

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Fruitvale held on February 3, 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>		None
<u>Gallery:</u>		None

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cecchini called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2016-02-13

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

- a. Invitation from Council to Present - School Trustees Darrel Ganzert & Kim Mandoli, Superintendent Greg Luterbach

Mayor Cecchini welcomed School Trustees Ganzert and Mandoli as well as Superintendent Luterbach to the meeting and invited them to make their presentation.

G Luterbach spoke to his PowerPoint presentation outlining the steady decline of students over the last decade and noted it was representative of the BC school experience in general. He outlined the student population demographics and noted that Fruitvale Elementary School students were in the normal range using the Early Development Readiness assessment tool. He noted that future projections indicate a continued decline over the next decade and reported the student body currently was 508 students. Information technology rewiring and various capital and non-capital upgrades were outlined.

Mr Luterbach responded to questions about the new rental recovery strategy and the costs of administering school property rentals to community groups.

Council thanked the Trustees and Superintendent for their attendance and presentation whereupon they left the meeting.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting Held January 4, 2016

2016-02-14

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting held January 4, 2016 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

- b. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting Held January 18, 2016

2016-02-15

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held January 18, 2016 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. "For Information Only" Correspondence Listing

2016-02-16

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT the "For Information Only" correspondence listing dated to February 1, 2016 be received and inserted as an attachment to the minutes.

CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

- a. Chief Administrative Officer's Report

CAO Cresswell spoke to her report.

2016-02-17

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT the Chief Administrative Officer's reported dated January 29, 2016 be received and inserted as an attachment to the minutes.

CARRIED

b. Beaver Valley Youth Club Coordinator's Report

2016-02-18

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT the Beaver Valley Youth Club Coordinator's Report dated January 27, 2016 be received.

CARRIED

c. Action Items Status Report

2016-02-19

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT the Action Items Status Report dated February 1, 2016 be received.

CARRIED

COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Reports

a. Councillor Ellison Report - attached to minutes

Councillor Ellison spoke to his report and noted he delivered a copy of the Village's letter regarding Pend d'Oreille Access Management Area to the Salmo Council at their recent meeting.

b. Councillor Kniss Report - verbal

Councillor Kniss provided information regarding South Columbia Affordable Housing Society's acquisitions and status of the affordable housing project.

c. Councillor Morissette Report - attached to minutes

Councillor Morissette spoke to his report, outlining the LCCDT Strategic Planning to date.

d. Councillor Webber Report - absent with leave - no report

e. Mayor Cecchini Report - attached to minutes

Mayor Cecchini outlined her report and answered Council queries regarding economic development.

f. Director Cecchini Report - attached to minutes

Mayor Cecchini, in her role as Regional District Director, spoke to her report. She requested Council volunteers to represent Fruitvale on the Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiatives grant evaluation Committee for April 6 at the BV Curling Club.

2016-02-20

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT Councillors Morissette and Ellison represent the Village of Fruitvale on the Regional District Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiatives Grant Committee.

CARRIED

2016-02-21

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT the Council Member reports be received as presented.

CARRIED

Committee of the Whole Recommendations

None at this time to be ratified.

CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING ACTION

a. Invitation to Participate in Silver City Days Grape Stomp

2016-02-22

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT Council accept the invitation to form a team and participate in the Trail Silver City Days Grape Stomp and that staff RSVP accordingly.

CARRIED

b. Invitation to Attend Scouts/Guides Baden Powell Banquet

2016-02-23

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT Council Member Ellison be authorized to attend the Baden Powell Banquet on February 22, 2016 in Trail as a representative of the Village of Fruitvale Council.

CARRIED

Subsequent Event: Councillor Kniss replaced Councillor Ellison at the event.

- c. Request for Support Letter - Beaver Valley Regional Skatepark - from Beaver Valley Recreation Committee

2016-02-24

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT a letter of support be provided for the application by the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Beaver Valley Regional Recreation Parks & Trails Service to the Columbia Basin Trust Recreation Infrastructure Grant Program for a Beaver Valley Regional Skatepark Project in the Village of Montrose.

