

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Fruitvale held on October 10, 2017 in Council Chambers.

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| Council Present: | Mayor: | Patricia Cecchini |
| | Councillors: | James Ellison |
| | | Bert Kniss |
| | | Steve Morissette |
| Council Absent: | Councillor: | Tabatha Webber |
| Staff Present: | CAO: | Lila Cresswell |
| Media Present: | | None |
| Gallery: | | No Public in Attendance |

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2017-10-160

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT the agenda be adopted as amended by the deletion of the Delegation (Jason Marriott, Mesla Energy) and addition of New Business item c. Mountain Side Village Duplex Construction (JHC Construction).

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

- a. Jason Marriott, Mesla Energy - Preliminary Proposal for 1800 Columbia Gardens Road (*withdrawn at delegate's request*)

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held September 11, 2017

2017-10-161

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting held September 11, 2017 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. "For Information Only" Correspondence Listing – appended to minutes

2017-10-162

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT the "For Information Only" Correspondence Listing dated to October 5, 2017 be received and that the listing be appended to the minutes for record.

CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

- a. Chief Administrative Officer's Report – appended to minutes

2017-10-163

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT the Chief Administrative Officer's report dated October 6, 2017 be received and appended to the minutes for record.

CARRIED

- b. Action items Status Listing

2017-10-164

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT the Action Items Status Listing dated October 6, 2017 be received..

CARRIED

- c. Beaver Valley Youth Coordinator's Report

2017-10-165

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT the Beaver Valley Youth Coordinator's report for September 2017 be received.

CARRIED

COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Reports

Councillor Ellison - appended to minutes

Councillor Ellison spoke to his report and commented that he found the CAO recruitment interviews interesting.

Councillor Kniss Report - appended to minutes
Councillor Kniss spoke to his report.

Councillor Morissette Report - appended to minutes
Councillor Morissette spoke to his report, noting that additional information on the Economic Development Review would be provided in the closed Council session.

Councillor Webber - no report due to absence

RDKB Director Cecchini Report - appended to minutes

Mayor Cecchini Report - appended to agenda
Mayor Cecchini spoke to her report and requested that the Railway Park and Creekside RV Park be weeded or chemical treated this autumn.

2017-10-166

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT the Council Member reports be received as presented and appended to the minutes for record as available.

CARRIED

2017-10-167

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT a contractor be retained to weed or chemical treat Railway Park and Creekside RV Park landscape planted areas prior to winter.

CARRIED

CAO Cresswell stated she would attempt to engage a contractor but it is late in the season for weeding services.

Committee of the Whole Recommendations

As there was no Committee of the Whole meeting in September, there are no recommendations to be ratified at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING ACTION

a. Notice of Consultation Reservation System - Province of BC Budget Consultation

CAO Cresswell noted the item was for information should Council Members wish to make suggestions or presentations for the Provincial Budget Consultation sessions.

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- b. Notice of Termination of Service for Working Alone and After Hours Call Answering - RDKB Fire Dispatch Manager Derby

2017-10-168

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT the letter from D Derby, RDKB Regional Fire Chief and Fire Dispatch Manager dated September 21, 2017 serving notice of termination for working alone and after hours call monitoring be received; AND FURTHER THAT staff include costs of outsourcing those services in the 2018 financial plan.

CARRIED

- c. Beaver Valley Senior Citizens Branch 44 - Request for Fruitvale Memorial Centre Rental Waiver

2017-10-169

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT Council approve Fruitvale Memorial Centre rental waiver to the Beaver Valley Senior Citizens Branch 44 for the BC Senior Citizens' Association Annual General Meeting to be held in Fruitvale May 4 and 5, 2018 (value \$350.00) .

CARRIED

- d. Beaver Valley Skating Club - Request for Program Advertising for West Kootenay Invitational Competition

2017-10-170

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT Council provide program advertising for the Beaver Valley Skating Club Skate Kootenay West Kootenay Invitational Competition (December 1-3, 2017) in the amount of \$250.00.

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Davis Avenue Reconstruction Project Progress Report – appended to minutes

2017-10-171

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT the Davis Avenue Reconstruction Project Progress Report dated October 5, 2017 be received and appended to the minutes for record.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Grant In Aid Submission to RDKB Electoral Area A Director A Grieve - Piano for Fruitvale Memorial Centre

2017-10-172

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT Council approve a Grant in Aid application to Director A Grieve, RDKB Electoral Area A, for purchase of a baby grand player piano for the Fruitvale Memorial Centre in the amount of \$3500.

