transition toward greater environmental stewardship by continuing to implement cutting-edge technologies and innovations.

*Early days of salmon farming on BC's coast.*

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# Environmental Performance

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## Salmon Farm Siting

### In the beginning:

During the early years of salmon farming in BC, the ocean conditions needed for optimal farmed salmon growth and development – together with protection of the ocean floor ecosystem – were not well understood. As a result, some farms were situated in areas where salmon farming was not compatible with environmental sustainability.

### Today:

Comprehensive siting criteria ensure that farms are situated well away from species at risk, critical habitats, salmon bearing streams, and other important ecosystem components. After a suitable location that meets these criteria is identified, modelling is carried out to ensure that the amount (biomass) of fish to be cultured is within the carrying capacity of the receiving environment. Regulations establish thresholds that limit the intensity and extent of the impact that the farm may have. These rigorous thresholds are set to ensure that any impacts are temporary and that recovery will occur in a brief and reasonable timeframe.

## Containment Systems

### In the beginning:

Early net pens were primarily constructed from wood with nylon knotted netting similar to that traditionally used in the fishing industry. The pens were often moored to the seabed using cables attached to one-ton pieces of concrete. Unable to withstand the winds and tides in exposed coastal areas, the pens were situated in protected waters – often in areas where the marine environment was less suited to supporting sustainable salmon farming.

### Today:

Net pen systems have evolved significantly from their wood-based predecessors. Ocean pens are now constructed from steel or high-density polyethylene – and are engineered, built, and anchored to the specifications of the operational environment. The net enclosures are manufactured from modern polymers that provide excellent and long-lasting durability, strength, and reliability. Current net pens are anchored to the seabed via sophisticated mooring systems designed and modelled by engineering firms to ensure fitment for the conditions of the infrastructure and the site e.g. engineered to dampen the forces generated by site-specific wave motion. The strength and durability of these innovations allow containment systems to be situated at exposed marine sites with greater capacity to support environmentally sustainable salmon farming – and have reduced fish escapes to almost zero in recent years.

## Feeding Systems

### In the beginning:

Early feeding practices consisted of hand-feeding – where feed was thrown onto the surface of the water. The amount fed was dependent upon observations by the farm worker throwing the feed – who based feeding decisions on surface feeding behavior.

### Today:

BC salmon farms now use sophisticated models, real time feedback, and automated feed delivery systems that evenly distribute a set amount of feed throughout the pen at designated times; these innovations optimize fish performance and feed consumption. While feeding, salmon behaviour is closely monitored primarily via underwater video cameras. Automated delivery and underwater monitoring ensure that only the amount of feed that salmon will eat is delivered to the pen; this significantly reduces the amount of feed that falls to the ocean floor, thereby supporting a healthy benthic ecosystem.

## Feed Ingredients

### **In the beginning:**

Early feed formulations were dependent on fishmeal and fish oil as the primary sources of dietary protein and fat.

### **Today:**

To reduce the industry's dependency on wild fisheries, aquafeed companies are increasingly replacing wild-caught protein and oil sources with alternative plant and animal sources. New sustainable raw ingredients being incorporated into feed include: certified soy and palm oil products, soy protein concentrate, maize gluten, guar meal, and by-products from cereal processing & oil seeds. These alternative and novel raw materials have enabled fish feed companies to develop some salmon feed formulations that are completely fishmeal-free while delivering equal performance in terms of fish growth and health.

For feed formulations that do require marine oil and/or protein, aquafeed companies are increasing their usage of seafood trimmings and locally sourced by-products. The use of trimmings and by-products from wild fisheries upcycles 'waste' materials into healthy fish feed. Up to 30% of the marine oil and proteins utilized in some feed formulations is now derived from seafood trimmings and by-products.

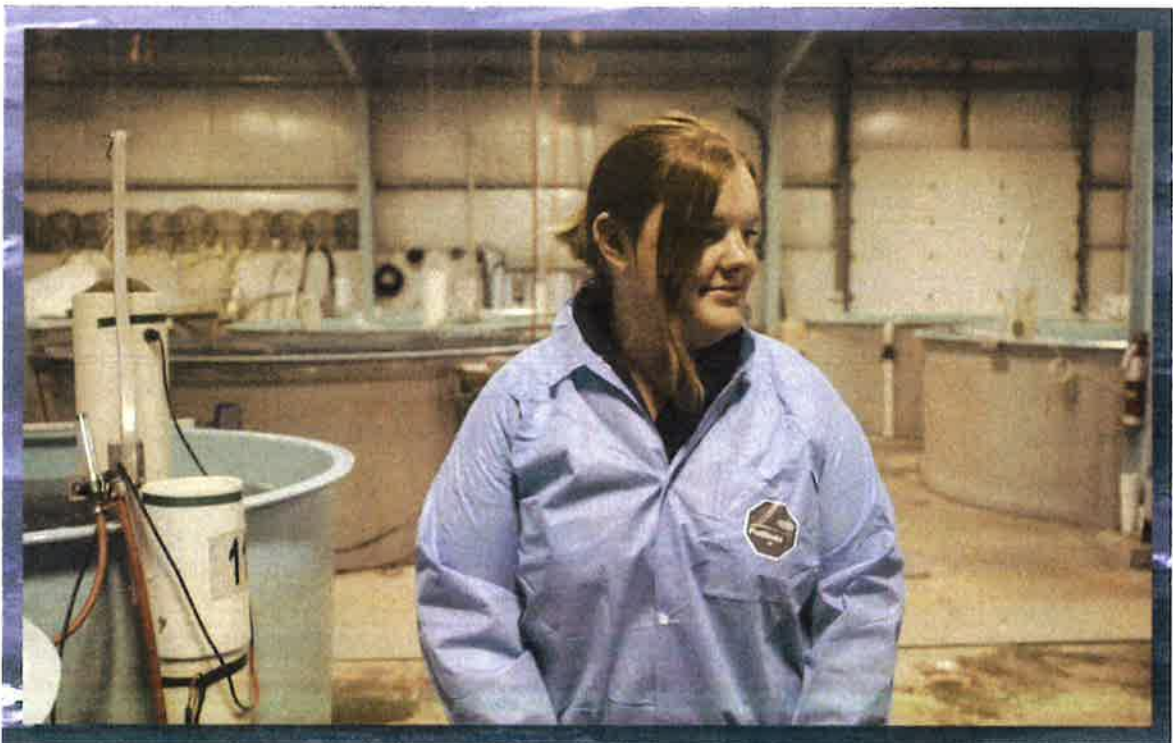
## Antibiotic Use

### **In the beginning:**

Livestock and poultry farmers have used antibiotics to treat and prevent disease, increase feed conversion, and preserve food since the 1930s. Due to the lack of fish vaccines, early salmon farmers followed the lead of livestock and poultry farmers, using antibiotic for the treatment of bacterial diseases.

### **Today:**

Continually improving health management practices, combined with vaccination against common pathogens, have facilitated a significant reduction in the use of antibiotics on BC salmon farms. For example, between 1997 and 2017, the use of antibiotics on BC salmon farms declined from 516g to 59g per ton of salmon (89% decrease). Currently, less than 5% of farmed salmon require antibiotic treatment. BC salmon farmers are striving to reduce usage even further – with the goal of eventually eliminating all use of antibiotics.



*Dr. Terra MacDonald, certified veterinarian with Mowi Canada West.*

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# Protection of Wild Salmon

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The 2012 Cohen Commission of the Inquiry into the Decline of Sockeye Salmon in the Fraser River concluded

***“Data presented during this Inquiry did not show that salmon farms were having a significant negative impact on Fraser River sockeye”.***

Rather, the Cohen Commission and other investigations identified a string of cumulative factors as contributors to the decline of wild salmon; these factors include: climate change, a long history of overfishing, impacts to watersheds from logging, urban development, industrial pollution, fishing interceptions outside of BC, and competition with ocean ranching in Alaska, Japan, and Russia.

While there is no evidence that salmon farming is contributing to the decline of wild salmon, many of the sector's innovations are focused on ensuring the sustainability of wild salmon populations. Stronger understanding of surrounding wild salmon populations inform risk mitigation, operational strategies, and innovation development.

## Comprehensive Vaccine Programs

### **In the beginning:**

Globally, fish vaccines were in an early developmental phase until the mid/late 1990s. During this phase, vaccines existed only for a limited number of bacterial infections (e.g. vibrio); vaccines against other diseases were less effective, had side effects, and were extremely expensive to develop and produce.

### **Today:**

When disease free, vaccinated juvenile farmed salmon are transferred from hatcheries to ocean net pens, they are challenged by bacterial and viral pathogens that exist naturally within wild salmon populations. Vaccines have been developed against many of the common bacterial and viral pathogens that impact farmed salmon. Vaccination of all juvenile farmed salmon before transfer to the marine environment significantly increases farmed salmon health and reduces the potential of disease transfer to and from wild stocks.

## Stringent Fish Health Testing

### **In the beginning:**

Few diagnostic tools had been developed to evaluate the health status of farmed salmon.

### **Today:**

Salmon farmers have developed a sophisticated suite of diagnostic tools – and are going even further with ongoing research and development to continually improve and refine diagnostic testing of both fish and the environment. Fish health testing prior to transfer to the marine environment ensures that only healthy juvenile farmed salmon enter the ocean.

## Sea Lice Prevention and Treatment Strategies

### **In the beginning:**

While the species of sea louse most commonly reported on wild and farmed salmon in the Pacific Ocean off BC's coast is *Lepeophtheirus salmonis* (*L. salmonis*), infections and impact from *L. salmonis* infestations were very rare on BC salmon farms. BC aquaculture veterinarians therefore did not consider sea lice to be a serious health concern for farmed salmon.

In addition to the low pathogenicity of the Pacific *L. salmonis*, veterinarians also knew that large populations of wild salmon carry significant sea lice loads – and have developed species-specific levels of sea lice resistance. As a result, they did not consider that the limited number of sea lice on salmon farms could impact the already significant sea lice numbers occurring naturally within populations of wild salmon.

**Today:**

Aquaculture veterinarians in BC continue to consider that: (1) *L. salmonis* poses a low health risk for farmed salmon; (2) *L. salmonis* from salmon farms do not contribute significantly to the total sea lice loads found in populations of wild salmon. While salmon farms in BC are not scientifically a concern in regard to *L. salmonis*, it has become a topic of concern for the public. Therefore, as responsible stewards of the marine environment, BC salmon farmers have now developed a full suite of sea lice enumeration methods, prevention strategies, and treatment options to keep sea lice levels below the regulatory threshold. Sea lice numbers are routinely monitored at all BC farm sites to enable optimal use of management tools and minimize risk to wild salmon. Enhanced sea lice and thresholds monitoring is implemented during the juvenile salmon out-migration period to confirm that sea lice levels on farms do not exceed the regulatory threshold.

## Wastewater Treatment Innovations

**In the beginning:**





Prior to discharge into the marine environment, wastewater from the processing of wild and farmed salmon was historically passed through a screen to remove particulate matter.

**Today:**

While wild salmon processing plants continue to primarily rely on screens to remove particulate matter, facilities processing farmed salmon are now equipped with innovative wastewater treatment technologies – including UV and chlorine treatment – that support the health of the marine environment and minimize potential pathogen transfer to wild fish stocks.

# Summary: Environmental Performance

Through this ongoing transition to achieve higher standards of environmental responsibility, the BC salmon farming sector now has the smallest environmental footprint of all animal protein-producing industries. With a low carbon footprint, low land use, low water consumption, and efficient feed conversion ratio, farmed salmon contributes a healthy and climate-friendly protein source to the world's food needs. According to the [High Level Panel for A Sustainable Ocean Economy](#): "The largest potential (carbon reduction) gains for food production lie in the sustainable expansion of marine aquaculture."

Sustainability Metric					Unit of Measurement
<b>Carbon Footprint</b>	0.60	0.88	1.30	5.92	Carbon dioxide equivalent (g CO <sub>2</sub> eq) per typical edible protein
<b>Land Use</b>	3.7	71	11.0	102	Area (m <sup>2</sup> ) to produce 100g of protein
<b>Water Consumption</b>	2,000	4,3000	6,000	15,400	Litres per kg of edible meat
<b>Feed Conversion</b>	1.2–1.5	1.7–2.0	2.7–5.0	6.0–10.0	Kilograms (kg) needed to increase the animal's bodyweight by 1kg
<b>Edible Yield</b>	68%	46%	52%	—	Edible meat/total body weight

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# Indigenous Reconciliation

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## **In the beginning:**

The provincial and federal governments permitted salmon farming companies to choose sites without adequate government consultation with the First Nations in whose territory the farms were operating. Not all First Nations had input into siting locations or the environmental performance of farms in their territory – and many received no economic benefit from their operation.

## **Today:**

Many Nations and salmon farming companies are on a journey of reconciliation. The sector's evolution to higher environmental standards has been aided by partnership agreements forged between BC salmon farmers and BC First Nations over the past 20 years. In many of these agreements, the level of environmental performance stipulated by the First Nation partner exceeds that required by Federal regulation. Often, Indigenous guardians monitor farm sites and independent biologists ensure that the production is done according to sustainable principles established by First Nations and companies.

The agreements between BC salmon farmers and BC First Nations demonstrate the role that partnerships can play in achieving meaningful reconciliation. Seventeen First Nations now hold beneficial partnership agreements with BC salmon farmers. Each of these agreements is founded upon the recognition of First Nations' rights, including the right to exercise jurisdiction over the land, resources, and waters within their territories – rights that form the very core of the reconciliation process.

Each of these partnerships brings significant socioeconomic benefits, business opportunities, and jobs to Indigenous communities – many of which have struggled with economic hardship resulting from declines in resource industries. Partnerships also establish a commitment to work collaboratively – combining expertise and knowledge – for the preservation and protection of wild salmon.

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# Economic Lifeline for Remote Coastal Communities

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## **In the beginning:**

Like Indigenous communities, the economies of other remote coastal communities in BC also suffered greatly from the decline of resource industries.


## **Today:**

The development of sustainable salmon farming has offered these communities an economic lifeline by creating a diverse range of supply and service business opportunities – as well as a significant number of direct and indirect jobs. Jobs within the salmon farming sector pay approximately 30% more than the median employment income in BC.

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# Food Security and Canada's Blue Economy

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 **In the beginning:**

In 1986, BC produced 391 tonnes of farmed salmon with a value of 2.7 million.

 **Today:**

BC farmed salmon is the province's #1 seafood export and #1 agri-food export. In fact, it is BC's 10th most important export commodity overall. For example, in 2019, BC Salmon Farmers Association members produced 83,180 tonnes of farmed salmon valued at \$771 million, creating 353 million meals of high-quality protein. The sector plays a significant role in bringing greater strength and resilience to the province's food-supply chain.



*British Columbia chef holding a farm-raised organic King (Chinook) salmon.*

A man with a beard, wearing a dark cap and a dark jacket, is seen from the back, sitting at a workstation. He is looking at several computer monitors. The monitors display various data, including what appears to be a map or satellite view, and other graphical information. The room is dimly lit, with the primary light source being the screens. The overall atmosphere is professional and focused on data analysis.

# Transition Now... Net Pen Transition Plan

*Modern feeding systems are part of BC salmon farming.*



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# Net Pen Transition Plan

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While the BC salmon farming sector's high standard of environmental responsibility has been recognized by multiple independent, global certification systems, BC salmon farmers regard their current achievements as a snapshot of their ongoing transition toward technologies, tools, and innovations to reduce their impact on the environment even further.

Two significant structural changes currently taking place in the BC salmon farming sector are stimulating the next phase in the sector's ongoing transition to enhanced environmental performance:

- First Nations have stepped forward to assume leadership in guiding the sector's future growth and development.
- Through its development of a new framework for sustainable salmon farming (Net Pen Transition Plan), DFO is expressing a strong and clear vision for the future of the sector.

Together, these critical changes have the potential to create a level of business certainty that will allow BC salmon farming to play an even greater role in the ongoing process of reconciliation in BC. It will also expand the sector's capacity to contribute to the success of Canada's Blue Economy Strategy by generating the magnitude of economic benefits, jobs, investment, and regional growth that will help to advance BC's economy on a low-carbon, environmentally sustainable, climate-resilient, and competitive pathway.

To further the development of its Net Pen Transition Plan, DFO has released a Framework for Discussion document to guide engagement and consultation activities with the BC salmon farming sector, BC First Nations, and other stakeholders. The following sections present the sector's reflections and recommendations regarding the Framework for Discussion document.

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## Sector Vision of Transition:

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Working alongside our Indigenous partners, the BC salmon farming sector is founded upon an inclusive, ecosystem approach to management that progressively enhances the sector's environmental performance, with a special focus on wild salmon protection, through the development and implementation of innovative tools and new technology. Increased business certainty resulting from greater public and government awareness of the sector's high environmental standards facilitates further growth and development, resulting in stronger socioeconomic development for coastal communities – and an even greater capacity to contribute to Canada's Blue Economy.



*Cermaq Canada's semi-closed containment system at their Millar Channel site.*

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# BCSFA Fundamental Principles of Transition Plan:

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## **First Nations Right to Self-Determination**

The Transition Plan must fully recognize and support Indigenous rights to self-determination and the rights of First Nations to make informed decisions on matters that impact their territories.

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## **Reconciliation**

The Transition Plan must ensure continued opportunity for capacity building within Nations and equitable economic opportunities – as well as establish a framework for enduring long-term relationships.

3

## **Governance**

The Transition Plan must include a governance model based upon tripartite agreement (First Nations, federal, and provincial governments) – and provide a robust role in governance and oversight for Indigenous rights holders in whose territories the salmon farms operate.

4

## **Sustainable Sector Growth**

The Transition Plan must support the creation of an attractive business environment that signals Canada is committed to advancing growth in sustainable salmon farming in coastal BC. A transition growth plan that builds towards increasing production volumes.

5

## **Alignment with Federal Initiatives**

The Transition Plan must support investment in innovative practices and technology, and other federal government priorities, especially the Climate Change Plan and Blue Economy Strategy

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## **Trust and Transparency**

The Transition Plan must provide clear communication processes and outlets, including engagement opportunities, that will help to foster a better understanding of the industry and create trust and transparency with local First Nations who have aquaculture within their territories, as well as First Nations who have an interest, and the broader Canadian public.

# Design Features of Transition Plan:

## Licences

### *DFO Framework for Discussion document (page 8):*

Indicates that by operating under higher standards of performance, salmon farms would gain the security of a longer term licence.

### **Sector Input:**

The sector recommends that, to enable development and implementation of innovations and new tools and technologies, licences must be issued for terms long enough to provide security for significant investment. Consideration should be given to amending the Fisheries Act to allow for licences longer than 9 years to provide security for higher financial risk initiatives.

## Developmental Licence

### *DFO Framework for Discussion document (page 7):*

Indicates that the department is considering the concept of a developmental licence.

### **Sector Input:**

The sector encourages DFO to consider novel licencing initiatives (e.g., developmental licence) that support the implementation and trialing of innovations and new technologies that further enhance the sector's environmental performance. DFO could establish a developmental licence for the development and trialing of cutting-edge innovations and technologies that support the ongoing evolution of the sector's environmental performance. Given the associated higher risk, developmental operations would require long term licences (minimum 9 years) and other incentives (e.g., such as increased biomass above that of existing licences) – as well as R&D and other financial support from government. Similar to the Norwegian model, this type of license should provide a clear pathway for transitioning from a developmental licence to the operating licence held by the majority of salmon farming operations.

## Enhanced Environmental Performance

### *DFO Framework for Discussion document (page 2):*

States that the Transition Plan will detail an expected and quantifiable set of metrics for type, scale, and timing of results to progressively minimize or eliminate interactions between cultured and wild salmon.

