

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Fruitvale held on July 11, 2016 in Council Chambers.

<u>Council Present:</u>	Mayor:	Patricia Cecchini
	Councillors:	James Ellison
		Bert Kniss
		Steve Morissette
		Tabatha Webber
<u>Staff Present:</u>	CAO:	Lila Cresswell
<u>Media Present:</u>		None
<u>Gallery:</u>		No Public

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cecchini called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2016-07-121

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITIONS - None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting Held June 6, 2016

2016-07-122

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting held June 6, 2016 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

b. Minutes of the Special Council Meeting Held June 13, 2016

2016-07-123

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the special Council meeting held June 13, 2016 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA

a. "For Information Only" Correspondence Listing

2016-07-124

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT the "For Information Only" Correspondence Listing dated for the July 11, 2016 Council meeting be received and attached to the minutes.

CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

a. Chief Administrative Officer's Report

CAO Cresswell spoke to her report and responded to questions regarding the reduction of aeration noise at the sewer treatment plant, the potential of carrying out the proposed Evergreen Avenue improvements in-house and the reason for a recommended meeting with the Minister of Labour at the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Convention in Victoria in September.

2016-07-125

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT the Chief Administrative Officer's report dated July 9, 2016 be received and attached to the minutes.

CARRIED

Staff was directed to make an appointment at UBCM with the Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Labour to discuss Worksafe regulations with regard to lagoons.

COUNCIL MEMBER & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Reports

Councillor Ellison Report - attached to minutes

Councillor Ellison spoke to his report, highlighting the Columbia Basin Trust Trails Symposium he attended recently.

Councillor Kniss Report - verbal

Councillor Kniss reported he had been on vacation therefore no submitted report. He noted he assisted Mayor Cecchini at the Montrose Day parade. He also reported that the South Columbia Affordable Housing Society now has 2 units in Trail and 4 in Rosland and is still sourcing additional locations.

Councillor Morissette Report - attached to minutes

Councillor Morissette spoke to his report, highlighting the work and initiatives of the Lower Columbia Community Development Team Committees.

Councillor Webber Report - attached to minutes

Councillor Webber presented her report and highlighted the importance of the Interior Lumber Manufacturers' Association and the need for municipal political support at the provincial level.

She also noted the need for committed and appropriate meeting space for the Beaver Valley Youth Club.

Staff was directed to make an appointment at UBCM with the Honourable Steve Thomson, Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations.

Mayor Cecchini Report - attached to minutes

Mayor Cecchini spoke to her report, noting the successful Canada Day collaboration with the Kiwanis Club at Beaver Creek Park. She noted that pre-planning at an earlier date would be helpful if the Canada 150 Celebration is considered for a collaborative event in 2017.

Director (RDKB) Cecchini Report - attached

Mayor Cecchini, in her role as Regional District Director, spoke to her report. She reported on the potential additional painting at Haines Park complex utilizing Beaver Valley Recreation funds. She also highlighted the upcoming discussion at the Board level regarding permissive exemptions and a policy for same.

Mayor Cecchini spoke to the request from the City of Trail for attendance at a meeting with federal Members of Parliament and staff in Kelowna later this month. She noted the request was for regional support for the Trail Municipal Airport upgrades and the federal grant application for same.

2016-07-126

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT the Council Member reports be received as presented.

CARRIED

2016-07-127

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT Council support the City of Trail Regional Airport ACAP grant application; AND FURTHER THAT Mayor Cecchini be authorized to attend a meeting with the Federal MP Caucus in Kelowna July 19, 2016 with regard to the Trail Regional Airport ACAP Grant with expenses approved as per Payment of Expenses Policy Statement FIN-2012-03.

CARRIED

Committee of the Whole Recommendations

There was no Committee of the Whole held in June, therefore no recommendations to be ratified.

**CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING ACTION -
None**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Trail Times Community Comment Continuation

A discussion ensued regarding submission of copy for the Trail Times Community Comment. All Council Members declined to continue the submissions.

It was noted that Letters to the Editor were available on a personal level and that if Council support was requested, it could be discussed at the meeting level.

2016-07-128

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT CAO Cresswell advise the Editor of the Trail Times that Council declines to continue submission to the Community Comment articles at present.