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments Spring Conference - Kimberley, April 27-29, 2016 - confirmation of reservations

Councillors Ellison, Kniss and Morissette confirmed their intention to attend the AKBLG Spring Conference. Councillor Webber and Mayor Cecchini are unavailable to attend.

Subsequent Events: Councillors Ellison and Kniss indicated their inability to attend.

- b. Naming of Eastview Boulevard/Poleyard Lane Area Park

2016-02-25

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT staff conduct a poll through social media and newsletters to determine preferred name for new park: Railway Park, Heritage Park, Railway Heritage Park prior to the opening of the Park.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Southern Interior Development Initiatives Trust (SIDIT) - potential grant project for discussion

This item is deferred until discussions with the Regional SIDIT Committee member can be undertaken.

BYLAWS/POLICIES

a. Bylaw 867 - Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw 854 Amendment Bylaw

2016-02-26

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT Bylaw 867 cited as "Village of Fruitvale Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw 854, 2014 Amendment Bylaw 867, 2016" be read a first time;

THAT Bylaw 867 cited as "Village of Fruitvale Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw 854, 2014 Amendment Bylaw 867, 2016" be read a second time;

THAT Bylaw 867 cited as "Village of Fruitvale Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw 854, 2014 Amendment Bylaw 867, 2016" be read a third time.

CARRIED

b. Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Bylaw 1598 - Victims Assistance Service Amendment

2016-02-27

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT Council of the Village of Fruitvale consents to the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Board of Directors adopting Bylaw 1598 being "Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Victim Assistance Service Amendment Bylaw 1598, 2016".

CARRIED

OPEN DISCUSSION

Home Based Businesses - Councillor Kniss inquired about the number of home occupations in the Village.

CAO Cresswell advised Councillor Kniss to contact the front office staff for the number or refer to the business directory on the Village website.

NOTICE OF MOTION - None

QUESTIONS FROM THE GALLERY REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS - None

IN CAMERA SESSION – None

ADJOURNMENT

2016-02-28

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 PM.

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

FOR INFORMATION ONLY LISTED ITEMS

FOR FEBRUARY 3, 2016 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

1. Email from Sue Miburn-Hopwood, Director General, Canadian Wildlife Service, Environment Canada, dated January 29, 2016 regarding public consultations on amending Schedule 1 (the list of Wildlife Species at Risk) of the *Species at Risk Act*.
2. Letter from the Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training and Minister Responsible for Labour dated January 19, 2015 providing an update regarding ongoing arrivals of Syrian, refugees into British Columbia.
3. Email message from CivicInfo BC on behalf of the Ministry of Community Sport and Cultural Development advising the Revised Local Government Act (LGA RS2015) is in force
4. A copy of the letter from the Honourable Naomi Yamamoto, Minister of State, to UBCM and local governments announcing "Prepared and Resilient: A Discussion Paper on the Legislative Framework for Emergency Management in British Columbia
5. Newsletter from the Office the Seniors Advocate British Columbia dated January 2016
6. Email from Kim Stephens, Executive Director, Partnership for Water Sustainability in BC regarding the top news story of 2015 "The Drought"
7. Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
 - a. President's Corner January 2016
 - b. FCM News January 8, 13, 14, 22, 29, 2016
8. Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM)
 - a. The Compass January 13, 20, 27, 2016
 - b. Preliminary Program for UBCM Convention
 - c. Request for support – City of North Vancouver regarding the Building Act under implementation
9. AKBLG – Notice of Annual General Meeting and Third/Final Call for Resolutions
10. RDKB Building Report for 2015 for the Village and full RDKB
11. Invitation from LCIC to attend a writing workshop "Writing for Public Messaging", January 27, 2015
12. Letter from Erwin Malzer, Chair for Interior Health introducing the new quarterly magazine "Healthier You" available online at www.interiorhealth.ca
13. West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District – January 2016 Newsletter
14. Newsletter from Municipal Insurance Association of British Columbia, winter 2016
15. Heritage BC poster for this year's Heritage Week February 15-22, 2016
16. Infrastructure News from Veso Sobot, P.Eng, Ipex Management Inc.
17. Canadian Parks and Recreation (CPRA) present a webinar on National Health and Fitness Day Wednesday January 27, 2016
18. Newsletter from Private Forest Landowners Association with important dates for 2016