### **Sector Input:**

BC salmon farmers support establishing clear objectives, metrics and targets that progressively minimize or eliminate harmful interactions between farmed and wild salmon. The sector recommends that the following areas require significant consideration during the identification of all tools, metrics, and targets.

#### **a. Tools**

##### **i. Developmental and implementation timeframes**

### *Framework for Discussion document (page 5):*

States that the Transition Plan should consider other key factors such as technological development timelines.

### **Sector Input:**

The sector strongly supports DFO's perspective that the time required to develop and implement new technology – as well as expand green power capacities – must be factored into the timeframe established for the achievement of a performance target.

## ii. Ecosystem approach to management

### **Framework for Discussion document (page 9):**

Proposes participation in area-based production planning as a new tool to support enhanced performance.

#### **Sector Input:**

The sector strongly supports the inclusion of an ecosystem approach to management Ecosystem Approach to Management (EAM), which is inclusive of Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK), as an enhanced environmental performance tool. EAM will facilitate the integration of salmon farming within the wider ecosystem in such a way that it promotes sustainable development, equity, and resilience of interlinked social and ecological systems. EAM will lead to better environmental, social and economic outcomes, improved resilience to climatic variability, and consideration and management of multiple external threats and cumulative impacts at relevant scales.

## iii. Flexible implementation

### **Framework for Discussion document (page 7):**

Indicates that rather than mandating the use of specific technology, the Transition Plan will incentivize the adoption of new management tools that are capable of helping a salmon farm reach a specified performance target.

#### **Sector Input:**

To ensure success, the sector recommends that the Transition Plan must provide each operation with sufficient flexibility to allow the selection of tool(s) to achieve a specific target to be based on factors such as First Nations priorities, regional characteristics, and species cultured. Based on these factors, the license holder would develop a plan outlining the tools that would be most suitable to achieve the performance target.

## iv. Climate action and climate response

### **Framework for Discussion document (page 2):**

Proposes the Transition Plan vision as: Advance innovation and growth in sustainable aquaculture in British Columbia that progressively reduces or eliminates interactions between salmon open-net pens and wild salmon while also taking into account social, cultural and economic objectives.

#### **Sector Input:**

The sector recommends that the vision should be clarified to refer to "harmful" interactions, and should be expanded to take climate objectives into account. Enhanced environmental performance tools must support the sector's capacity to undertake climate action and climate response in the context of Canada's vision for GHG reduction, food production, and food security.

## b. Metrics and Targets

### i. Need for scientific consensus

#### **Framework for Discussion document (page 12):**

States that enhanced target metrics would be based on the best available science.

#### **Sector Input:**

Given the existence of divergent scientific information regarding some areas of salmon farming, the sector feels that the phrase 'best available science' requires further refinement. The sector therefore recommends revised wording that incorporates findings from the Report of the Independent Expert Panel on Aquaculture Science:

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*Enhanced metrics and performance targets established to measure and evaluate the sector's environmental performance must be based on best practices for synthesizing available scientific evidence on aquaculture risks. This includes incorporation of Indigenous and local knowledge as well as the use of systematic reviews, external peer review and other universally accepted standards.*

## ii. Variable Targets

### **Framework for Discussion document (page 12):**

Suggests that target metrics could vary based on coastwide or regional environmental, social, and technical factors...

#### **Sector Input:**

Target metrics should be Indigenous led and include Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Ecosystem Approach to Management (EAM).

## iii. Evaluation of progress

### **Framework for Discussion document (page 7):**

States a goal of the Transition Plan would be to define incremental improvements in environmental performance which would provide evidence of a move to progressively minimize or eliminate interaction between cultured and wild salmon. On page 13, the document recognizes that innovations implemented to bring about these improvements in environmental performance must have room for both success and failure.

#### **Sector Input:**

The sector understands the need to define incremental improvements in environmental performance to evaluate progress toward the performance target. However, it is essential that evaluation of incremental performance be sufficiently flexible to allow for setbacks or failure – so that operations not showing a consistent rate of improvement are not considered to be out of compliance. This will provide the security required for the sector to invest in new technologies and innovations to achieve these incremental improvements.

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# Social/Cultural and Economic Performance

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### **DFO Framework for Discussion document (page 2):**

Proposes a vision for the Transition Plan that includes "taking into account social, cultural and economic objectives." On page 5, the document identifies industry competitiveness and viability and community economic considerations as key factors that the Transition Plan should consider.

#### **Sector Input:**

In order to take social, cultural, and economic objectives into account, the sector recommends that metrics should also be established to evaluate the following:

- Social/cultural and economic wellbeing of Indigenous and non-Indigenous coastal communities where salmon farming contributes to the local/regional economy.
- Consideration of the important keystone role salmon aquaculture plays in supporting marine based industry supply chains, infrastructure, and professional service capacity (including fish health, production and environmental expertise to support emerging wild salmon protection initiatives).
- BC salmon farming's viability and its capacity to contribute to the success of Canada's Blue Economy Strategy that seeks to "grow Canada's oceans economy to create good middle-class jobs and opportunity for coastal communities."

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# Education / Training

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**DFO Framework for Discussion document (page 20):**

Proposes that DFO could incentivize transition by providing support for recruitment and training to maintain a highly skilled employee pool.

**Sector Input:**

The level of support needed for recruitment and training is dependent upon the level of business certainty. The skill level of the current workforce is fully capable of supporting the sector's transition. Rather than being limited by skill level, sector transition efforts may be limited by challenges in attracting and retaining workers. Given the current level of uncertainty, individuals seeking to establish a career are less likely to choose to participate in the BC salmon farming sector – and current workers may elect to seek employment in other salmon farming jurisdictions or sectors. The difficulties in attracting and retaining workers could be easily rectified by improving the investment climate through actions such as extending the length of licences to a minimum of 9 years.

In an environment that supports investment in sustainable salmon farming, the sector will be able to increase recruitment and training of young people from coastal and Indigenous communities. While existing post-secondary institutions with fisheries and aquaculture programs currently face enrolment challenges due to sector uncertainty, greater certainty would allow these institutions to gear up to meet the training requirements of new entrants.

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# Trust and Transparency

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**DFO Framework for Discussion document (page 2):**

States that one of the objectives of its Transition Plan is to improve trust and transparency in processes which assess and respond to new scientific information, demonstrating clear and quantifiable improvement in sustainable performance, ensuring Canadians have confidence in management of aquaculture.

**Sector Input:**

To ensure Canadians have confidence in the regulation and performance of the BC salmon farming, the sector recommends that the Transition Plan should detail how DFO will initiate a program to proactively communicate:

- The science upon which the Transition Plan is based
- The processes used to assess and respond to new scientific information
- The processes used to monitor and evaluate performance of the sector
- The environmental performance of the sector as determined by DFO monitoring and evaluation

This should include a dedicated DFO communications position that is adequately resourced, to proactively communicate to the public.



# SAYWARD FUTURES SOCIETY

## *Our Community, Our Future*

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Village of Sayward  
652-A H'Kusam Way  
Sayward, BC V0P 1R0

March 14, 2023

Re: Funding request

To: Mayor and Council  
Village of Sayward

Sayward Futures Society would like to request funding support from the Village of Sayward for a several of the initiatives planned or underway for the 2023 season. These initiatives are focussed on Economic Development and Tourism. They include:

- Development of a Sayward business directory, in both print and digital format.
- Establishment and operation of a Visitors Centre
- Enhancement of signage along trails
- Development and distribution of brochures showing the locations of a) local businesses, b) local artisans, c) farm stands and d) other local points of interest.
- Enlargement of the Ocean View Gift Shop to increase sales of original artwork from indigenous and other local artists.

Sayward Futures gratefully acknowledges and thanks the Village of Sayward for Tourism funding in previous years. For 2023, Sayward Futures is requesting funding support of \$10,000 for both Economic Development and Tourism.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Regards

Ken McRae  
Chair  
Sayward Futures Society

## Village of Sayward

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**From:** Sarah Herring <sherring@sPCA.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 2, 2023 2:15 PM  
**Subject:** Animal welfare follow-up from the BC SPCA  
**Attachments:** Pet-friendly housing\_BC SPCA\_11 30 2022.pdf; Public space for dogs\_BC SPCA\_11 30 2022.pdf; Exotic pets\_BC SPCA\_11 30 2022.pdf; Fireworks\_BC SPCA\_11 30 2022.pdf; Humane rodent control\_BC SPCA\_11 30 2022.pdf; Human-wildlife conflicts\_BC SPCA\_11 30 2022.pdf

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

As you settle into your important roles, we once again encourage you to consider how your actions, policies and bylaws can make your communities safer, more caring places for people and animals.

We know that you face many challenges and competing priorities, but we clearly heard through our pre-election priorities survey that animal welfare is top of mind for your constituents. The responses we received from over 13,000 British Columbians demonstrate strong public support for:

- Advocating to the province for more pet-friendly housing
- Creating bylaws to keep exotic animals in the wild
- Restricting the private use of fireworks to protect people and animals
- Providing safe, accessible public parks and trails for dogs
- Reducing human/wildlife conflict by prohibiting wildlife feeding and requiring the proper management of wildlife attractants, and
- Humanely controlling rodents by ending the use of all poisons on local government property

As elected representatives and community leaders, you can create meaningful change in your community and across our province, and we urge you to include animal welfare in that change.

You may be interested to note that the City of Port Moody will be bringing a pet-friendly housing resolution to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA), and we have provided information to help the Regional District of Nanaimo bring an exotic animal resolution to their Board and then the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC). We hope you will support these resolutions at the regional level and again at the UBCM Convention in September and consider bringing your own resolutions for animal welfare issues of concern in your community.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions about the BC SPCA's programs and services, or if you would like help enhancing your policies and bylaws – we are always happy to provide support and advice.

We also hope we'll have a chance to meet you at this year's Higher Ground Conference, UBCM Convention and Housing Central Conference.