CARRIED

b. Auditor Report to Council - Communication of Audit Strategy and Results - Grant Thornton

Council expressed their satisfaction with the comprehensive new format of the Auditor's Report.

2016-07-129

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT the Grant Thornton Auditor's Report to Council - Communication of Audit Strategy and Results for the year ended December 31, 2015 be received.

CARRIED

c. Operating Agreement for Beaver Valley Water System

A brief update of the history of the development of the proposed operating contract was provided to Council, noting in particular the length of time involved and the formalization of the existing procedures.

2013-07-130

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT the Operating Agreement for the Beaver Valley Water Service between the Village of Fruitvale and the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary be approved and that the execution of the Agreement by the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Province of BC Infrastructure Planning Grant Application - Asset Management Financial Plan

CAO Cresswell noted this application will be for Stage 3 of the Asset Management planning process.

2016-07-131

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT Council support application to the Province of BC Infrastructure Planning Grant Program to undertake an Asset Management Financial Plan and to provide overall grant oversight.

CARRIED

- b. Canada 150 Commemorative T-Shirts Offer

A discussion ensued and Council declined to participate in the purchase offer at this time and no resolution was presented.

BYLAWS/POLICIES - None

OPEN DISCUSSION

Run of River Energy Initiative - Councillor Ellison requested that Director Cecchini provide an update at a future meeting of the potential for an energy project using a pipe turbine on the BV Water Service main.

School Crosswalks - Councillor Webber reported on the near miss at the Fruitvale Elementary School crosswalk in June. Staff was directed to provide an estimate of cost for raised crosswalks in the school zone.

Meeting Schedule Change - Due to the scheduled absence of Council Members, the October 3, 2016 regular Council meeting will be rescheduled to Wednesday, October 5, 2016. Staff was directed to make the appropriate public notifications.

NOTICE OF MOTION - None

**QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA/PUBLIC
RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS - None**

IN CAMERA SESSION

a. Authority to Move to Closed Session

2016-07-132

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT Council move to closed session under the authority of *Community Charter* Sections 90 (1) (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality, and (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public.

CARRIED

Council moved to closed session at 8:20 PM.
Council returned to open session at 8:40 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

2016-07-133

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:41 PM.

CARRIED

Mayor

Certified Correct:

Chief Administrative Officer

FOR INFORMATION ONLY LISTED ITEMS

FOR JULY 11, 2016 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

1. Letter from the Honourable Matt Jeneroux, MP for Edmonton Riverbend, Official Opposition Critic for Western Economic Diversification, dated June 14, 2016 regarding the Canada 150 Infrastructure Program
2. Letter from the Honourable Peter Fassbender, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development and Minister Responsible for Translink, dated June 8, 2016 regarding scheduling appointments at the upcoming annual UBCM Convention
3. Memo from B Schmidt, Manager, Client Services, Local Government Division dated July 4, 2016 regarding 2016 Provincial Appointments during the 2016 UBCM Convention
4. Letter from the Honourable Mary Polak, Minister of Environment, dated June 9, 2016 regarding an update on the Water Sustainability Act
5. Letter from Karen Rothe, Director, Planning Programs Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development dated June 6, 2016 regarding BC Drought Situation
6. Email from Urszula Mezynska on behalf of Tara A. Faganello, Assistant Deputy Minister Local Government Division, Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development dated June 17, 2016 regarding a preliminary follow-up message to webinars with local governments on the Climate Leadership Plan recommendations
7. Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
 - a. President's Corner - June 2016
 - b. June 15, 2016 - Call to Action: Participate in Canada Post Review
 - c. June 16, 2016 - Siting of Radio-Communications and Telecommunications Infrastructure
 - d. FCM News/Voice - June 10 and July 8 2016
8. Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM)
 - a. The Compass – June 8, 15, 22, 29, July 6 2016
 - b. Copy of letter sent to UBCM from City of New Westminster dated June 24, 2016 requesting support of their resolution regarding "Renovictions"
 - c. Copy of letter sent to UBCM from the City of North Vancouver, requesting support for the Cigarette Butt Deposit program
 - d. Copy of letter sent to UBCM from the Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training and Minister responsible for Labour dated June 9, 2016 regarding an update on the arrival of Syrian refugees to our province
9. Newsletter dated April 2016 from Green Bylaws Toolkit 2016 regarding revisions and updates
10. Regional District Kootenay Boundary Building Permit Statistics to the end of May 2016
11. Newsletter from Municipal Insurance Association of BC for Summer 2016
12. Application package for Open Business Awards, deadline for submissions is August 1, 2016
13. Newsletter from Private Forest Landowners Association dated June 20, 2016
14. Letter from Lynn Embury-Williams Executive Director, regarding call for nominations for the 2016 Community Recognition Awards and news
15. Letter from the 'Storm the Stairs' Committee representing the United Way Trail and District, inviting the Village of Fruitvale Council and staff to take the challenge for the 2nd Annual Campaign Fund
16. Newsletter from the Independent Contractors and Businesses Association of BC entitled BC Construction Monitor dated June 2016.
17. Letter from Patricia Dehnel, Community Relations Manager from the Community Energy Association regarding frequently asked questions about a region-wide, collaborative and strategic electric vehicle charging station strategy
18. Letter from Barbara and Douglas Hall dated June 9, 2016 regarding the Davis Avenue reconstruction
19. Thank you letter from A. McNicholas dated June 23rd, 2016 regarding the excellent service provided by Public Works throughout the year