CARRIED

- b. Spirit Events Planning

- i. Remembrance Day Ceremony - November 11, 2017

Mayor Cecchini indicated that the Remembrance Day Ceremony would be substantially as prior year and that planning is underway.

- ii. Council/Staff Social Evening - date to be discussed

A discussion ensued regarding the date for the Council/Staff Christmas Social and it was agreed that either November 25 or December 8 would be acceptable to staff and Council. Mayor Cecchini will make the catering and other arrangements.

- iii. Jingle Down Main - December 1, 2017

Councillor Morissette indicated that planning is underway for Jingle Down Main but additional food vendors are needed. The Jingle Express by Atco Wood Products will be operating again this year on the same donation ticket status as prior year.

- c. Mountain Side Village Duplex Construction - JHC Construction

CAO Cresswell reported that the remaining ten lots at Mountain Side Village complex had been sold to JHC Construction and that Junior Hamm wished to begin construction of the foundations immediately. She noted that the building scheme needed to be protected in order to keep the design consistency and that the contractor was willing and expecting to do so, but at present the property development variance /development permit did not require the Village's approval of building plans.

She further noted that she is working with JHC's lawyer to provide assurance of Village approval of building plans, but in order to avoid undue construction delays and extra expenses to the contractor, she requested approval of the issuance of the first two building permits for foundation excavation and concrete at present.

2017-10-173

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT CAO Cresswell be authorized to permit the issuance of a Building Permit for Strata Lots 11, 12, 13 and 14, NES 3426, District Lot 1236, Kootenay Land District based on the submission of building plans the same as the previous approved building designs and as on file with the Village of Fruitvale.

CARRIED

BYLAWS/POLICIES

- a. Consent to Adopt RDKB Economic Development (Kootenay) Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw 1651, 2017

2017-10-174

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT the resolution to consent to Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Board of Directors adoption of Bylaw 1651, RDKB East End Economic Development (Kootenay) Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw, be deferred to the November 6, 2017 Council meeting.

CARRIED

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT Council for the Corporation of the Village of Fruitvale consents to the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Board of Directors adopting Bylaw No. 1651 being the "Regional District of Kootenay Boundary East End Economic Development (Kootenay) Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1651, 2017.

DEFERRED

OPEN DISCUSSION - None

NOTICE OF MOTION - None

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

IN CAMERA SESSION

a. Authority for Closed Session

2017-10-175

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT the meeting be closed under authority of *Community Charter* Section 90 (1) (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality; (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

The meeting moved to closed session at 7:49 PM.

The meeting returned to open session at 8:26 PM with no items to be reported out of closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

2017-10-176

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:27 PM.

CARRIED

Mayor

Certified Correct:

Chief Administrative Officer



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CAO REPORT

October 6 for October 10th, 2017 Council Meeting

Finance

- The annual tax sale was held September 25, 2017; the Village assumed the sale for 1928 Beaver Street by default as no bidders attended. The property owner has one year to redeem the property.
- Water, cemetery and BV Recreation budgets are required to be submitted to RDKB by early October.
- Interim audit on site has been arranged for the week of November 27.

Administration

- Most of my time has been spent on Clean Water & Wastewater Fund project reporting and tenders, Davis Avenue road dedication finalization, RV Park costing (final report will be provided at November Council meeting), various financial reporting deadlines, grant claims and grant funding reports, as well as planning (subdivision, zoning, building, Board of Variance appeals and development application questions, etc.).

Human Resources

- Cross training is taking place for payroll.
- 2 Public Works staff are currently away or scheduled for required Continued Education Units training to maintain Environmental Operator Certifications.
- A Literacy Supporter Award was presented to the Age Friendly Coordinator by the Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy at the September luncheon for her support and coordination of technology courses for seniors.