Thank you,  
Sarah

**Sarah Herring**  
(she/her)  
**Government Relations Officer**  
**and guardian to Oggie**



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# YOU CAN ADVOCATE FOR PET-FRIENDLY HOUSING

*British Columbia is in a housing crisis, and finding a home that allows pets is even more difficult. Vulnerable people that need a pet's companionship the most often have the hardest time.*

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## ? WHY IS THIS AN ISSUE?

Most pet owners consider their animals an important part of their family, and research has proven that pets improve our physical, mental and emotional health and well-being. However, many families have to make the heartbreaking choice between keeping their pets and finding a place to live. Approximately 25% of all cats and dogs surrendered to the BC SPCA (totaling more than 11,000 animals and families over the past eight years) are victims of a lack of pet-friendly housing.

Already vulnerable populations, including those earning low incomes, young people, seniors and women are disproportionately impacted by the lack of pet-friendly housing across the province - and these are the very people who often rely on the love and support of their pets the most.

## 💡 WHAT CAN WE DO?

Although local governments are not primarily responsible for housing, you can call on the provincial government to increase the availability and affordability of pet-friendly housing in your community and across British Columbia. You can also work with MLAs, housing developers, non-profit housing providers and landlords in your community to advocate for more pet-friendly housing and find creative solutions that protect families with pets as well as landlords and stratas.

## ✓ WHO ELSE HAS TAKEN ACTION?

Ontario's *Residential Tenancies Act* does not allow landlords to include "no pet" clauses in rental agreements or to charge additional pet deposits on top of regular damage deposits. In 2020, the City of Vancouver passed a motion to ask the province to prohibit "no pet" clauses in rental contracts in B.C.



# YOU CAN PROVIDE PUBLIC SPACES FOR DOGS

*Safe, accessible dog-friendly spaces, especially in higher density neighbourhoods, can be important places for dogs and people to exercise and socialize outdoors.*

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## ? WHY IS THIS AN ISSUE?

Increasing rates of pet ownership and increasing density in our neighbourhoods mean there is less private space for dogs (like personal backyards). This has created a growing demand for safe, accessible, dog-friendly public spaces. Research has shown that pets contribute to their owner's mental, physical and emotional health, so making communities more welcoming for dogs is also an investment in people's health and well-being.

Dog-friendly public spaces can be a great place for well-socialized dogs and their owners to exercise, enjoy the outdoors and socialize with other dogs and people. Designated off-leash areas can reduce conflicts with other park users, reduce unsanctioned off-leash activity in more sensitive areas and protect wildlife.

## 💡 WHAT CAN WE DO?

You can talk to your friends, neighbours and dog owners in your community to find out what spaces they use and value, and what else might be needed.

As a local government, you can analyze access to and distribution of safe, accessible dog-friendly spaces throughout your community and allocate land and financing to develop more spaces where needed.

## ✓ WHO ELSE HAS TAKEN ACTION?

The City of Vancouver adopted its People, Parks and Dogs: A Strategy for Sharing Vancouver's Parks in 2017.

The District of Saanich is currently developing a People, Pets and Parks strategy.



# YOU CAN HELP KEEP EXOTIC ANIMALS IN THE WILD

*Exotic animals suffer when they're captured, kept, bred in captivity and sold as pets or entertainment. Removing them from the wild, and releasing them in B.C., damages sensitive ecosystems.*

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## WHY IS THIS AN ISSUE?

Exotic animals are wild animals; they haven't been domesticated over thousands of years like cats or dogs. Even generations of captive breeding does not remove their wild instincts and needs. They suffer in captivity and most people don't have the resources or knowledge to fully meet their physical, behavioural and psychological needs.

Removing exotic animals from their natural habitat damages fragile ecosystems and can threaten the survival of wild populations. When they're released in B.C., they can harm our ecosystem and threaten native wildlife. Exotic animals can also transfer serious diseases to humans or other animals, and injure their owners. Learn more about the problem with exotic pets [here](#).

The B.C. *Wildlife Act* only regulates the most dangerous exotic animals as Controlled Alien Species, leaving local governments to deal with other exotic species such as serval cats, kangaroos, ball pythons, parrots and turtles.



## WHAT CAN WE DO?

You can personally choose not to keep exotic pets or support businesses that display or sell them, and educate others about the [exotic pet trade](#). As a local government, you can adopt bylaws that prohibit keeping, breeding, selling and displaying exotic animals and their hybrids.



## WHO ELSE HAS TAKEN ACTION?

**City of Courtenay:**

Bylaw No. [1897](#)

**City of Fort St. John:**

Bylaw No. [2527](#)

**Ahousaht First Nation:**

Bylaw No. [2019-01](#)

Find more BC SPCA-recommended progressive bylaws [here](#).



# YOU CAN PROTECT ANIMALS & PEOPLE FROM FIREWORKS

*Fireworks might seem like harmless entertainment, but they can have far-reaching and long-lasting impacts on animals, people and the environment.*

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## ? WHY IS THIS AN ISSUE?

Exploding fireworks can terrify pets, farm animals and wildlife. Frightened animals are more likely to panic, try to escape or act uncharacteristically. This may mean pets bolting through doors and into traffic, farm animals trampling through fences and breaking limbs, and wildlife flying into buildings or abandoning vulnerable young.

Fireworks can also injure and traumatize people, including those with sensory issues and PTSD, veterans, and survivors and witnesses of gun violence. Structure fires and wildfires can be sparked by fireworks, particularly in dry conditions. Toxic chemicals and debris from fireworks can contaminate air, water and soil, and the debris that's left behind can be eaten by wildlife or domestic animals.

Learn more about the dangers of fireworks [here](#).



## WHAT CAN WE DO?

You can personally refrain from setting off fireworks and encourage your friends and neighbours to do the same. You can also keep your pets safe indoors on nights when fireworks are usually set off.

As a local government, you can adopt bylaws to prohibit the sale of fireworks and control when and where fireworks can be set off. You can also prohibit the use of fireworks or require permits and proper training and certification.



## WHO ELSE HAS TAKEN ACTION?

**City of Vancouver:**  
Bylaw No. [12472](#)

**District of Saanich:**  
Bylaw No. [8865](#)

**City of Mission:**  
Bylaw No. [1706](#)

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# YOU CAN HELP HUMANELY CONTROL RODENTS

*Even though rodents and other wild animals can pose a health risk or be seen as a nuisance, they don't deserve to be treated inhumanely.*

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Each year, millions of rodents and other animals suffer cruel deaths from inhumane pest control methods like glueboards and poison. Rodents trapped on glueboards often die slowly from suffocation, dehydration or exposure. Birds, small animals such as squirrels or chipmunks, and cats can also be trapped and die on glueboards.

Rodent poisons (rodenticides) cause a slow, painful death and can also kill owls, eagles, cats and dogs who eat poisoned rodents or the poison itself.

Thanks to action by thousands of animal welfare supporters and over 20 B.C. municipalities, the provincial government announced a temporary ban on three specific second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides in July of 2021, then a permanent ban set for January 21, 2023. Find out more [here](#).

## 💡 WHAT CAN WE DO?

You can personally take steps to rodent-proof your home, car or office, use AnimalKind standards to humanely control nuisance wildlife and encourage your friends and neighbours to do the same. As a local government, you can adopt policies to ban the use of all types of harmful rodenticides and glueboards on all municipal property and educate your residents on humane methods of rodent control.

## 🗳️ WHO ELSE HAS TAKEN ACTION?

At least 23 B.C. municipalities (listed [here](#)) have passed motions or bylaws to ban all rodenticides (not just second-generation anticoagulants) on all municipal property to focus on prevention, exclusion and humane control.

Find more BC SPCA-recommended progressive bylaws [here](#).



# YOU CAN REDUCE CONFLICTS BETWEEN PEOPLE & WILDLIFE

*The most effective way to solve wildlife conflicts is to prevent them before they happen. Feeding wild animals is harmful and dangerous for us and them.*

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## WHY IS THIS AN ISSUE?

When wild animals eat human food instead of their natural diet, their health suffers. If they come to rely on us for food, it can disrupt their natural movement and migration patterns and lead to the spread of disease.

Wild animals who regularly interact with humans lose their healthy sense of fear and can become a nuisance and a public safety concern.

Even if feeding isn't intentional, wildlife can be attracted to our neighbourhoods by improperly stored garbage, compost, bird feeders, dirty barbecues, pet food, and fruit in trees or on the ground. Get more information about the dangers of feeding wildlife [here](#).

The B.C. *Wildlife Act* only prohibits the feeding of dangerous wildlife such as bears, cougars, coyotes or wolves, leaving local governments to regulate the feeding and management of attractants for other wildlife species.



## WHAT CAN WE DO?

You can personally refrain from feeding wild animals, make sure you properly manage your garbage, compost, gardens and barbecues and encourage your friends and neighbours to do the same.

As a local government, you can adopt bylaws that prohibit intentional feeding and require proper storage and management of attractants.



## WHO ELSE HAS TAKEN ACTION?

<b>District of Tumbler Ridge:</b>	<b>City of Vancouver:</b>	<b>City of Coquitlam:</b>
Bylaw No. <a href="#">692</a>	Bylaw No. <a href="#">13321</a>	Bylaw No. <a href="#">4284</a>

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March 13, 2023

Mayor Baker and Council  
Village of Sayward  
652 H'Kusam Way  
Sayward, BC V0P 1R0

Reference: AP-7521

**Re: 2022 CEPF Disaster Risk Reduction-Climate Adaptation – Approval  
Agreement & Terms of Conditions of Funding**

Dear Mayor and Council,

Thank you for submitting an application under the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for the 2022 Disaster Risk Reduction-Climate Adaptation funding stream.

I am pleased to inform you that the Evaluation Committee has recommended your project, *C3: Kelsey Recreation Centre - Emergency Cooling Enhancement Project*, for funding. A grant in the amount of \$72,000.00 has now been approved.