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CAO REPORT

July 9, 2016 for the July 11, 2016 Council Meeting

Finance

- Tax season is complete and by due date 95.12% of current taxes were collected.
- Second quarter management statements were provided to Council.
- The Loan Authorization Bylaw has been forwarded to the Inspector of Municipalities, along with relevant materials requested by the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, Finance & Infrastructure Division.

Human Resources

- Public Works continues to experience one employee off on extended medical leave and replaced with a temporary. Permanent staff is expected to return late August.
- Both July and August are popular vacation months; a significant amount of the project work, other than regular maintenance of public spaces, roads, drainage, sewers and water distribution, is scheduled for September/October.
- The current Collective Agreement expired February 29, 2016 and notice to bargain has not yet been received.
- A term Deputy Financial Officer started orientation July 5.

Planning

- Land use:
 - There have been 3 Board of Variance applications this year, 2 completed and 1 withdrawn.
 - The South Columbia Search & Rescue Society Development Permit and Development Variance Permit filed on title.
- Social programs:
 - The Columbia Basin Trust Community Directed Youth Program has been funded for additional terms at significantly higher amount to enhance the program and staff at increased hours.
 - The Age Friendly program is in summer hiatus except for special events (2 scheduled so far).

Other

- Bylaw Enforcement
 - Complaints and action requests in June were boulevard parking, dog issues, derelict vehicles and property standards issues. The compliance rate is high with only a couple of outstanding issues.
 - The temporary shelters have been removed with only 1 remaining.
 - One front yard structure remains non-compliant, a ticket has been issued and appealed. Additional enforcement will continue until the adjudication process is complete.
- Proclamations
 - None at this time
- Sewer
 - Construction is complete and we are currently dealing with aeration alterations due to the blowers (pre-existing equipment). The adjustments are expected to continue over the summer season to determine the optimum level.

- Planning for the fencing/barrier installation at the lagoon sites as required by Worksafe BC is underway now the construction phase of the upgrades is complete. I am awaiting pricing on the barrier with guardrails proposal and then will solicit approval from Worksafe.

- Water
 - An agreement for operating the BV Water Service has been finalized between the RDKB and the Village.

- Transportation
 - Engineering recommendations have been received regarding drainage and road surface improvements for Evergreen Avenue, as per prior Council approval. The costs range between \$230,000 to \$400,000.

- Facilities and Parks
 - The Safety Committee has been undertaking the monthly facility inspections and locations. Safety concerns are tracked and addressed through regular Safety Committee and staff safety meetings.
 - The concession at Haines Park was repainted and vandalism coating applied. The results were very well received by the public and BV Recreation is considering augmenting funds to cover additional painting of the park structures.
 - Railway Park is complete and has been very well received by both residents and visitors.
 - Grants have been applied for regarding the proposed renovations of the lower floor of the Memorial Centre. Some plumbing enhancements have been made to the boiler system.