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CAO REPORT

February 1, 2016 for the February 3, 2016 Council Meeting

Finance

- The Gas Tax Strategic Priorities Fund (GSPF) Asset Management Application (\$43,000) was submitted last year and announcements delayed due to the change of federal government. An announcement is expected shortly.
- The Gas Tax Strategic Priorities Fund (GSPF) Application for the sewer pipe bridge replacement and main line (\$43,000) was submitted last year and has been denied.
- The sewer and garbage portions of the budget (resulting sewer user fees and garbage fees increases) will be presented for Council review and subsequently appropriate bylaws prepared. I request Council to schedule a Finance/Budget Committee meeting and subsequently a special Council meeting.
- The 2015 audit is scheduled on site for March 1-4, 2016.

Human Resources

- Public Works has one employee off on extended medical leave and at present I am sourcing a replacement.
- I will be attending the CAO Conference in Kelowna February 24-26 as the main professional development opportunity is Succession Planning.
- In addition I have scheduled attendance at a UBCM Benefits Conference in March to keep abreast of changes in the municipal benefits offerings and demands.
- The current Collective Agreement expires February 29, 2016.

Planning

- Land use:
 - There are still two Board of Variance hearings currently awaiting scheduling.
 - The consultant met with me and walked the proposed area for zoning amendment in the Village Centre Commercial 1 Zone.
 - The South Columbia Search & Rescue Society Phase 1 construction is commenced.
- Social programs:
 - Columbia Basin Trust has announced the "Basin Youth Network" which will replace the Community Directed Youth Funding. The Village has been approved for continuation of the Beaver Valley Youth Club programming but contract language and budget has not yet been finalized.

Other

- Bylaw Enforcement
 - Complaints and action requests in January were boulevard parking, plowing, road access impediments, and snow clearing issues.
- BV Water Service
 - I have no response as yet regarding the draft Operations Service Agreement proposed between RDKB and the Village of Fruitvale.
 - Review of the proposed 2016 BV Water Service budget, user fees and 2016 Water Smart (CBT) reporting was required by the end of January.
- Proclamations – none at present
- Sewer

- Construction continues; we are still experiencing delay in receiving some specialized equipment.
- Facilities
 - The Safety Committee completed inspections of all facilities and locations (except for closed parks) on January 27-28. Concerns have been relayed to the BVWS staff at RDKB and other safety concerns will be tracked and addressed through regular Safety Committee and staff safety meetings.
 - A lock box for emergency access for the Fire Department has been authorized for the Fruitvale Memorial Centre.
- Facebook Survey
 - As directed I placed a survey on Facebook requesting recreation and leisure input from the 20-49 age demographic.
 - The results are attached in summary form

Respectfully submitted,
Lila Cresswell, CAO



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COUNCILLOR ELLISON REPORT

Council Report for February 3, 2016 Meeting

COMMITTEES/APPOINTMENTS:

Chamber of Commerce

- Unable to attend meeting due to conflict with our Council meeting dates

LIAISON/PORTFOLIOS:

Trails

- Attended Open House Round Table Discussion on the "Revised Pend d'Oreille Access Management Area Proposal" on January 19. In my opinion, at this time the overwhelming consensus by the public is that no matter what is brought forth to mitigate the closing of the Off Road use in the area, the Provincial Government will proceed with its restrictions for use.