As outlined in the Program & Application Guide, an initial payment in the amount of \$36,000.00 or fifty per cent (50%) of the total approved grant will follow by electronic funds transfer after the signed Approval Agreement has been returned to UBCM. The remainder of the grant will be issued when the approved project is complete and UBCM has received and approved the required final report and financial summary, and Emergency Management & Climate Readiness has reviewed and recommended approval of the completed project.

The Ministry of Emergency Management & Climate Readiness has provided funding for this program and the general Terms & Conditions are attached. In addition, and in order to satisfy the terms of the contribution agreement, the following requirements must be met in order to be eligible for grant payment:

- (1) This approval agreement is required to be signed by the CAO, Band Manager, or designate and returned to UBCM within 30 days;
- (2) The funding is to be used solely for the purpose of the above-named project and for the expenses itemized in your approved application and budget;

*The Community Emergency Preparedness Fund is funded by the Province of BC*



- (3) All expenditures must meet eligibility and funding requirements as defined in the Program & Application Guide (refer to Sections 4 and 5);
- (4) All project activities must be completed within two years of the date of this letter and no later than March 31, 2025;
- (5) The final report is required to be submitted to UBCM within 30 days of the project end date and no later than April 30, 2025;
- (6) Any unused funds must be returned to UBCM within 30 days following the project end date.

In addition, local governments are encouraged to engage with local First Nations and Indigenous organizations. Engagement by local governments both locally and regionally can help build relationships with First Nations, benefit both communities and enhance reconciliation. More information on engagement best practices is available [here](#).

Please note that descriptive information regarding successful applicants will be posted on the UBCM and/or provincial government websites, and all interim, progress, and/or final report materials will be made available to the Provincial government and First Nations' Emergency Services Society.

On behalf of the Evaluation Committee, I would like to congratulate you for responding to this opportunity to support emergency preparedness and resiliency in your community.

If you have any questions, please contact 250-387-4470 or [cepf@ubcm.ca](mailto:cepf@ubcm.ca).

Sincerely,



Rebecca Bishop, Program Officer, LGPS

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cc. Lisa Clark, CFO  
Keir Gervais, CAO

Reference: AP-7521

**Approval Agreement** (to be signed by the CAO, Band Manager, or designate)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and agree to the terms of this agreement, the general Terms & Conditions, requirements for funding, and reporting requirements for the 2022 Disaster Risk Reduction-Climate Adaptation funding stream.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature, Title, Village of Sayward

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*Please return a scanned copy of the signed Approval Agreement within 30 days to [cepf@ubcm.ca](mailto:cepf@ubcm.ca).*

## NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
March 14, 2023

### **Action taken to strengthen North Vancouver Island health care**

**North Vancouver Island** — After the Province announced a \$30 million investment in health-care services in North Vancouver Island on January 27, Island Health and its partners have made significant progress in implementing the actions designed to improve and stabilize health-care services for the region.

“North Vancouver Island residents are quickly benefitting from Island Health’s improvements, especially by attracting and recruiting health-care professionals from across the province, country and beyond. Their progress is commendable and makes health care more accessible to Island residents closer to home,” said Adrian Dix, Minister of Health.

Island Health has hired new staff to support the health system in the north Island. In addition, Island Health anticipates delivering over \$280,000 in quarterly retention bonuses to more than 200 current employees in the first quarter of the program, with eligible staff already receiving enhanced travel compensation.

“I want to thank all of the people who are actively working to bring health care service improvements to the residents of North Island. The \$30 million investment will help to bring more stability and improved health care for the communities,” said Michele Babchuk, MLA for North Island.

With the purchasing of a new CT scanner well under way, local residents will benefit from drastically reduced travel times to access the health services they need.

“Island Health is committed to sharing updates as we move forward on this priority work,” said James Hanson, Island Health Vice-President, Central/North Island clinical operations. “We have established a task force that includes leaders from multiple teams whose focus is to ensure our patients and care providers realize the benefits of these investments as quickly as possible. I’m proud of what the team has accomplished already.”

Island Health has added two additional long-term care beds at Eagle Ridge Manor and increased services and residential capacity in the Port Hardy community by 10% to better support seniors requiring long-

term care.

“Knowing that government heard our requests for funding and listened to the recommendations that came from a health summit, facilitated by the Rural Coordination Center of BC in November 2022, about strengthening services in the North Vancouver Island area is so meaningful,” said Port Hardy Mayor Pat Corbett-Labatt. “For example, the expansion of the Salvation Army sobering, assessment and sheltering program is an amazing win for vulnerable people in our community and will help reduce visits to the hospital’s emergency department.”

Supported by a robust national recruitment campaign (#northvancouverislandcareers), Island Health is actively recruiting and targeting a broad range of potential new hires in North Vancouver Island, as well as a variety of professionals across Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada and the world. Since launching, over 1,000 prospective candidates have been engaged, including many nurses that have shown interest in one or more opportunities within Island Health. Eighteen candidates have accepted job offers in the North Vancouver Island region, including two nurses who have chosen to relocate from outside the North Vancouver Island region and will be starting work in the coming weeks.

Action has been taken to expand sobering, assessment and sheltering services currently offered by the Salvation Army, an Island Health contracted services provider. The Salvation Army operates a 6-space sheltering, sobering and assessment program in Port Hardy with support from Island Health’s mental health and substance use team, BC Housing, the District of Port Hardy and the Mt. Waddington Regional District. Thanks to the government’s investment, work has commenced to add six new sobering spaces and expand services to be available 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

“Historically, we have offered sheltering services from late afternoon to early morning, so people who are using these services have to find somewhere to go during the day and on weekends when the centre is closed,” said Michael Winter, Community Ministries Supervisor, Salvation Army Centre of Hope.

“Expanding these vital services to be available around the clock for North Vancouver Island residents will offer more stability and long-term health and care for the individuals and families we serve.”

Learn more about the Port Hardy Salvation Army Centre of Hope and the value of these services in the video found [here](#).

“I’m very excited and grateful to the Minister of Health for recognizing the significance of health-care services in North Vancouver Island,” said Port McNeill Mayor James Furney. “Everyone has a seat at this table, and our partnerships will play an essential role as we work together to ensure that these investments benefit all residents and Island Health staff working in this region.”

#### **Quick Facts:**

- Three Registered Nurses/Registered Psychiatric Nurses hired (currently engaged and working 12 qualified candidates through recruitment and selection process, including five in the interview stage).
- One Licensed Practical Nurse hired and two in the interview stage.
- One community professional hired into home care and public health (Five qualified candidates in the interview and offer stages).

- Seven support staff hired (includes ambassadors, nursing assistants and health care support workers).
- One Protection Services Officer hired (currently engaged and working four candidates through recruitment and selection process including one in the offer stage).
- Two full time and two casual Inter-facility Porters for dedicated shuttle service hired (offers extended for two additional positions).

For more information, visit [www.islandhealth.ca/nvi](http://www.islandhealth.ca/nvi).

**About Island Health:**

*Island Health provides health care and support services to more than 860,000 people on Vancouver Island, the islands in the Salish Sea and the Johnstone Strait, and mainland communities north of Powell River. With more than 27,000 staff and over 2,900 physician partners, 1,000 volunteers, and the dedicated support of foundations and auxiliaries, Island Health delivers a broad range of health services, including: public health services, primary health care, home and community care, mental health and addictions services, acute care in hospitals, and much more across a huge, geographically diverse region.*

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March 16, 2023

Ref: 271994

Their Worship Mayor Mark Baker  
Village of Sayward  
PO Box 29  
Sayward BC V0P 1R0

Dear Mayor Baker:

The population of B.C. has increased consistently over the past decade and is projected to keep growing in the next 10 years. The provincial government understands the need to facilitate greater housing supply for our growing population. The province will support local governments in addressing the multiple funding and financing constraints to aid in the construction of infrastructure and amenities for all B.C. communities. Local governments' investment in core community infrastructure and amenities increases the amount of land that is ready to be developed to a higher density.

The Government of B.C. has invested considerable resources in infrastructure and amenities in the past 10 years and has strategically leveraged federal funding to that effect. More than \$1.6 billion in federal and provincial funding have been invested in our communities since 2018 through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program. However, as there is still more to be done for infrastructure and amenities, the provincial government is pleased to provide the Growing Communities Fund (GCF) for local governments province-wide.

As a one-time grant, the GCF will provide up to \$1 billion through direct grants to local governments to support all B.C. communities, with a focus on those communities that need to increase the pace and scale of housing supply. The principal objective of the GCF is to increase the local housing supply with investments in community infrastructure and amenities. Municipalities are encouraged to work closely with adjacent local First Nations, in recognition of the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*, as this collaboration strengthens our communities and regions.

The funding provided through the GCF should be limited to one-off costs needed to build required infrastructure and amenities rather than funding ongoing or operational activities. These funds are to be incremental to currently planned investments and should accelerate the delivery of capital projects. Eligible costs are as follows:

- Public drinking water supply, treatment facilities and water distribution;
- Local portion of affordable/attainable housing developments;

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- Childcare facilities;
- Municipal or regional capital projects that service, directly or indirectly, neighbouring First Nation communities;
- Wastewater conveyance and treatment facilities;
- Storm water management;
- Solid waste management infrastructure;
- Public safety/emergency management equipment and facilities not funded by senior level government;
- Local road improvements and upgrades;
- Sidewalks, curbing and lighting;
- Active transportation amenities not funded by senior level government;
- Improvements that facilitate transit service;
- Natural hazard mitigation;
- Park additions/maintenance/upgrades including washrooms/meeting space and other amenities; and
- Recreation-related amenities.

Further to the above-noted capital costs, one-off costs can include:

- Costs of feasibility studies (including infrastructure capacity assessment); other early-stage development work; costs of designing, tendering and acquiring land (where it is wholly required for eligible infrastructure projects); constructing eligible infrastructure projects; and, in limited situations, non-capital administrative costs where these are necessary, for example adding staff capacity related to development or to establish complementary financing for local government owned infrastructure or amenities.