Respectfully submitted,
Lila Cresswell, CAO



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COUNCILLOR ELLISON REPORT

Council Report for July 11, 2016 Council Meeting

COMMITTEES/APPOINTMENTS:

No action

LIAISON/PORTFOLIOS:

Trails

June 10 & 11 – CBT Trails Symposium

- The Columbia Basin Trails meeting was held in Fernie on June 10 -11. The purpose was to bring together the various groups throughout the Kootenays and provide an atmosphere of co-operation for learning and collaboration with the various groups in attendance, including cycling, hiking, skiing, and motorized where in attendance.
- Regional Collaboration was the theme that emerged from the working sessions. "Networking, cooperation, alliance, and exchanged of information" were in the forefront. One of the ideas that came forward was "Regional Marketing and Signage" which as it turned out became the most intriguing. Destination marketing, destination development, development of the network of Trails in the Columbia Basin.
- The meeting chaired by Kevin Eskelin, Regional Recreation Manager, Sites & Trails started everything off with the process Recreation Sites & Trails requires to authorize the development and stewardship of trails on Crown Land. Highlighted were Sections 56 and 57 on how to attain approvals.
- Next was an informative presentation by Julie Kelly, Manager Fernie Trails Alliance, on how they obtained and maintained approval for trails on and through private lands with the use of Fernie Trails Alliance and the Private Land Use Agreements to recognize both the needs of the trails group and the proprietor.
- Jikke Gyorki, Executive Officer, Tourism Fernie explored and introduced ways trail groups could identify target audiences and market to these trails user groups, all the while implementing plans when trail planning, design and implementation are taking place.
- With regards to Risk Management, Stewart Spooner, Kootenay Columbia Trails Society gave a presentation on how to mitigate risks on the various trails.
- A session by Christina Benty on Asset Management & Trails Master Planning showed how to integrate development and maintenance by building ongoing maintenance into the Trails Master Plan which allows groups to plan for long-term sustainability by allocating the ongoing funding now.
- A session was held on how to introduce innovative ways groups can link their to technology by loading trail maps to GPS-navigable mobile apps.
- Columbia Basin Trust provided an overview of the Recreation Infrastructure Grants program and other funding initiatives currently available for trails and related infrastructure. Also various individuals talked about how they raised funds.

Spirit Events

- No events attended

Respectfully submitted,

James Ellison, Councillor



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COUNCILLOR MORISSETTE REPORT

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COMMITTEES/APPOINTMENTS:

Finance & Budget Committee

- No meetings held this month

Lower Columbia Community Development Team

- June 23 meeting, Angus Graeme from Selkirk College presented to us.
 - 11,780 students across the region, including 485 international students
 - Domestic student numbers growing steadily, international up 59% 2015 from 2014
 - \$198 million added to the local economy by from Selkirk and its students
 - \$157 million added to the local economy by former students in the local workforce
 - There are 28 employees at the Trail campus and 74 of Selkirks' 655 employees live in our Lower Columbia Region
- Metallurgical Committee reported on the planned grand opening of the MIDAS Project in September
- Air Access reported on the \$1.18 million BC access program funding for Trail Airport, City of Trail will be funding the difference to \$2.36 million for the infrastructure upgrade which includes a safer interchange with Hwy 22A, more parking and a new terminal building
- Health & Hospital Committee reported on the ongoing recruitment of new general practitioners to the area, one new GP starting July 15th
- NorthSouth Corridor Committee reported that south of the border discussion is underway on the construction of overpasses at Deer Park
- Tourism Committee reported this summer the focus is on collecting photos and videos from all the regions events for the photo bank which we all can access for future promotion, trying to get visitors to stay longer and spend more. Also working with the Charles Bailey Theatre leveraging funding from community groups to promote for a bigger impact.
- Sustainable Agriculture Committee, current focus on the Hills to Valley garden and Art tour held this past weekend, full tour including 12 gardens from Rossland to BV, tickets sold as far away as Penticton and Osoyoos
- Regional Identity – Deanne Stevens is doing work around our regional identity, the feeling is "Lower Columbia" means very little to people, it's not on a map. She's working on what makes business sense as opposed to political sense. She mentioned that Columbia Valley is going back to using community names rather than a regional name.

Lower Columbia Community Development Team Tourism Committee

- June 16 meeting
- Was unable to attend meeting held on June 16th; I've asked them to give more notice as typically it's only a day or two and I can't make it.