Spirit Events

- Attended a meeting at council chambers on January 19 to go over the proposed "Heritage Park" construction and the responsibilities for all trades and sponsors who will be involved

OTHER:

- Attended Salmo Seniors ATV Club AGM and submitted a proposal to them that they ask Salmo Council to submit to the Provincial Government a resolution regarding the Pend d'Oreille closing to ORVs similar to our resolution that was sent in November.

Respectfully submitted,
James Ellison, Councillor



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COUNCILLOR MORISSETTE REPORT

Council Report for the February 3, 2016 Meeting

COMMITTEES/APPOINTMENTS:

Finance & Budget Committee

- No meetings held this month
- Accounts listing reviewed

Personnel Committee

- No meetings held this month

Lower Columbia Community Development Team

- Strategic Plan Completed with Strategic priorities for 2016 weighted by the full LCCDTS committee as follows:
 - Develop a business case for a regional identity
 - Health & Hospital
 - Engaging recreation around the river (I joined this committee)
 - Advocate for low level access to U.S. (Waneta)
 - Align the "recruitment" efforts from all committees and LCIC
 - Revisit is "Lower Columbia" the right brand
 - Support LCIC in their #1 priority this year "to promote business growth and development"

Lower Columbia Community Development Team - Tourism Committee

- No meeting this month.

LIAISON/PORTFOLIOS:

Spirit Events

- No events this month

OTHER

- Attended the Pend d'Oreille Access Management Meeting January 19th
- The Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations is pushing forward with Access Management despite following a very poor process without adequate public consultation. To date it appears there has been no consideration of any other options put forward, nor studies nor science put forward to support access management.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Morissette, Councillor

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COUNCILLOR KNISS REPORT

Council Report for February 3rd, 2016 Meeting

COMMITTEES:

Finance and Budget Committee

- Reviewed expenses and will follow up with financial staff regarding any questions.

PORTFOLIOS/LIAISONS:

Lower Columbia Affordable Housing Society

- The acquisitions committee met three times over the last two weeks.
 - to authorize some expenditures for renovations on the Trail property and discuss contractor
 - to have further discussions regarding accounting and record keeping systems appropriate for LCAHS; apparently there is a system that is custom made for similar housing groups
 - the last meeting was at the Rossland property to determine necessary renovations prior to contractor discussions

Spirit Events

- No events this past month

Arts, Culture and Heritage Portfolio

- I would like to arrange two events this year
 - one idea could be the celebration of life event that was recently presented at Council
 - the other being a dance that is not specifically targeting seniors

Respectfully submitted,
Councillor Bert Kniss



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MAYOR CECCHINI REPORT

Council Report – for January 2016 to be presented at the February 3, 2015 Council Meeting

COMMITTEES (Internal)

Personnel

- No meeting was held, but we will soon be forming the bargaining committee for the upcoming contract.

COMMITTEES (External)

Lower Columbia Initiatives Corporation (LCIC)

December 14th & February 1st

- Paul from XL Welding asked LCIC to look into Ronin8, a potential investment opportunity for the region. Ronin8 is a circuit board recycling company currently located in the lower mainland, but is looking to expand into the interior. The LCIC has been in discussion with them regarding possible locations and Terry Van Horn traveled to Vancouver to meet with Ronin8 on Wednesday, January 20th. Terry visited their current site to discuss opportunities and partnerships in the Lower Columbia.
- *Imagine Kootenay* is now up and running! In 2015 the LCIC received 15 formal inquiries on investment opportunities through the Invest Kootenay Site.
- In 2015 the LCIC had a total of 91 different investment inquiries; some of the larger investment opportunities inquired about were the Ramada and Canalta hotels, BitFury, pellet company and data centre.
- Tuesday January 12, 2016 Terry presented the LCIC quarterly report to the East End Services Committee (EESC RDKB). Terry's presentation focused specifically on the FDI Strategy and work being done with current investment inquiries. She informed the EESC that moving forward, the LCIC will concentrate efforts strictly on business attraction, retention and expansion. Terry felt the EESC was receptive and engaged. Terry also reminded the EESC to use the Economic Development Office as a resource - if they receive investment inquiries, forward them to LCIC for support.
- Board Director Jerry Schmidt asked about gathering information on home based businesses in the Lower Columbia and contacting them in order to provide awareness of the LCIC to support those who may wish to expand. The LCIC needs to focus on Driving Economic Development and to continue to solicit the bigger investments; however there is an important role in educating the small businesses that there are resources available to them. Ideas presented involved hosting an Open House with the Trail & District Chamber of Commerce and setting up an information stand at the Castlegar Trade Fair.