I am pleased to advise you that the Village of Sayward is the recipient of a \$622,000 grant under the Growing Communities Fund. This amount will be directly transferred to your local government by March 31, 2023.

Under part 7 of the Local Government Grants Regulations, the amount of the grant to each local government is set by the Minister of Municipal Affairs. The determination of this amount was based on a formula that applies to all municipalities.

This formula is based on three components: a flat funding amount, an “adjusted population” amount and a “population growth” amount. The flat amount is \$500,000. The “adjusted population” amount is \$365 per adjusted population. The population adjustment ensures smaller municipalities get a higher per capita share of funding despite larger municipalities receiving more funding in absolute dollars. The “population growth” amount is \$1,000 per capita population growth between 2016 and 2021.

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As a condition of this funding, the grant must be placed in a segregated reserve fund established by bylaw under section 188 of the *Community Charter* for the Capital and Planning purposes of the GCF. This fund must be separate from other existing reserve funds. To ensure full transparency regarding the use of funds, your local government will be required to annually report on how it spends this grant. This will be part of the annual financial reporting required under section 167 of the *Community Charter*. Your local government will provide a schedule to the audited financial statements respecting the amount of funding received, the use of those funds and the year-end balance of unused funds. Your local government must continue to annually report on the use of grant money until the funds are fully drawn down.

Further to the financial reporting, an annual report that identifies work-related Housing Needs Reports and pre-zoning requirements, as applicable, is required. The province also encourages highlighting projects that align with provincial priorities such as CleanBC and childcare; as well as those that align with the province's Environmental, Social and Governance framework for capital projects.

Finally, requirements will include parameters for public recognition of the funding related to projects. The province must be consulted prior to any proactive media events or news releases related to the project. Funded projects must also acknowledge the province's contribution through temporary and permanent on-site signage. The provincial government anticipates that the funds will be expended within approximately five years of receipt.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this letter, please feel free to contact the Local Government Infrastructure and Finance Branch by email at: [LGIF@gov.bc.ca](mailto:LGIF@gov.bc.ca). Further information on the program will be available on the following webpage: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/local-governments/grants-transfers/grants/bc-s-growing-communities-fund>.

The province welcomes this opportunity to support the growth of the supply of housing throughout British Columbia. We believe that this funding will contribute to the capacity of B.C. local governments to provide critical services as our province and economy grows.

Sincerely,



Anne Kang  
Minister

pc: Keir Gervais, Chief Administrative Officer, Village of Sayward  
Lisa Clark, Chief Financial Officer, Village of Sayward



**Attachment with Example Calculation for a Municipality with 15,000 People**

Population Range	From	To	Adjustment Factor
1. Very Small	0	2,000	100%
2. Small	2,001	5,000	80%
3. Small-Med	5,001	10,000	60%
4. Medium	10,001	20,000	40%
5. Large-Med	20,001	40,000	20%
6. Large	40,001	150,000	10%
7. Very Large	150,001	900,000	5%

To illustrate, for a city of 15,000 people, the adjusted population is:

- For this first 2,000 residents, adjustment of 100% = 2,000 x 100% = 2,000
- For the next 3,000 (up to 5,000), adjustment of 80% = 3,000 x 80% = 2,400
- For the next 5,000 (up to 10,000), adjustment of 60% = 5,000 x 60% = 3,000
- For the last 5,000 (up to 15,000), adjustment of 40% = 5,000 x 40% = 2,000

Thus, the city of 15,000 people has an adjusted population of 9,400 (=2,000 + 2,400 + 3,000 + 2,000).

If the city grew by 4,500 people between 2016-2021, the total grant amount is calculated as follows:

Component	Calculation	Result
Flat Funding	\$500,000	\$500,000
Adjusted Population	= 9,400 x \$365	\$3,431,000
Population Growth	= 4,500 x \$1,000	\$4,500,000
Total Grant		\$8,431,000



## COUNCILLOR REPORT

For: Mayor and Council  
Prepared by: Tom Tinsley, Councillor  
Subject: **Current Signage & Property Maintenance at Old Mall**  
Meeting date: March 21, 2023

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### DISCUSSION

This Councillor believes that the Current Old Mall Signage that is on the tall post with the white signage area at the top is misleading and of detriment to the Village of Sayward. It would also be helpful for the Village's image if some minor maintenance was done to generally tidy up the property.

The following are points relative to this belief and are numbered just for ease of reference or questioning and are in no priority order:

1. The sign references "Thanks for 10 Years" and presents an image of a "just closed operation", when in fact the operation has been closed for a long time as an operation of retail stores;
2. The sign has representation of "Sayward Foods"; again, long gone;
3. The sign has readable information about other former retail operations;
4. The sign does not represent the current 'storage' operations, and
5. The sign as worded per the above presents an image of economic dying and death that is a detriment to the Village and visitors who are potential future residents and or tourism industry and other industry supporters.

I suggest that Council request staff to research the Village's potential right to require the sign to be changed; to fully blank or with relevant active business information (i.e. storage business), and then write a letter to the owner with either the requirement to change or the request to change depending on the result of the research. I also suggest that staff ask the owner to pick-up the loose items scattered about the property and generally tidy up the property (see Exhibits A and B), as part of a collective effort to create the most positive image possible of the Village of Sayward.

I also suggest that Council ask staff to confirm whether a business license is in place (or needed) for the current storage business operation in the building.

**EXHIBIT A**



**EXHIBIT B**



**RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT Council receives the Councillor Report - Current Signage & Property Maintenance at Old Mall for information and discussion.

THAT staff be directed to research options available regarding writing the property owner with a request to update the signage.

THAT staff be directed to research options available regarding writing the property owner with a request to tidying up the property.

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Tom Tinsley  
Councillor

## Sayward Volunteer Fire/Rescue

### 2022 Annual Report

It has been a challenging year for the Sayward Volunteer Fire/Rescue. A change of leadership came in May of 2022 with Frank Morgan taking over the helm with Deputy Chief Steve Ralph and Deputy Chief Steve Houghton rounding out the officers.

Probably the most challenging to our resources was BC Ambulance Service (BCAS) staffing issues once again this year. Having to wait up to two hours for ambulances to arrive on scene. Numerous times a SVFD member would have to drive the ambulance as it would only have a lone responder.

On a very positive note our membership has increased to 21 members at the close of the year. This also brings challenges though, mostly being able to outfit all these folks in up-to standard gear.

In 2022 the department purchased four sets of turnout gear as most of the old gear is outdated. This will be a budgetary and WorkSafe challenge for 2023.

Throughout 2022 the Strathcona Regional District (SRD) has released reports indicating they are going to change the agreement concerning the administration of the department. Basically, reversing the administration with the same cost splitting.

Our Call Volume for the year had 128 Calls to Duty. Of this there were 18 MVI calls and 86 First Responder calls with 3 Fire calls and 3 False Alarm call outs. Rounding out the remaining calls, 4 were Hydro Trouble, and 14 were Duty Officer calls.

In receiving the statistics for this year's calls, the ratio works out to an approximate SRD/Village split of 69%/31%.

Frank Morgan

Fire Chief SVFD

## Sayward Volunteer Fire Department Calls 2022

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Call Type</u>	<u>Road</u>	<u>Area</u>
January 1, 2022	22:43	1st Responder D	Gentry Rd	VA
January 2, 2022	9:07	1st Responder C	MacMillan Dr	VI
January 2, 2022	10:39	Structure Smoke	Sachts Rd	VA
January 2, 2022	10:43	**Update Prior Call	Sachts Rd	
January 4, 2022	9:36	1st Responder D	Salmon River Main	VA
January 4, 2022	11:49	1st Responder D	Sayward Rd	VA
January 5, 2022	10:53	1st Responder Assist	Nathan Rd	VA
January 15, 2022	6:03	Tsunami Watch	Kelsey Way	VI
January 19, 2022	7:47	Chimney Fire	Island Hwy	VA
January 22, 2022	18:43	1st Responder Assist	Sayward Rd	VA
January 23, 2022	12:51	1st Responder E	Sayward Rd	VA
February 1, 2022	17:39	1st Responder Assist	Sayward Rd	VA
February 6, 2022	16:18	1st Responder D	Ambleside Dr	VI
February 7, 2022	8:29	1st Responder D	Sachts Rd	VA
February 10, 2022	12:29	1st Responder Assist	MacMillan Dr	VI
February 23, 2022	6:19	1st Responder D	Eve River Main (Woss)	RESCUE
February 24, 2022	17:28	1st Responder B	Sayward Rd	VA
February 26, 2022	23:06	MVI	Km 276 Hwy 19 (Woss)	RESCUE
March 3, 2022	7:31	MVI	Hwy 19 (Woss)	RESCUE
March 3, 2022	13:08	1st Responder C	Stowe Creek Rd	VA
March 5, 2022	11:33	1st Responder E	MacMillan Dr	VI
March 7, 2022	17:44	1st Responder D	Stowe Creek Rd	VA
March 9, 2022	18:12	1st Responder D	Coordinates: 50 22'33/125 55'24	
March 11, 2022	7:50	MVI	Hwy 19	RESCUE
March 13, 2022	15:34	1st Responder Assist	MacMillan Dr	VI
March 13, 2022	18:04	1st Responder D	Sayward Rd	VA
March 14, 2022	5:05	1st Responder Delay B/C	Kelsey Way	VI
March 16, 2022	18:39	Duty Officer	BCAS Station Sayward	VI
March 20, 2022	20:15	1st Responder D	Stowe Creek Rd	VA
March 27, 2022	16:04	1st Responder D	Sayward Rd	VA
April 1, 2022	15:30	1st Responder D	Stowe Creek Rd	VA
April 17, 2022	7:51	1st Responder D	Sayward Rd	VA
April 24, 2022	6:52	MVI	Hwy 19 (Woss)	RESCUE
April 25, 2022	9:57	1st Responder E	Rainbow Rd	VA
April 27, 2022	16:45	MVI	Sayward Rd	VA
May 6, 2022	6:55	1st Responder D	Sayward Rd	VA
May 18, 2022	17:54	Duty Officer (Fire)	Island Hwy	VA
May 22, 2022	23:50	Duty Officer (Fire)	Kelsey Way	VI
May 23, 2022	13:00	1st Responder Assist	Hern Rd	VA
June 3, 2022	6:19	1st Responder C	MacMillan Dr	VI
June 17, 2022	17:44	1st Responder Assist	Sayward Rd	VA
June 24, 2022	2:10	1st Responder D	Dyer Dr	VI