Lower Columbia River Committee

- No meeting scheduled for this month.

LIAISONS/PORTFOLIOS:

Spirit Events

- Canada Day – July 1
I was unable to attend July 1st celebration at Beaver Creek Park.

OTHER:

RDKB Governance/Organizational Review

- Attended first interview July 6th, questions grouped around five areas:
 - Roles and responsibilities;
 - Governance structure and practices;
 - Organizational effectiveness and efficiency;
 - Communication efficacy and effectiveness; and
 - Any other topics.
- Group meeting to follow July 28th.

CBT Volunteer Recruitment & Retention

- I was contacted by Craig Horsland because of my involvement in the LCCDT. He was enquiring about the CBT and their new program around volunteer recruitment / retention.
- Craig has organized a meeting with Kelvin Saldern to discuss this further and has invited me to attend as an LCCDT member.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Morissette, Councillor



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COUNCILLOR WEBBER REPORT

Council Report for July 11, 2016

COMMITTEES/APPOINTMENTS:

Personnel

- No meeting this month

RDKB Alternate Director

- Attended the June 23 Board meeting
- Passed the operating agreement for the BV Water Service with Village of Fruitvale
- Delegation from the Interior Lumber Manufacturers' Association - support for selecting the right log for the right job

West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District Director

- Held June 22 in Castlegar
- KBRH is the only regional hospital in IHA that has not had major renovations

LIAISON/PORTFOLIOS:

Fruitvale Elementary Parent Advisory Committee Liaison

- Nothing to report at this time

Youth Engagement Liaison (CBT Community Directed Youth Fund)

- Report from Youth Coordinator Tammy Gallamore attached

Spirit Events

- No events attended

OTHER:

Municipal Insurance Agency Representative

- Attended the board retreat in Kelowna from June 6-9
- Succession planning

Respectfully submitted,
Tabatha Webber, Councillor



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MAYOR CECCHINI REPORT

Council Report for the July 11, 2016 Council Meeting

COMMITTEES (Internal)

Personnel

- No meeting this month

COMMITTEES (External)

Lower Columbia Initiatives Corporation (LCIC)

- No meeting this month

LIAISONS / PORTFOLIOS

Spirit Events

June 11 - Montrose Days

- I attended the Montrose 60th Anniversary. The parade was short but well attended. The steak dinner was sold out and the many other festival activities were also well attended.
- Thank you Council Kniss for getting the float ready

July 1 – Canada Day

- Canada Day was held at Beaver Creek Park this year. We joined together with the Trail Kiwanis Club for a wonderful day at the park. Breakfast started at 8:00am and served 127 people. We then switched to burgers and hot dogs and served another 150 people. Music was supplied by North of Sixty, games and face painting was done by the Trail Rec dept. There was quite a number of participants from Fruitvale and the feedback was very positive. A great time was had by all.
- I believe joining together is something we should continue doing going forward. One recommendation is that we get the notices out sooner.
- Thank you Trail Kiwanis Club for working with us.

Public Safety

June 14 - Ministry of Transportation

- CAO Cresswell and I met with Ministry of Transportation representatives.
Notes from the meeting;
 - Village staff has arranged to use old no-post barriers stored at Bombi Yard for sewer lagoon program; request if there are any additional ones available (Waneta Yard)
 - successful job on the dip at the Mazzochi Park with the new guard rail and fencing; drainage has improved at the location also
 - MoTI (G Kinnear) to action new sign at the Public Works Yard (trucks turning)
 - Would like to have a turkey crossing sign at Beaver Falls at Christie Road

- Update on the deer crossing signs for the corridor MoTI project
- I requested that the sidewalk railway crossing at the west end of Railway Park be improved to allow access for scooters, wheelchairs etc. Action- MoTI will look at the crossing and also contact Scott Weatherford re: Burlington Northern
- Triangle centre island in need of repair; MoTI to contact Emcon
- Village staff passed on compliments regarding the winter maintenance
- I mentioned a potential round-about at or near the five corners at Kootenay South (long shot wish)
- Update on paving projects, bridges Kelly 1 and Kelly 2 – repairs to the railings and possible enhanced inspections or load restrictions
- I arranged for the loan of the MoTI traffic counter for Davis/Caughlin to assist with traffic counts for planned repairs to the Village portion of the road

Social Planning

June 10 - CBT Meeting re: Age Friendly

- CAO Cresswell and I met with Kelvin Saldern from CBT with regards to our request for Seniors Programming support. CBT is considering getting involved in Age Friendly programming at a regional level. The discussion was for an overall regional co-ordinator position, much more work is needed on this in order for it to be successful.
- I will sit on a development committee to examine the potential further with CBT.

OTHER

June 9 & 10 - Interior Lumber Manufacturers' Association

- I attended the Interior Lumber Manufacturers' Association AGM and Convention with Council's approval. From the keynote speaker Bruce Vincent (a forester from Libby, Montana) to the presentations on the resource industry in BC, the ILMA story, interface wildfires to hearing from Forest Minister Steve Thompson, it was a great opportunity to learn about the forest industry.
- I had the privilege of speaking on behalf of the Village of Fruitvale and Area A, Ali Grieve, about the value of the forest industry to the Beaver Valley. Here are some highlights from the presentation
 - Did you know?
 - *ATCO Wood Products*
 - Locally owned (our owners and employees live and play where we work) with commitment to our community
 - Family owned (3rd generation family business operating continuously in the area for nearly 7 decades)
 - Specialty wood products manufacturer and forest management
 - *What does this mean for the Beaver Valley?*
 - High quality jobs and stable employment
 - Environmentally responsible & sustainable operations
 - Important part of a stable and thriving community
 - Significant economic impact (jobs, taxes, local spending)
 - Community participation; employees are members in various organizations such as LCCDT, LCI, RDKB Area A Advisory Planning Committee, Columbia Basin Trust, etc.

- *Community Impact:*
 - Employment – responsible for over 100 jobs: Mill/Forestry/Admin – 60 jobs, Harvesting – approximately 50 Jobs
 - *Economic Impact:*
 - Local Spending
 - local companies - \$27M per year, 72% of total ATCO spending is done with 200+ local companies
 - Within British Columbia
 - \$31M per year - 83% of spending is done with 300+ BC companies
 - Salary & Benefits
 - \$5M annually in wages & benefits
 - \$83K annual average wages & benefits
 - Taxes
 - \$5M in aggregate tax payments annually
 - Stumpage, corporate tax, property tax, logging tax, etc.
- *Community Support:*
 - Forestry education
 - Childhood education
 - Community health
 - Community improvement
 - *Examples of support for Community Organizations:*
 - Kootenay Boundary Regional Health Foundation
 - Take a Hike Foundation
 - Blue Lake Education Society
 - Nelson BC, Habitat for Humanity
 - Fruitvale/Montrose/Rossland schools (playgrounds & outdoor classrooms)
 - Community train rides
 - Scouts Canada/Girl Guides of Canada
 - Beaver Valley Preschool (firewood sale & foundation reconstruction)
 - Fruitvale & Castlegar Rotary Clubs (Rotary Interact)
 - Salmo Ski Hill
 - Forestry education programs in local schools
 - Community park construction (various parks throughout the Beaver Valley)
- For some, a company of 100 employees may seem small, but clearly ATCO Wood Products has a huge impact here in the Beaver Valley with significant financial contributions to our local economy, as well as offering a highly visible and valuable social presence. Thank you ATCO for all that you are and all that you do.

Trail Regional Airport Support

- I have been requested, along with other local Mayors, to accompany Trail Mayor Mike Martin to make a presentation to the Federal MP Caucus with regard to the Trail Regional Airport ACAP Grant. The grant application is to make upgrades to the runways at the airport. Showing there is support from all the Lower Columbia region will strengthen the grant application.
- The caucus meeting is being held on July 19th at 4:00pm in Kelowna. I request that Village of Fruitvale Council support this and cover the travel costs for my attendance.

Respectfully submitted,
Mayor Patricia Cecchini



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DIRECTOR CECCHINI REPORT

RDKB Director Report for the July 11, 2016 Council Meeting

Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

RDKB Board

June 23

- Alternate Director Webber attended

Regional District Committees

BV Recreation Parks & Trails

- Beaver Valley Rec meeting was held at Beaver Valley Family Park. We hosted a BBQ for the RDKB staff and they had the opportunity to play the new disk golf course.
- Beaver Valley Recreation Committee agreed to paint the remaining structures at Haines Park to match the concession and arena.
- The Beaver Valley Skatepark is on the way. A public planning meeting was held at the Montrose hall to get public input on the design. Great turnout and lots of excitement.

Policy, Executive & Personnel

June 15

- Upon request and after consideration and permission from the Electoral Area Directors, the Manager of Corporate Administration prepared and presented a taxation exemption bylaw to the Board of Directors for adoption. This has been the practice since 1993.
- The 2016 Taxation Exemption Bylaw was presented to the Board of Directors for adoption on September 29, 2015. Although the Board adopted RDKB Taxation Exemption Bylaw No. 1582, 2015, some members expressed concerns with the loss of Regional District taxation revenue (approximately \$41,605 in 2016) that would have otherwise been paid from the properties named in the exemption bylaw. The matter was referred to Staff to develop a policy for the granting of permissive tax exemptions.

Committee of the Whole

June 15

- Last year's Wildfire activity highlighted the benefits and capacity of Regional Emergency Planning. In 2008 the City of Rossland decided to pull out of the RDKB's Regional Emergency Planning function citing the cost of the service and a desire to develop its own program that fulfilled the needs of the city.
- The following investments have been made in the RDKB Regional Emergency Program function since Rossland pulled out in 2008;

2010 – Trail EOC Generator	\$ 42,868 (includes \$10,000 in JEPP grant)
2011 – Sprinkler Protection Units	\$148,174 (includes \$30,000 in CBT grant)
2012 – Grand Forks EOC Generator	\$ 31,360
2015/16 – EOC Modifications	<u>\$ 27,000</u> (table, chairs, phones, network...)
Total capital investment since 2008	\$249,402 - \$40,000 (grants) = \$209,402

- Staff worked with a consultant to update our Regional Emergency Plan in 2012 culminating in a table top exercise at a cost of. The table top exercise included staff from the Regional EOC staff team.
Table top exercise \$ 6,104 (including a \$3,052 JEPP grant)
Total cost \$ 19,434 - \$ 9,717 (grants) = \$ 9,717
- Additionally a new command vehicle was purchased in 2016 that is to be financed over 5 years. Budgeted cost of new vehicle is \$73,000.
- In 2011, the RDKB signed an agreement with the Canadian Red Cross for the provision of basic needs such as shelter, clothing, food, medical services, and transportation (ESS services) to citizens who are victims of disaster in accordance with the BC Emergency Program Act. The cost of these services is \$10,000 annually (2011 - \$4,926, 2012 - \$10,000, 2013 - \$10,000, 2014 - \$10,000, 2015 - \$10,000). In 2015 Rossland joined this partnership with the Canadian Red Cross at a cost of \$1,849 annually. The same contribution is expected in 2016. Future contributions from the City of Rossland would not be required if they were a participant of the Emergency Planning function.
- The EOC Staff Team and Emergency Services Committee also developed and completed a full scale functional exercise in 2014 at no cost to participants.
- Another consideration will be staff commitment to our EOC Staff Team. Currently the participating jurisdictions have identified the following numbers of staff;

RDKB	20
City of Trail	8
Grand Forks	8
Village of Fruitvale	3
Village of Montrose	1
City of Greenwood	2
Village of Midway	3
Village of Warfield	1
- Implications
 - Over the last five years staff has tried on a number of occasions to include the City of Rossland in emergency planning and training activities with mixed interest and/or participation. All participating jurisdictions have a shared responsibility to fully participate in EOC Staff team emergency planning and training activities.
 - In order for the City of Rossland to be able to utilize our Evacuation Zone Mapping tools developed by City of Trail and the RDKB ongoing staff time from Rossland Planning staff would be required.
 - The Protective Services Committee decided to not pursue any more fuel management projects and therefore staff would not be able to manage any City of Rossland Wildfire mitigation/fuel management responsibilities.
 - The RDKB Emergency Planning function would not be able to establish an additional EOC in Rossland.
 - The City of Rossland would be required to identify and provide free of charge a Reception Centre for evacuees.
- Note: Rossland would be expected to pay their share of the capital upgrades as well as the reacquisition costs in order to rejoin.

Respectfully submitted,
Director Patricia Cecchini