



## STAFF REPORT

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**DATE:** May 3, 2022

**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**

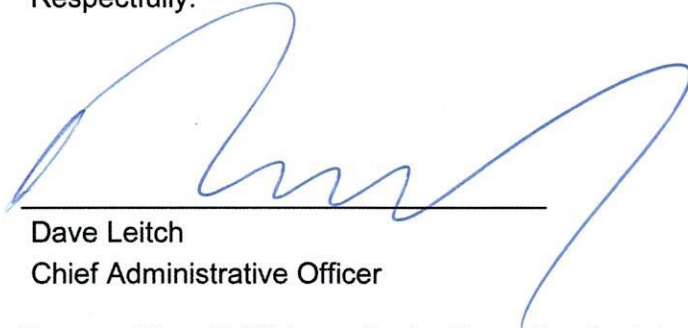
The Strathcona Regional District is in receipt of a request for financial assistance as detailed on the attached summary sheet. From a financial perspective, the request falls within the budget limits currently authorized in the 5 year financial plan bylaw and, to the extent that staff are able to determine, 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 \$500 to assist with the 2022 bike rodeo be paid from the Electoral Area A grant in aid budget.

Respectfully:



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Dave Leitch  
Chief Administrative Officer

**Prepared by:** *E. Watson, Senior Executive Assistant*

**Attachments:** *May 2, 2022 email from Director Whalley and grant request from the Sayward Futures Society*



## Area 'A' Grants in Aid Summary (2022)

<b>Grant in Aid 2022 Budget (2022-2026 Final Financial Plan)</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>
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**Applications previously approved for funding in 2022**

Sayward School Parent Advisory Council	\$ 500
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<b>Total approved to date</b>	<b>\$ 500</b>
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<b>AVAILABLE BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 9,500</b>
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<b><i>New applications received</i></b>	
<i>Sayward Futures Society</i>	<i>500</i>
	<i>\$ 500</i>
<i>If all new applications are approved, total funds available (overspent):</i>	<i>\$ 9,000</i>

## Edith Watson

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**From:** Tom Yates  
**Sent:** May 2, 2022 3:08 PM  
**To:** Edith Watson  
**Subject:** FW: Request for grant in aid: annual RCMP bike rodeo

-----Original Message-----

From: Gerald Whalley <gwhalley@srd.ca>  
Sent: May 2, 2022 2:59 PM  
To: Tom Yates <TYates@srd.ca>  
Subject: FW: Request for grant in aid: annual RCMP bike rodeo

Good afternoon Tom,

Below is a Grant in Aid request from the Sayward Futures Society. Please put the following recommendation on the next EASC agenda:

THAT the Committee recommend that the Board approve a grant in aid for \$500.00 to the Sayward Futures Society for prizes for the RCMP bicycle rodeo to be paid from the Electoral Area A grant in aid budget.

Thank you,

Gerald Whalley

Regional Director  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Sue Poulsen <sfs@saywardvalley.net>  
Sent: May 2, 2022 12:10 PM  
To: gwhalley@saywardvalley.net  
Subject: Request for grant in aid: annual RCMP bike rodeo

Dear Director Whalley,

Sayward Futures Society is the umbrella organization for the annual RCMP bike rodeo in Sayward. This year, 2022, marks the restart of the bike rodeo for Sayward Elementary School students after a two-year hiatus due to Covid. You have generously supported this event for several years and we are hoping that you will support it this year with a grant in aid.

Thank you in advance for your assistance. Sayward Futures Society direct deposit authorization is on file at the SRD office, if you choose that method of allocating the grant requested .

If you have any questions or require further information please contact RCMP Constable Amber Rossi at 250-282-5522.

Sincerely,

Sue Poulsen

Chair, Sayward Futures Society

Sent from my iPhone