June 24, 2022	6:24	1st Responder D	Dyer Dr	VI
June 24, 2022	9:40	1st Responder Delay	Sayward Rd	VA
June 29, 2022	12:22	1st Responder C	Rainbow Rd	VA
July 3, 2022	18:53	MVI	Sayward Rd (Hwy)	
July 5, 2022	10:18	1st Responder D	MacMillan Dr	VI
July 10, 2022	13:53	1st Responder B	Despins Rd	VA
July 10, 2022	17:49	1st Responder D	Dyer Dr	VI
July 15, 2022	1:24	1st Responder B	Dyson Rd	VA
July 21, 2022	16:49	1st Responder D	Stowe Creek Rd	VA
July 24, 2022	12:04	1st Responder C	Stowe Creek Rd	VA
July 25, 2022	12:46	1st Responder D	Stowe Creek Rd	VA
July 27, 2022	14:35	1st Responder D	Dyson Rd	VA
July 28, 2022	16:48	Commercial Alarms	Sayward Rd	VA
July 28, 2022	18:52	Commercial Alarms	Sayward Rd	VA
July 29, 2022	6:35	1st Responder D	LL(-125.919047, 50.311808)	VA
July 29, 2022	6:45	Sayward Public Service	Hwy 19 & Sayward Junction	VA
July 29, 2022	6:55	Assist Other Agency	Hwy 19 & Sayward Junction	VA
July 29, 2022	18:50	1st Responder C	Sayward Rd	VI
August 1, 2022	16:43	Hydro Trouble	Hwy 19	VA
August 3, 2022	17:28	1st Responder C	Stowe Creek Rd	VA
August 11, 2022	0:40	1st Responder D	Sayward Rd	VA
August 11, 2022	0:43	1st Responder D	Stowe Creek Rd	VA
August 11, 2022	21:14	1st Responder C	Sayward Rd	VA
August 12, 2022	15:33	1st Responder Assist	Kelsey Way	VI
August 18, 2022	10:02	1st Responder Assist	MacMillan Dr	VI
August 22, 2022	3:37	1st Responder Assist	MacMillan Dr	VI
August 25, 2022	11:08	Hydro Trouble	Community Rd	VA
August 25, 2022	22:25	1st Responder D	Stowe Creek Rd	VA
August 26, 2022	17:09	1st Responder B	Sayward Rd (wharf)	VI
August 27, 2022	20:17	1st Responder D	Sayward Rd (wharf)	VI
August 29, 2022	15:33	1st Responder D	Stowe Creek Rd	VA
August 30, 2022	9:06	1st Responder C	Stowe Creek Rd	VA
August 30, 2022	21:29	Duty Officer (Burn Complaint)	Sabre Rd	VA
September 1, 2022	11:56	Duty Officer (Burn Complaint)	Elk Creek Rec Site	VA
September 1, 2022	17:15	1st Responder C	Spar St	VI
September 1, 2022	17:34	1st Responder D	Sayward Rd	VA
September 3, 2022	14:50	Assist Other Agency	Kelsey Way	VI
September 9, 2022	18:25	MVI	Sayward Rd	RESCUE
September 9, 2022	18:29	MVI	Sayward Rd	RESCUE
September 11, 2022	10:03	1st Responder D	Sayward Rd	VA
September 14, 2022	22:14	1st Responder C	MacMillan Dr	VI
September 15, 2022	14:25	Public Service	Dyson Rd	VA
September 17, 2022	10:49	1st Responder D	Sayward Heights	VI
September 20, 2022	15:03	MVI	White River Main	VA
September 25, 2022	9:19	1st Responder D	Stowe Creek Rd	VA
September 30, 2022	18:56	1st Responder D	Stowe Creek Rd	VA
October 2, 2022	21:32	1st Responder D	Stowe Creek Rd	VA

October 7, 2022	11:33	1st Responder D	Despins Rd	VA
October 9, 2022	13:58	1st Responder A	MacMillan Dr	VI
October 9, 2022	15:12	Assist Other Agency	Macmillan Dr	VI
October 15, 2022	18:11	1st Responder D	Hwy 19 & Sayward Rd	VA
October 16, 2022	0:16	1st Responder D	Stowe Creek Rd	VA
October 16, 2022	10:07	1st Responder D	Dyson Rd	VA
October 21, 2022	19:11	1st Responder C	Stowe Creek Rd	VA
October 24, 2022	23:45	MVI	Km 214 Hwy 19	RESCUE
November 2, 2022	18:58	1st Responder C	Sayward Rd	VA
November 3, 2022	1:59	1st Responder B	Sayward Rd (wharf)	VI
November 4, 2022	9:36	MVI	Hwy 19	RESCUE
November 4, 2022	20:45	1st Responder C	Stowe Creek Rd	VA
November 9, 2022	13:33	1st Responder D	Hwy 19 & Sayward Rd	VA
November 14, 2022	15:26	1st Responder D	Stowe Creek Rd	VA
November 22, 2022	21:29	1st Responder D	Kelsey Way	VI
November 23, 2022	17:47	Duty Investigation	Sayward Towers	VI
November 23, 2022	20:28	Hydro Trouble	Frenchman Rd	VA
November 27, 2022	21:41	Woss Road Rescue	Hwy 19	RESCUE
November 28, 2022	13:03	1st Responder Assist	Sayward Rd	VA
November 29, 2022	8:46	1st Responder A	MacMillan Dr	VI
November 30, 2022	12:13	1st Responder D	Dyson Rd	VA
December 4, 2022	17:51	MVI	Hwy 19	RESCUE
December 4, 2023	18:00	MVI /Auto Extraction	Hwy 19	RESCUE
December 7, 2022	7:46	Woss Road Rescue	Hwy 19	RESCUE
December 7, 2022	22:07	Hydro Trouble	Sayward Rd	VA
December 8, 2022	18:07	1st Responder D	Sayward Rd	VA
December 10, 2022	20:53	1st Responder C	Hwy 19	VA
December 12, 2022	10:49	1st Responder D	Sayward Rd	VA
December 17, 2022	17:24	1st Responder B	Sayward Rd	VA
December 20, 2022	11:25	Commercial Alarms	Kelsey Way	VI
December 20, 2022	11:46	Commercial Alarms	Kelsey Way	VI
December 20, 2022	12:19	Road Rescue	Hwy 19	RESCUE
December 22, 2022	11:30	1st Responder C	Kelsey Way	VI
December 27, 2022	15:00	Road Rescue	Hwy 19	RESCUE
December 28, 2022	10:18	Woss Road Rescue	Hwy 19	RESCUE
December 30, 2022	17:16	1st Responder C	Kelsey Way	VI
December 30, 2022	23:15	Commercial Alarms	Sayward Rd	VA
December 30, 2022	23:25	1st Responder D	Stowe Creek Rd	VA

**Road Rescue Calls 0**

**Valley calls (Area A) 74**

**Village calls 34**

**Total 108**



## STAFF REPORT

**To:** Mayor and Council  
**From:** Lisa Clark, CFO/CO  
**Subject:** Land Exchange Agreement Extension  
**Meeting date:** March 21, 2023

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### BACKGROUND

At the December 6<sup>th</sup> council meeting, Council considered a land exchange agreement with the property owners at 765 and 761 Sayward Rd. as one of the steps to manage an encroachment issue at 765 Sayward Rd. A Road Closure Bylaw was also prepared for Council's consideration. The following resolutions were passed by Council at this meeting:

**MOTION IC22/110**

**MOVED AND SECONDED**

THAT Council receives the Van Brocklin Land Exchange Agreement and Road Closure report, and,  
THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and Corporate Officer to sign the agreement.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION IC22/111**

**MOVED AND SECONDED**

THAT Council Rise and Report on Item 8 b).

**CARRIED**

**MOTION R22/226**

**MOVED AND SECONDED**

THAT Highway Closure and Dedication Removal Bylaw No. 492, 2022 be given first, second, and third reading.

**CARRIED**

Section 8.1 of the agreement sets out the following conditions:

### 8.0 CONDITIONS PRECEDENT

8.1 The obligation of the Village to complete the transfer of the Closed Road on the Completion Date is subject to the following conditions precedent (the "**Village's Conditions Precedent**") being in effect or satisfied no later than **February 28, 2023**:

(a) adoption by Council for the Village of Sayward of a bylaw pursuant to section 40 of the *Community Charter*, closing the Closed Road to traffic, and removing the highway dedication of the Closed Road,



which bylaw will be subject to the approval of the Minister responsible for the *Transportation Act* (the "Road Closure Bylaw");

(b) approval by Council for the Village of Sayward of the exchange of the Closed Road for the New Road Dedication on the terms and conditions set out in this Agreement and the completion of the public notice requirements for the transfer of the Closed Road, as set out in section 26 of the *Community Charter*;

(c) the registration of the Road Closure Bylaw in the appropriate Land Title Office and raising of title to the Closed Road and cancellation of the right of resumption;

(d) the 765 Owner having prepared, and the Village having approved in writing, Plans EPP117003, EPP117004 and EPP117005, and the execution of the application to deposit Plans EPP117003, EPP117004 and EPP117005 by the 765 Owner, the 761 Owner, the Village and any chargeholders as required;

(e) the Approving Officer for the Village of Sayward having approved Plan EPP117005 in accordance with Part 7 of the *Land Title Act*.