Other

- Bylaw Enforcement
 - Water restrictions remained the focus of enforcement with night-time irrigation non-compliance remaining the main issue.
 - Property standards and parking complaints have been September issues.
 - Windfall and unpicked ripe fruit and produce are being addressed currently.
- Sewer
 - Currently the headworks project and gravity main project tenders have been received and are being reviewed with the intention to reduce the cost by altering the equipment installation schedule.
 - The pipe bridge replacement is at tender stage.
- Water
 - The Waterworks Foreman reports that irrigation has reduced and that the Water Treatment Plant reservoir is now maintaining levels.
- Public Works
 - Paving and drainage construction projects for Evergreen Avenue and Pole Yard Lane are now let and the work will be completed by the end of October. Village crew will do the drainage work with sub-contractors. Selkirk Paving will do the road works.
 - Sewer connection replacement work was required on Birch Avenue.
 - Boulevard drainage works were completed at 1901-1903 Mountain Street.
 - Regular fall equipment maintenance, irrigation shut-downs are also ongoing.

- Facilities and Parks
 - Community Hall - Replacement of the walk-in cooler refrigeration system was required.
 - RV Park Project – The project is complete and the park is fully commissioned. We are awaiting plaques for the memorial benches currently. There have been 48 paid stays to date.
 - The Seniors' GYM expansion is underway with the removal of the basement kitchen and assessment of required works and engineering. An RFP will be released shortly to solicit construction proposals.
 - Creekside Community Park – there is a problematic beaver dam located in Beaver Creek which will be dealt with according to instructions from the Conservation Officer.
 - Haines Park – The Treasurer of the BV May Days Society met with me and would like Council to consider options for improvements to the Park to be funded by May Days. Their suggestion is for a shipping container with a mural on it for storage (particularly the tables and chairs which are problematic). Alternate options are concession improvements such as shelving. The topic is included under New Business for a more fulsome discussion.

- Age Friendly
 - The regular luncheons and coffee planning sessions have resumed.
 - The AF Volunteers worked on the Liberty Anniversary events and earned funds for programming.
 - The Dar family provided an additional donation to bring the amount up to \$2500 toward Age Friendly programming.
 - Regular attendees of the luncheons made donations specifically for an event to recognize the AF volunteers and an evening dinner has been held. Susan Dar worked with the AF Coordinator to provide the meal.

Respectfully submitted,
Lila Cresswell, CAO



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REPORT:

Date: October 5, 2017
To: Councillor Tabatha Webber, Youth Liaison Portfolio
From: Tammy Gallamore, Youth Coordinator
SUBJECT: **Beaver Valley Youth Club (BVYC) September 2017**

The following is a summary report of the BVYC for September 2017.

September 15th, 2017 – Fruitvale Elementary, met with Teresa Berdusco, Principal regarding meeting with grades 6 & 7 to discuss Beaver Valley Youth Club.

September 18th, 2017 – Did four presentations at Fruitvale Elementary regarding Beaver Valley Youth Club, and handed out a flyer with email and Facebook information.

September 29th, 2017 – First Beaver Valley Youth Club meeting and laser bowling. 40 youth in attendance.



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COUNCILLOR ELLISON REPORT

Council Report for October 10th, 2017 Meeting

COMMITTEES/APPOINTMENTS:

Chamber of Commerce

- No meeting this month

LIAISON/PORTFOLIOS:

Trails

- No meetings attended this month

Spirit Events

- No events attended this month

OTHER:

- Attended in-person interviews for CAO candidates

Respectfully submitted,
James Ellison, Councillor



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COUNCILLOR KNISS REPORT

Council Report for October 10th, 2017 Meeting

COMMITTEES:

Finance and Budget Committee

- Reviewed accounts payable listing
- Attended in-person interviews for CAO candidates

PORTFOLIOS/LIAISONS:

Lower Columbia Affordable Housing Society

- Nothing to report at present

Arts, Culture and Heritage Portfolio

- Researching the manufacture, requirements, costs and funding for a conversion seacan stage for Haines Park

Spirit Events

Liberty AG Foods 60th Anniversary

- Attended Liberty Foods celebration at the Memorial Hall to recognize the many years of contributing to the community and all of the organizations

OTHER

- Attended Phil Lively's graveside service. There will be another Celebration of Life when all of the family can attend; sometime in the future
- Attended the Beaver Valley Elementary School new playground (LEAP) equipment ribbon cutting

Respectfully submitted,
Councillor Bert Kniss



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COUNCILLOR MORISSETTE REPORT

Report for October 11th, 2017 Council Meeting

COMMITTEES/APPOINTMENTS:

Finance & Budget Committee

- No committee meetings this month
- Reviewed monthly payment schedule

Personnel Committee

- Currently negotiating a contract with the successful applicant for the CAO position

Lower Columbia Community Development Team

- Was unavailable for the September 21st meeting

Lower Columbia Community Development Team Tourism Committee

- Attended September 27th meeting, Kristi Calder reviewed the ongoing projects: Charles Bailey Promotion, the video project, Kootenay Golf & Adventure trail, Spooktacular and Hallocross Cyclocross
- She also outlined her next couple of months plans for securing funding for the next phase of the regional tourism initiative

Lower Columbia Community Development Team Columbia River Committee

- Was unavailable for the September 21st meeting

OTHER

East End Economic Development Service Review Committee

- Committee met September 19th, I'm satisfied with the outcome and will report out in closed meeting

Spirit Events

- Attended Fruitvale Firemen appreciation BBQ hosted by Kootenay Savings Credit Union

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Morissette, Councillor



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DIRECTOR CECCHINI REPORT

RDKB Report for October 10th, 2017 Meeting

COMMITTEES

East End Services

- No meeting was held due to Economic Development Service Review meetings and RDKB Fire Services being deployed to the Elephant Hill fire

Utilities

- Staff reports from Goran Denkovski, Manager of Infrastructure and Sustainability, were received regarding the following:
 - Stakeholder involvement for Stage 3 Liquid Waste Management Plan and the Columbia Pollution Control Centre Upgrade
 - A request from the East End Sewerage Service participants to prepare a report that itemizes how key stakeholders can be included and involved as Stage 3 of the Liquid Waste Management Plan for the Columbia Pollution Control Centre Upgrade to Secondary Treatment moves forward
 - Bridesville Water District requesting ownership transition study: letter from Bridesville Water District requesting a transition to Regional District of Kootenay Boundary (RDKB) ownership study be completed. The Directors approved submission of the Bridesville Water District Water Transition Study Infrastructure Planning Study grant application with allocation of required resources from the Feasibility Study Reserve Fund.
 - RDKB Utilities Goals and Objectives 2017 Second Quarter
 - Flow Meter Report for Volume Data Collected from March to July 2017

BV Recreation

BV Regional Parks

- Beaver Valley Family Park Update:
 - The Committee members were informed that a tender will be put out in the fall for next year's BV Family Park camp ground attendant. Many people have already expressed an interest.
 - The Committee was informed that the electrical panel was upgraded and came under budget by \$10,000. The Committee also discussed a nominal nightly rate increase from \$15 and \$20 per night to \$20 and \$25 respectively. The family park season will be extended from May long weekend to the Labour Day long weekend in 2018.

BV Arena

- Chiller Update:
 - The Committee members were informed that the specs and engineering drawings have been completed and a tender will go out in November.
 - The Board of Directors approved the transfer of allocated funds for the chiller to the 2018 budget.

BV Trails

- Future of Trail Development in the Beaver Valley:
 - A planning discussion ensued on future trail development.

- Committee members expressed interest in development of off road motorized quad trails.
- A fulsome discussion will be held once information gathering has been completed.

RDKB Policy and Personnel

- No meeting was held due to the resignation of Chief Administrative Officer John MacLean

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Councilor Webber attended in my absence
- After a very constructive discussion, the board decided to follow the succession plan and Mr. Mark Andison was contracted for the position of CAO for the RDKB

Respectfully submitted,

RDKB Director Patricia Cecchini



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MAYOR CECCHINI REPORT

Report for the October 10, 2017 Council Meeting

COMMITTEES

Lower Columbia Initiatives Corporation

- Kathleen Jackson, Executive Assistant resigned due to lack of job stability

Public Safety

- Nothing to report

Family Action Network

- Please see attached information

Personnel Committee

- Very busy September with interviews and discussion for the upcoming CAO position
- We have made an employment offer and are currently negotiating a contract
- We are also in the process of interviewing for the position of Chief Financial Officer

OTHER PORTFOLIO ITEMS

Seniors Engagement

- Seniors start-up September lunch was successful again with 158 in attendance

Recreation & Wellness

- The RV park official opening was held on Sept 8th with minimal attendance. The sanitation dump has been very well received by the public. There has been a very good response and usage of the RV sites as well.
- Council needs to have a discussion with regards to the maintenance of the garden areas on Railway Park and the RV Park

Community Representations on Behalf of Council

- Liberty Foods 60th Anniversary celebration was a huge success with amazing support from the community
- I attended the Chamber of Commerce Business Awards as a guest of Kootenay Savings Credit Union
 - Country Roads, Earthy Organics and Kenny White Contracting were award winners from Fruitvale

