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SAYWARD COMMUNITY FOOD TABLE SOCIETY

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June 19, July 24, August 21,
September 18, October 16, November
13, December 11.



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HOT LUNCH Schedule:

April 9th - Chicken Caesar Wraps and Fries
April 16th - Sweet & Sour Chicken and Fried Rice
April 23rd - Quesadillas and Tator Tots

PAC Meetings Schedule

April 13th 2:45pm
May 4th 2:45pm
June 1st AGM - The one where we vote our new PAC!
Everyone welcome.
Come see what we have planned for Spring!



- News
- Events
- Jobs
- Tides
- Tourist Info
- Weather

KEY CONTACTS

- **Ambulance / Fire / Police** 9-1-1
- **Area A Director Gerald Whalley** 250.282.3787
- **Clinic** 250.282.3815
- **Community Paramedic** 250.201.7539
- **Elementary School** 250.282.3314
- **Harbour Authority** 250.282.0178
- **Mainroad North Island** 877.215.7122
- **Mayor Mark Baker** 250.203.5428
- **MLA Anna Kindy** 778.902.8544
- **MP Aaron Gunn** 250.434.0300
- **Post Office** 250.282.3223
- **School Trustee Shannon Briggs** 250.282.3364
- **Village Office** 250.282.5512

HOURS OF OPERATION

Library

Tue 10a-230p
Wed & Thu 230p-7p
Fri & Sat 10a-230p

Post Office

Mon-Fri 9a-5p
Sat 830a-1230p

Recycling Depot

Thu-Sun 9a-5p

Share Shed

Tue, Thu, Sat 10a-1p

Village Office

Mon-Fri 8a-4p
Closed 12p-1p

Mens Shed @ Legion

Fri 1pm

WORDS OF WISDOM

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things.

Philippians 4:8 (NIV)



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SCRA HERITAGE HALL HIGHLIGHTS

What's on in April 2026

Saturday Indoor Market
April 4th 10 am to 1 pm

Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday April 5th 1pm
At the Heritage Hall (New Time)

We Need Helpers!

The Easter Bunny needs some extra hands to help with candy sorting and event set-up! If you're able to volunteer, please contact Ann at 250-203-8332 or message her on Facebook.

We are also gratefully accepting donations of candy or cash to help make our 2026 Easter Egg Hunt a success. E-transfers can be sent to the heritagehallskra@gmail.com

Thank you for supporting this free community event!

SCRA - Heritage Hall
heritagehallskra@gmail.com
250-282-0192

SRD SPOTLIGHT (CONTINUED)

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Yesterday, the SRD Board passed the following motion: "THAT the Village of Sayward be requested to confirm whether it is interested, in sharing ownership governance and/or financial support with the SRD for the Kelsey Centre." So now, the Village Council must decide whether they will proceed and further increase taxes on their own residents for this, or not. Their decision will come back to the SRD Board; but remember, that in the end the Valley residents will have the opportunity to vote on whether they approve of this or not.

Garbage Collection

The contract for our household garbage pickup expired and the SRD accepted bids to continue this mandated service. The lowest bidder was the current company, Waste Management of Canada Corporation. Unfortunately, the collection rates have increased from \$137 to \$190 per year.

If you have any questions on these or any other issues, please do not hesitate to contact me. My door is always open.

Gerald Whalley
Regional Director (Area 'A')
Phone: 250-282-3787
gwhalley@srd.ca

JOKE OF THE MONTH

My husband and I have reached the difficult decision that we do not want children. If anybody does, please just send me your contact details, and we can drop them off tomorrow.



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SAYWARD COMMUNITY HEALTH SOCIETY

Hi Everyone,

I know people are concerned about what's happening regarding the search for a new NP. I have permission from Island Health to share this info, such as it is, to at least keep you all updated as to what exactly is happening.

We have not yet managed to acquire a new NP for here, but Island Health have so far interviewed 3 applicants, all of which declined the position due to the size of the Community or cost of housing, considering we are remote. I know one was from the US, where rural housing is mostly way cheaper, and one was from the Victoria area, don't know anything about the 3rd.

Island Health are actively still searching, so fingers crossed.

I would like to thank you all again for your patience, and especially all of you who have renewed your membership or just joined us. Your continued support, especially at this difficult time, is worth a great deal to all of us on the Board of SCHS.

On behalf of the SCHS Board of Directors.

Angie Hibbert

Director/Treasurer
Sayward Community Health Society

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SRD SPOTLIGHT (CONTINUED)

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Kelsey Recreation Centre

As you know, the Village of Sayward has for a long time been working at the Regional District Board table to force the Sayward Valley to fund their Kelsey Centre. This issue was also on yesterday's Board agenda. The consultant's report states that an operational property tax requisition exceeding \$270,000 would be needed even if the Centre was only operating 2/3 of the year, plus an additional estimated \$2 million loan is needed to maintain operations and safety requirements in the short to medium term. The report also stated that this would calculate into a \$729 property tax increase for Valley residents. However, as we all know, that would just be the initial cost of creating such a service; because once that was done, we would be locked in FOREVER and we would have absolutely no control over how much we would be taxed in the future. That would be decided by the SRD where we have only one vote out of fourteen.