## **DISCUSSION**

Bylaw No. 492, 2022 Highway Closure and Dedication Removal is not being considered for fourth and final reading until the March 21, 2023 council meeting due to capacity-related delays at the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI), whose approval of the bylaw is required. Staff are seeking Council's approval of an amendment to the agreement which modifies the date in section 8.1 from February 28, 2023, to March 31, 2023.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT Council receive the Land Exchange Agreement Extension staff report for information and discussion.

THAT the land exchange agreement amendment be approved; and,

THAT the Mayor and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the agreement.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Clark, CFO/CO

## **Attachment:**

- **Addendum to Land Exchange Agreement**

**ADDENDUM TO  
LAND EXCHANGE AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT dated for reference as of the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023.

BETWEEN:

**ERIC JAMES LIND and  
ALANNA KIM FRANKS  
761 SAYWARD ROAD  
SAYWARD, BC V0P 1R0**

(the "761 Owner")

OF THE FIRST PART

AND:

**ROBERT NEIL VAN BROCKLIN  
P.O. BOX 174  
MERVILLE, BC V0R 2M0**

(the "765 Owner")

OF THE SECOND PART

AND:

**VILLAGE OF SAYWARD  
652 H'KSUSAM WAY  
SAYWARD, BC V0P 1R0**

(the "Village")

OF THE THIRD PART

**WHEREAS:**

- A. The Parties entered into an agreement dated December 17, 2022 for the subdivision, sale and consolidation of lands in the vicinity of Sayward, British Columbia (the "Agreement").
- B. The Agreement provided for several subject conditions to be waived or fulfilled on or before February 28, 2023 (the "Subject Conditions") however the Parties will require additional time to satisfy the remaining conditions.
- C. The Parties wish to extend the date for satisfaction of the Subject Conditions and to continue the Agreement by way of the addendum that follows (the "Addendum").

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the premises and covenants contained herein, the sufficiency of which is acknowledged by the parties, the parties agree as follows:

**1.0 AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT**

- 1.1 The Parties agree to amend the date described in paragraph 8.1 of the Agreement to read "March 31, 2023".
- 1.2 The Parties agree that all other terms of the Agreement remain in force and are not amended or waived by this Addendum.

**2.0 COUNTERPART**

- 2.1 This Addendum may be executed in counterparts and such counterparts together shall constitute a single instrument. Delivery of an executed counterpart of this Agreement by electronic means, including by facsimile transmission or by electronic delivery in portable document format (".pdf"), whether containing signatures by hand of the signatory or computer or machine-generated signatures, shall be equally effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart hereof, and will constitute delivery of an original document.

**The Parties have executed this Addendum as of the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.**

_____	)	
Signature of Witness	)	
_____	)	
Printed Name	)	
_____	)	
Address (Street)	)	_____
_____	)	<b>ERIC JAMES LIND</b>
City	)	
_____	)	
Occupation	)	





## STAFF REPORT

For: Mayor and Council  
Prepared by: Lisa Clark, CFO/CO  
Subject: **Amendment to Bylaw 416, 2015 Council Procedure Bylaw**  
Meeting date: March 21, 2023

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### BACKGROUND

Section 124 of the *Community Charter* states that Council must, by bylaw, establish the general procedures to be followed by Council in conducting their business. The Village of Sayward has adopted Bylaw 416, Council Procedure Bylaw to comply with this requirement. The Council Procedure Bylaw is intended to ensure that the Village of Sayward conducts its business in such a way as to meet the required principle and standard of open, accountable, and accessible government. Any amendments to the bylaw must be done by bylaw also.

At its February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting, Council directed staff to amend Bylaw 416 in order to add public input back to the beginning of meetings:

#### **MOTION R23/43**

#### **MOVED AND SECONDED**

THAT Council receive and discuss the public question period verbal report from Mayor Baker; and,

THAT Council include a public question period at the beginning of regular council and Committee of the Whole meetings; and,

THAT speakers be limited to a maximum of 2 minutes of speaking time; and,

THAT Staff be directed to prepare an amendment to Bylaw No. 416 Village of Sayward Council Procedure Bylaw, 2015 for Council's consideration.

**CARRIED**

### DISCUSSION

Proposed amendments to the bylaw are listed below in red:

#### **Order of proceedings and business**

16.) (1) The Agenda for all regular Council meetings contains the following matters in the order in which they are listed below:

(a) Public Input (Maximum of 2 minutes per speaker, 15 minutes total)

~~(a)~~ (b) Call to Order

- ~~(b)~~ (c) Introduction of late items;
- ~~(e)~~ (d) Approval of agenda;
- ~~(d)~~ (e) Adoption of minutes;
- ~~(e)~~ (f) Public and statutory hearings;
- ~~(f)~~ (g) Petitions and delegations;
- ~~(g)~~ (h) Correspondence and emails;
- ~~(h)~~ (i) Council Reports;
- ~~(i)~~ (j) Reports of committees and COTW;
- ~~(j)~~ (k) Mayor's Report;
- ~~(k)~~ (l) Unfinished business;
- ~~(l)~~ (m) Staff Reports;
- ~~(m)~~ (n) Reports from Fire Chief, Public Works Supervisor, Recreation Coordinator and Emergency Program Coordinator;
- ~~(n)~~ (o) Bylaws;
- ~~(o)~~ (p) New business and Notice of Motions;
- ~~(p)~~ (q) Question and Answer Period (Maximum 15 minutes);
- ~~(q)~~ (r) Adjournment.

Staff have prepared DRAFT Bylaw No. XXX, 2023 Council Procedure Amendment Bylaw for Council's consideration (attached).

Once a local government has adopted a bylaw it can only be amended or repealed by bylaw. Generally, bylaws to amend or repeal an existing bylaw are subject to the same approval and other requirements as the power to adopt a new bylaw under that authority, per section 339 of the *Local Government Act*. If Council chooses to move forward with this amendment, the amendment bylaw will be brought to Council at the April 4, 2023 council meeting for first, second, and third readings.

Before adoption of an amendment bylaw to the Council Procedure Bylaw, Council must first give public notice in accordance with section 94 (public notice) of the *Community Charter* describing the proposed changes in general terms. Staff intend to advertise on the Village's public notice board, in the April 2023 Sayward News, on the Village website, and on the Village's Facebook page in advance of returning the bylaw to Council for final adoption on April 18, 2023.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Council receive the Amendment to Bylaw 416, 2015 Council Procedure Bylaw staff report for information and discussion.

THAT Staff post notice of the proposed amendment on the Village's public notice board, in the April 2023 Sayward News, on the Village website, and on the Village's Facebook page; and,

THAT staff return to the April 18, 2023 council meeting with a summary of any public comments received on the proposed amendment before fourth and final reading.

Respectfully prepared,



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Lisa Clark, CFO/CO

### ***Attachments:***

- **DRAFT Bylaw No. XXX, 2023 – Council Procedure Amendment**
- **Public Notice**



**VILLAGE OF SAYWARD**  
**BYLAW NO. XXX**

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**A BYLAW TO AMEND COUNCIL PROCEDURE BYLAW 416, 2015**

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**WHEREAS** the Council of the Village of Sayward has adopted a Council Procedure Bylaw;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Village of Sayward wishes to amend "Council Procedure Bylaw No. 416, 2015";

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of the Village of Sayward, in open meeting assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

**1. CITATION**

This bylaw may be cited as "**Council Procedure Amendment Bylaw No. XXX, 2023**".

**2. AMENDMENT**

Council Procedure Bylaw No. 416, 2015 is hereby amended as follows:

a.) THAT Part 4, section 16, Order of proceedings and business, be amended by deleting (1) in its entirety and replacing with the following:

(1) The Agenda for all regular Council meetings contains the following matters in the order in which they are listed below:

- (a) Public Input (Maximum of 2 minutes per speaker, 15 minutes total)
- (b) Call to Order
- (c) Introduction of late items;
- (d) Approval of agenda;
- (e) Adoption of minutes;
- (f) Public and statutory hearings;
- (g) Petitions and delegations;
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- (i) Council Reports;
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- (k) Mayor's Report;



- (l) Unfinished business;
- (m) Staff Reports;
- (n) Reports from Fire Chief, Public Works Supervisor, Recreation Coordinator and Emergency Program Coordinator;
- (o) Bylaws;
- (p) New business and Notice of Motions;
- (q) Question and Answer Period (Maximum 15 minutes);
- (r) Adjournment.

Read a first time on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023.

Read a second time on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023.

Read a third time on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023.

Adopted on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023.

<p>Certified a true copy of Bylaw No. XXX  this ____ day of _____, _____</p> <hr/> <p>Chief Administrative Officer  Village of Sayward</p>
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\_\_\_\_\_  
**Mayor**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Corporate Officer**



Village of  
Sayward

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE TO AMEND COUNCIL PROCEDURE BYLAW NO. 416, 2015

Notice is hereby given that the Council for the Village of Sayward is proposing to amend its current *Procedures Bylaw*, known as COUNCIL PROCEDURE BYLAW NO. 416, 2015. This notice is provided in accordance with the requirement in Sections 94 and 124 of the *Community Charter*.

The Procedure Bylaw establishes the rules and regulations under which all proceedings of Council and its committees and other bodies established by Council are to be governed and how meetings are to be conducted.

Generally, the purpose of the amendment is to update meeting procedures as follows:

- Add a public input section to the beginning of meetings.

Council will consider adoption of the amendment to Council Procedure Bylaw 416, 2015 at its meeting scheduled for Tuesday April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

A copy of both the amending bylaw (Bylaw No. XXX) and Council Procedure Bylaw 416, 2015 is available at the Village of Sayward office, 652 H'Kusam Way, Sayward, BC from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday to Friday. Copies will also be posted to the Village website. Persons who wish to comment on the proposed changes may submit comments in writing to the CAO, 652 H'Kusam Way, Sayward, BC, V0P 1R0, or to [cao@saywardvalley.ca](mailto:cao@saywardvalley.ca) before noon on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023.