

**VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES  
January 18, 2016  
Held in the Council Chambers**

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of the Village of Fruitvale held on January 18, 2016 in the Council Chambers.

<u>Council Present:</u>	Mayor:	Patricia Cecchini
	Councillors:	James Ellison Bert Kniss Steve Morissette
<u>Council Absent:</u>	Councillor:	Tabatha Webber
<u>Staff Present:</u>	CAO:	Lila Cresswell
<u>Media Present:</u>	Trail Times:	None
<u>Gallery:</u>		None

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Cecchini called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted with the addition of Discussion Item c. Milestones Social Recognition Policy and d. Kelly Creek Generation Proposal.

**DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITIONS - None**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

a. CAO Report on Council Stipends and Expenses

CAO Cresswell spoke to her report and answered questions, noting that there was general conformance among municipalities regarding expenses and per diems, and that stipends tended to reflect the level of the assessment and economic base of individual municipalities.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the duties of Council, various expectations of payment for services, and the stipends in similarly sized municipalities. Councillor Ellison expressed his desire to continue to research the stipends of other municipalities based on previous discussions with other Councillors at UBCM. Council agreed to leave the issue at present and re-evaluate in later 2016 or 2017.

b. Trail Times "Community Comment" Scheduling

The schedule for the Trail Times Community Comment articles was set as follows:  
Councillor Morissette to submit the February 9 column;  
Councillor Ellison the April 6 column; and  
Mayor Cecchini the June 1 column.  
Council will re-evaluate at that point.

c. Heritage Park Planning

Mayor Cecchini briefly covered progress to date and noted the Beaver Valley Manor had offered to donate a gazebo. The gazebo will be assessed for structural integrity. She

advised of the contractor/donor/staff planning luncheon meeting on January 20 at Noon in Council Chambers and invited Council Members to participate.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

a. CoOp Community Places Recreation Infrastructure Grant

A discussion occurred regarding the potential for another gym on a business model. Staff was directed to draft a grant proposal for Council review at the February 3, 2016 meeting based on redevelopment of the rear area of the lower floor of the Memorial Centre (Beaver Room and hallways).

b. Columbia Basin Trust Recreation Infrastructure Grant

Council noted that the Columbia Basin Trust application proposal could be based on the same business case as the previous Co-op grant.

c. Milestones Social Recognition Policy

Mayor Cecchini noted that many orders of government recognized social milestones such as 50th, 60th, 65th etc. marriage anniversaries; 90th and 100th birthdays etc. Committee members discussed the appropriate levels of acknowledgement, gifts and media notification.

Staff was directed to draft a Milestones Recognition Policy Statement for review by Council.

d. Kelly Creek Generation Proposal

Councillor Ellison inquired as to the status of the Kelly Creek power generation proposal that was to be referred to the Regional District Utilities Committee meeting.

Mayor Cecchini responded that it was an action item on the Utilities Committee Action List and that the RDKB Manager of Infrastructure & Sustainability was to discuss a feasibility study with an engineering consultancy firm.

### **EMERGENT CORRESPONDENCE – None**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Certified Correct:

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer