



STAFF REPORT

DATE: March 5, 2025

FILE: 0550-04 EASC Reports

TO: Chair and Directors
Electoral Areas Services Committee

FROM: Dave Leitch
Chief Administrative Officer

RE: REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – SAYWARD FUTURES SOCIETY

PURPOSE/PROBLEM

To consider an application for financial assistance applicable to Electoral Area A.

POLICY

The Local Government Act authorizes regional districts to provide assistance for the purpose of benefiting the community or any aspect of the community through a grant in aid service. The Strathcona Regional District grant in aid policy includes the following criteria for consideration of applications:

- the grant-in-aid is within the current year's budgeted allocation;
- the grant would not subsidize activities that are the responsibility of senior governments, as this would represent a downloading of senior government costs to local taxpayers;
- grants should not be made to other local governments, (i.e.: municipalities).
- grants should not be used to augment tax funded functions (eg. volunteer fire departments, community halls, etc) when the grant request is for a service or item that is included in the establishment bylaw for that specific local service area;
- grants must not be provided to an "industrial, commercial or business undertaking";
- a need for the service/project within the community and the financial need of the organization is demonstrated.

SUMMARY

The Strathcona Regional District is in receipt of a request for financial assistance as detailed on the attached summary sheet. From a financial perspective, the request falls within the budget limits currently authorized in the 5-year financial plan bylaw and, to the extent that staff are able to determine, the request meets the policy criteria established by the Regional District. However, with respect to the matters of community need and/or financial need (as stated above), it should be noted that the associated staff analysis is necessarily limited to the information provided by the applicant. The Area A Director has requested that it be placed before the Board. Accordingly, the application is appropriate for the Board's consideration of approval and, in that event, the passage of a resolution confirming the awarding of the grant will be required.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received.

2. THAT the Committee recommend that a grant in aid for the Sayward Futures Society in the amount of \$1,500 to assist with costs of the 2025 Canada Day celebrations be paid from the Electoral Area A grant in aid budget.

Respectfully:



Dave Leitch
Chief Administrative Officer

Prepared by: *E. Watson, Manager, Corporate Operations*

Attachments: *February 4, 2025 email from Director Whalley and grant request from the Sayward Futures Society*



Area 'A' Grants in Aid Summary (2025)

Grant in Aid 2023 Budget (2024-2028 Final Financial Plan)	\$ 10,000
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Applications previously approved for funding in 2025

Total approved to date	\$ -
AVAILABLE BALANCE	\$ 10,000

<i>New applications received</i>	
<i>Sayward Futures Society</i>	<i>1,500</i>
	\$ 1,500
<i>If all new applications are approved, total funds available (overspent):</i>	<i>8,500</i>
	\$ 8,500

Edith Watson

From: Tom Yates
Sent: March 5, 2025 9:51 AM
To: Edith Watson
Subject: FW: Canada Day 2025 (Grant In Aid request)
Attachments: SFS - SRD Canada Day Request.pdf

From: Gerald Whalley <gwhalley@srd.ca>
Sent: February 4, 2025 4:04 PM
To: Tom Yates <TYates@srd.ca>
Subject: FW: Canada Day 2025 (Grant In Aid request)

Good afternoon, Tom,

Please add this request from Sayward Futures Society for a \$1500.00 Grant In Aid for 2025 Canada Day celebration expenses, to be paid from the Area A Grant In Aid budget, to the next available EASC agenda.

Thank you,

Gerald Whalley

Regional Director
Strathcona Regional District
Kyuquot-Nootka/Sayward (Area 'A')
(250) 282-3787
gwhalley@srd.ca

From: Sayward Futures <info@saywardfutures.ca>
Sent: February 4, 2025 10:24 AM
To: Gerald Whalley <gwhalley@srd.ca>
Subject: Canada Day 2025

NOTICE: This email is from an external source.

Good Morning,

Please find attached a letter requesting your support with the Sayward Canada Day Celebration 2025. We thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jason Johnson

Chair

Sayward Futures Society



SAYWARD FUTURES SOCIETY

Our Community, Our Future

Sayward Futures Society
16 Sayward Road
Box 143
Sayward, BC
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February 4, 2025

RE: Sayward's Canada Day Celebrations 2025

Dear Gerald Whalley,

Every year Sayward Futures Society along with community volunteers work together to put on a celebration for Canada Day. The time is upon us again and Sayward Futures Society is proud to organize and host Sayward's 2025 Canada Day Celebrations for the both the village and valley residents.

As you are aware, it takes the efforts of many volunteers in the community as well as donations to make these events even possible. Like many other nonprofit organizations, we have seen an overall decline in volunteers over the past couple of years coupled with a decline in donations owing in part to businesses hit hard by the pandemic, and now potentially the impending tariffs. That said, we continue to believe in this important community event that residents in the Village of Sayward and Sayward Valley continue to enjoy every year!

We would respectfully ask the SRD, Electoral Area A for your monetary support in the amount of \$1500 to offset some of the costs incurred by hosting the Canada Day Celebrations. This will allow the event to take place again this year despite these challenges.

The focus is on family with added programming for children. Last year we successfully moved from a BBQ to a Brunch serving nearly 900 pancakes, as well as the parade that everyone loves with event closure at 2:00pm. Considering the likelihood of a dry summer season with escalated fire risk, we have opted again this year to eliminate fireworks from the program, and by ending at 2:00pm it provides ample time for residents to take in the fireworks in Campbell River.

We are incredibly grateful for your support in creating a day of celebration overflowing with fun, excitement, and enjoyment for everyone. Thank you again!

Sincerely,

Jason Johnson
Chair, Sayward Futures Society