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April Event Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 "Ask a Community Medic" 9:00-12:00 Sayward Clinic	8	9	10 Chair Fitness 10:00-11:00 Kelsey Centre	11
12	13 Blood Pressure checks 9:00-12:00 Sayward Clinic	14 "Ask a Community Medic" 9:00-12:00 Sayward Clinic	15	16	17 Chair Fitness 10:00-11:00 Kelsey Centre	18
19	20 Blood Pressure checks 9:00-12:00 Sayward Clinic	21 "Ask a Community Medic" 9:00-12:00 Sayward Clinic	22	23	24 Chair Fitness 1:00-2:00PM Kelsey Centre	25
26	27 Blood Pressure checks 9:00-12:00 Sayward Clinic	28 Foot Care Nurse @ the clinic Contact me for more info	29	30		

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SAYWARD
Taxpayers
ALLIANCE

We have reached the critical threshold of signatures to move forward with the next phase. Stay tuned to SaywardTaxpayers.com for updated information as it becomes available. Thank you Sayward for making your voices heard!

In The Sayward Forests


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9. Fireweed
10. Hemlock
11. Huckleberry
12. Lichen
13. Maple
14. Morel
15. Moss
16. Pine
17. Salal
18. Salmonberry
19. Spruce
20. Thimbleberry
21. Trillium
22. Yew

SAYWARD FISH AND GAME MEETS AT THE HERITAGE HALL, 730PM ON THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH. THERE ARE NO MEETINGS IN JULY, AUGUST AND DECEMBER.

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SRD SPOTLIGHT

**Strathcona Regional District - Area 'A'
Director's Report – Mar. 26, 2026**

Strathcona Gardens Recreation Complex

Campbell River (CR) and Electoral Area (EA) 'D' jointly own the Strathcona Gardens Recreation Complex. The Sayward Valley does not, and never has, contributed anything to this facility. So far, CR and EA 'D' have currently borrowed about \$122 million to refurbish this complex. At the Strathcona Regional District (SRD) board meeting yesterday, despite the almost 100 Quadra Island residents attending in protest, Campbell River put forward a motion targeting Quadra Island as the first definitive step to force them to join that service and pay for it. This will raise Quadra resident's property taxes by about \$600. Having one vote each for a total of six votes, all of the small municipalities that were present (Tahsis, Zeballos, & Kyuquot F/N), plus Electoral Areas A, B, and C voted to defeat this unjust money grab. Campbell River with 5 votes, plus Area D with one vote, did not have the majority required to win the vote; however, the Village of Sayward voted with Campbell River securing passage of the motion.

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**Free Seniors Luncheon April 8th and
22nd at the Kelsey Centre from
12pm to 1pm. Hosted by the
Sayward Community Health Society.**

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Spring Things: Winter had its last bit of cold weather but now with the end of serious overnight frosts, gardening gets going again. Don't worry, there is still time to apply lime to neutralize the natural acidity of our soils. Dolomite lime has the needed balance of calcium and magnesium. Dolopril is a finer, faster acting form of dolomite. Some clumps of perennial flowers can now be divided to make a wider display in your beds or plants to share with others.

Speakers: It was great to see a good turnout for our March meeting to hear a special guest speaker Ben Baykew, a professional arborist from Campbell River, who spoke on the planting of trees and shrubs. He provided some essential tips that can assure that the trees that we plant will thrive as they age. At our April 9 meeting we will have another guest presenter, Helen Gadzik, who will speak on Insects That Pollinate. Helen is an active member of the Campbell River Garden Club and has a wealth of knowledge about insects and spiders.

Opportunity Table: A regular feature of our meeting is the Opportunity Table where members bring in plant starts and divisions to share with other members. These are available for a modest financial contribution to the club. One of the members of our planning committee, Debbie, has put together an organic fertilizer mix containing seven different important nutrients. This is available on the Opportunity Table in three cup bags for the cost of five dollars.

Members are reminded to bring in any used pots and multi-celled containers for others to use for new seedlings. These will be welcomed by those who start plants from seed. Please come and join our friendly group and bring along a friend. There is no membership fee and we collect a two dollars at each meeting to cover the hall cost but there is no charge for your first meeting. 'Till then, happy gardening.

SAYWARD CLINIC COLUMN

Community Notice: Primary Care Appointments - April 2026

Dear community members, we would like to inform you that for the month of April 2026, primary care appointments will not be available due to a temporary shortage of clinical staff. We understand the impact this may have and appreciate your patience as we work to restore services as soon as possible. During this period, the following care options are available to support your health needs:

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Health service navigators are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They can:

- Provide general health information
- Help you find available healthcare services in your area
- Connect you with the appropriate health professional
- Email you reliable health resources

Other Care Options

- Speak with your local pharmacist, who may be able to provide advice, prescribe for certain conditions, or recommend next steps.
- For emergencies, always call 9-1-1.

We understand that this temporary service interruption may be challenging, and we are committed to reinstating primary care appointments as soon as staffing allows.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3 CLINIC CLOSED	4
5	6 Easter Monday CLOSED	7	8	9	10 CLINIC CLOSED	11
12	13 Labs 9-11:30	14	15	16	17 CLINIC CLOSED	18
19	20 Labs 9-11:30	21	22	23	24 CLINIC CLOSED	25
26	27 Labs 9-11:30	28	29	30	1 CLINIC CLOSED	2