Highway 3 Coalition

Date TBA

- A meeting currently is being arranged with the Minister of Tourism to create a marketing plan for Hwy #3

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Family Action Network Steering Committee (FAN)

January 14th

- FAN is working hard to support parents in our region. In addition to the online resource (familyactionnetwork.ca) for families, the Ages and Stages Screening Days and the establishment of the Easy Peezy Family Washrooms throughout the region, they are doing their best to help make the jobs as parents a little easier. We have heard from many parents that they would like the opportunity to come together as parents and discuss one of the most challenging and rewarding jobs they have in their life....that of being a parent. Conversation Cafes are being unrolled across our region right now that offer a way for them to connect to other parents in the region, swap stories and strategies and to hear about some of the great resources for families that we have. Unfortunately there was no uptake in Fruitvale and the café was cancelled.
- The Self-Care for Parents session will be offered by Kris Taks. Kris brings a unique perspective on wellness, based on her background in social work and the medicine wheel teachings. This session on Self-Care focuses on how parents can look after themselves, especially in that all-important role as a parent.
- FAN Nursing Students are 3rd years who are very interested in learning about the supports available to families in Fruitvale. They will be helping us in the promotion of and set up for the next Ages and Stages event, due to take place on February 25th at Fruitvale Elementary School.

LIAISONS / PORTFOLIOS

Seniors Engagement

January 11th

- Attended and served at "Coffee with Vickie". 52 seniors were in attendance where Lila Cresswell made a presentation on property tax deferral and other government programs that many were unaware of.

January 18th

- Attended and served at the Seniors' Lunch which brought 162 seniors out for the first lunch of the year
- Seniors gym registration is at 400 now with a daily usage of 40 to 50 people. Members have stepped up to help keep the facility clean in order not to add a cost to the Village.

Spirit Events

- No events were held in January.

Public Safety

- Working with Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure for a turkey crossing sign to be placed along the highway in Beaver Falls.

Social Planning

December 31st-January 1st - I attended the New Year's Eve party at Mountain Side Village

January 14th - I had the privilege to officiate the installation of the 2016 Board of Directors for the Branch #44 BV Seniors and attend their AGM.

January 15th - Represented the Village at the 7th Anniversary of Mountain Side Village.

January 23rd - Spent a wonderful evening networking with the Mayors from Rossland, Trail and Director from Area A.

January 24th - Represented the Village at the Robbie Burns Day Celebration in Fruitvale.

OTHER

January 12th - Held a meeting with contractors and staff with regards to creating a project plan for the upcoming Railway Park project. Along with that, I spent a significant amount of time this past month making arrangements for this project and making the necessary changes and finalizing the park plan. BV Manor has kindly donated their gazebo to the Village and it has been incorporated into the plan. Thanks to Councillor Morissette and Councillor Ellison for your input and help on this project.

January 19th - Attended the Stakeholders Workshop for the Pend d'Oreille Access Management Plan, along with Councillors Morissette and Ellison.

January 21st - Met with Kelvin Saldern from Columbia Basin Trust, along with CAO Cresswell, to discuss opportunities that may be available through CBT for Fruitvale and our region.

January 25th - Met with Terry Van Horn to discuss and receive an update on economic development in Fruitvale.

Respectfully submitted,
Mayor Patricia Cecchini



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DIRECTOR CECCHINI REPORT

RDKB Director Report for January to the February Council Meeting

RDKB Board

Date January 25th

- Attended by teleconference. The business of the meeting is included in the Committee reports following.

Regional District Committees

East End Services

Date January 12th

- The 2016 - 2020 Financial Plans for the following services were presented:
 - Kootenay Boundary Regional Fire Rescue
 - Cemeteries
 - Economic Development
 - Culture, Arts and Recreation in the Lower Columbia
 - 900 - East End Conventional and Custom Transit(Note: The Financial plans do not have year-end final numbers yet. Some are still estimates. The Financial Plans are presented for review, consideration, questions and direction to staff if a particular direction or goal is desired. All financial plans are developed on the premise of minimizing requisition increases and maintaining service levels.)
- The East End Services Committee provided direction to staff regarding the number of hours to be allocated (increased) for the Victim Services Case Worker position in the 2016 Budget and Five Year Financial Plan. Staff was directed to prepare a revised financial plan incorporating any directed changes for consideration at the Committee's next meeting.
- Charles Bailey Theatre & Trail and District Arts Report received (summarized)
 - Council (TDAC) is moving toward achieving the goal of increasing theatre usage, and the implementation of the business plan over the next 2 years. They are at the very beginning of year 2 which involves continuing with the marketing and programming of the theatre as well as taking over the theatre bookings from RDKB. Here is just a snapshot of some of the other initiatives so far that they stated will bring them closer to their goal:
 - Theatre rentals – Good news! Post rental survey results indicate that 70% of renters were very satisfied with their last rental experience and 75% of renters think the new rate is just right. This compared to the 2012-13 survey which indicated that 82% of renters were not satisfied with their experience and 92% thought the rental rate was somewhat high or too high. Still room for improvement but on the right track.
 - On-going Programming – The Teck Children's Series kicks off the season with Fred Penner. This year thanks to BC Arts Council grants and the sponsor the shows will

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be moved into the main theatre and offered at a low family series price of \$140 for 4 people to see 4 shows. Geared toward children aged 4-10.

- o Experiments in Entertainment Series takes place in the Muriel Griffiths Room and highlights 4 Fringe festival type shows; perfect for date night. Thanks to a CKCA grant, there are two workshops offered in the Fall - Stage Management and Directing. Hopefully many theatre renters will take advantage of these unique and specialized opportunities to make their shows even more successful.
- o Columbia Basin Trust Funding Phase 1 – the purchase of the online ticketing system came in at an extra \$6000 for training and an application to Heritage Canada has been made for these funds. The application is pending and should have results before 2016. Fairbank Architects and interior designer Teresa Baker have created fabulous new bar and lounge conceptual designs that are currently being costed. The theatre Sound and Lighting Audit is complete and quotes for the purchase and install of the new equipment are being source. The Muriel Griffiths Room will be outfitted with new sound and lighting equipment.

- Community Initiative Funds

The Community Initiative Fund has existed for many years. It went through one increase a few years ago and now will be increased again.

- o A letter from Mr. Muth stated that the funding will be increased by 15% and will be in effect until 2020/2021.
- o The letter also states that the CBT will be consulting with the Regional Districts and First Nations to discuss project eligibility.
- o We further had the opportunity to discuss the request of the Committee to have additional funding that could be used to manage what are deemed to be truly regional. While the CBT did nothing formal with our request, it was made clear that should the Committee/Board desire to use some of the additional funding as a regional fund they would be comfortable with that initiative. We would be required to flesh out and submit our proposal to the CBT.
- o The total available for funding in the Lower Columbia will increase from \$308,672 to \$354,973. We will share this information with prospective applicants and the communities. The Committee also has the opportunity to consider developing a regional fund to be administered by the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT Councillors _____ and _____ represent the Village of Fruitvale on the RDKB Community Initiative Fund Grants Evaluation Committee.

BV Recreation Parks & Trails

Date January 12th

- Lori Bakken and Ray Hupp, President and Vice President of the Beaver Valley Bowling Club provided the Committee members with a presentation requesting funding for 2016. The Committee members discussed the Youth Bowling Leagues request for funding and there was general consensus that staff will notify the League by letter that funding should be sought through Columbia Basin Trust's Community Initiatives Program. The Committee will re-evaluate the League's situation after its June 2016 year end.

- Stewart Spooner and other members of the Kootenay Columbia Trails Society (KCTS) provided the Committee members with a presentation and work plan to discuss options for planning recreational trail development in the Beaver Valley. The Committee was informed that it was the intent of KCTS to form a trails development subcommittee. Staff will work with KCTS to set up a subcommittee and a final trails plan will be brought back to the Committee members for review and consideration.
- Beaver Valley Recreation, Parks and Trails Committee directed staff to proceed with plans and development for the skateboard park as discussed in 2015. Financing arrangements will be confirmed and the skateboard park will be officially known as the Beaver Valley Skate Park.
- The report from the Village of Fruitvale's Seniors'/Age Friendly Programs was presented. The report illustrated the continued success of the Village of Fruitvale's Seniors'/Age Friendly Programs and was well received by the Committee members. Director Cecchini suggested approaching Columbia Basin Trust to develop a 3-4 year Seniors' Program. The Committee members discussed the \$5,000 subsidy to the Seniors' Programming to fund operational costs for seniors' programs.
- The Beaver Valley Recreation Committee supports staff's recommendation as a plan of action to deal with the issue of consumption of alcoholic beverages in arena change rooms. Letters were sent to senior hockey teams stating;
 1. That they have 45 minutes to get changed and leave the dressing rooms (this offers a little more time than the 30 minutes I previously suggested)
 2. Remind them of the terms of the contract, Re: No alcohol consumption unless they have a permit
 3. That if empties are found in the trash cans they could be suspended from using the facility for a certain time period

Utilities Committee (for BV Water Service)

Date January 13th

- The Utilities Committee amended Bylaw No. 1591 Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Beaver Valley Water Service Rates. The Committee members were informed that service rates were increased 3% in 2015 and 2016.
- Chair Cecchini invited discussion on the new composition of the Utilities Committee. The Committee was set up by Chair McGregor as a regional service so that Directors would have the opportunity to learn from one another on utility and sewer issues. Comments included: to reinstate the East End Sewerage Committee for one more year until major sewer issues are resolved. Director Grieve respectfully asked that the Beaver Valley Water Committee be reinstated also. Chair McGregor and Vice Chair Russell discussed these comments and requests and made a decision to grant the East End Sewer request for one year.

Policy, Executive & Personnel

Date January 13th

- Technology (IT) Review - undertaken in the last quarter of 2015
The Committee undertook a review of the IT services provided at the Regional District. The project is nearing completion and a final written report is anticipated in the next two weeks. The consultants went over the data and feedback they received and shared the benchmarking information they are using in the study. While there are bright spots, there appears room for growth and improvement. The information tends to support the

allocation of additional resources to information technology services. The implications of the findings and recommendations of the consultants will be fully explored in the final report to be presented in February. At this time it would be appropriate to consider the possibility of the addition of resources equal of 1 FTE to work in information technology. No further action should be taken until such time as the final report is received and presented.

- CAO Review

- The Board has adopted an informal practice of conducting two different types of reviews of the performance of the CAO. The first is a comprehensive analysis in which the Board has traditionally utilized the services of a consultant. This was the process last utilized, where a formal 360 evaluation was undertaken which included input from the Board, managers, and outside agencies. If we are to maintain past practices the next appraisal would be a more informal one. Past practice would also indicate that appropriate time would be this year.
- The Board has also asked that the consultant retained by the Board prepare a document on what the Board should expect from the CAO. While this seems like a relatively small request it is actually difficult. The consultant has spent considerable time on the issue and is not ready to present the document yet. It will be ready for the February meeting.

COW (Finance, Environmental Service & Protective Services)

Date January 13th

- Preliminary budgets were reviewed with no major increases at this time

Solid Waste Management Plan Steering Committee

- No meeting was held

Respectfully submitted,
Director Patricia Cecchini