OTHER:

Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention

- I attended the UBCM conference along with Councillor Webber
- We were able to make presentations for our proposed project to both Minister Selena Robinson and Minister Carol James

- We felt that our presentation and project was very well received. The Ministers staff sought us out during the networking receptions to talk further on our presentations.
- Director Ali Grieve attended the presentation with Councillor Webber and I and the “collaboration” was viewed as very positive
- Both ministries encouraged us to bring our project to Victoria after we have a final plan
- It was a great opportunity for networking. We were invited to have lunch with Urban Systems and met with the Interior Lumber Manufacturing Association, Interoute Construction, Columbia Basin Trust and FortisBC.

Some other highlights at the UBCM conference were:

Responsible Conduct Policy Paper Endorsed

- Delegates endorsed a policy paper that outlines an approach to strengthening the framework for responsible conduct by local government elected officials in B.C.
- UBCM’s Executive will follow up with Minister Selina Robinson to ascertain the provincial response to the approach contained in the policy paper.

Call to Protect the Most Vulnerable

- The Leader of the Official Opposition, Rich Coleman, addressed the UBCM membership with a message urging leadership from all levels of government to protect those who are most vulnerable.
- Mr. Coleman acknowledged the importance of UBCM leaders crediting a shared passion for leadership and public life, despite its challenges.
- Coleman encouraged local government leaders to stand up to “nimbyism” to ensure that supportive housing and addictions treatment facilities are built. He also said that the province currently spends \$2.8 billion annually to support those with mental health and addictions issues.
- Coleman referenced the need for the Province to support interior communities with significant dollars to rebuild so that “they know we care about them.” He also stated that the people that fought the fires should be honoured, thanked and remembered.
- Coleman said that the Liberal party will not ask taxpayers to provide campaign funding for its candidates and that he did does not support proportional representation.
- Speaking to the challenges inherent in public life, Coleman told delegates “When you get into politics, you have to know that eventually it ends badly for you.”

Wildfire Prevention and Mitigation

- Wildfire was a hot topic of discussion as delegates were provided a glimpse into the future of fire prevention and mitigation in B.C. With more than 1200 fires, 1.2 million hectares of land burned, 4000 evacuees and costs nearing \$500 million, this summer was the worst wildfire season in B.C.’s history.=
- Madeline Maley, Executive Director of the B.C. Wildfire Service (BCWS) assured delegates that a comprehensive review of BCWS and the FireSmart program is currently underway, along with the development of a research and innovation program for preventing wildfires. Part of the program development will involve BCWS determining the best way to engage with the public and work with other jurisdictions across Canada to develop innovative solutions to wildfire mitigation.

- In his presentation, Ian Meier, BCWS Director of Wildfire Management, outlined a set of tools that can help reduce catastrophic loss due to wildfire. He also said that BCWS is developing a website dedicated to wildfire prevention education and that two community engagement specialists have been hired to develop the site.
- Maley and Meier also indicated that controlled burns could soon be returning to B.C.'s landscape. Maley said there was support for using controlled burns selectively as an effective method of dealing with grasslands and some forest stands that pose annual threats to communities.
- Fire Commissioner Gordon Anderson and Phil Lemire, President of the Fire Chiefs Association of B.C., rounded out the presentation to the delegates.

Respectfully submitted,
Mayor Patricia Cecchini

FAN Council Updates

September 2017

A big thank you from all of us at FAN for your recent support for our regional organization. Your financial contribution for this year will be applied toward a Social Grants application to the Columbia Basin Trust in early October. The proposal will be to expand the Check Early Check Often program that FAN has initiated in our region – and bring in new partners School District 20, Interior Health and the Rural Development Institute to help us with this important work. In our school district, we know that 22% (or 110) of our kindergarten students enter school displaying vulnerabilities in one or more critical areas of development. We want to see more children in our region participate in early developmental screening, and to create a system to collect and monitor those screening results. With the important data of the screening results (provided by our partners) we can collectively make effective and impactful investments for early childhood supports where the screening results show us they are most needed. It is our intention to pilot a project that will demonstrate how a collective approach to lowering developmental vulnerabilities in our children before they reach the school system can have tremendous impacts on improving supports and social outcomes for children. This is an innovative and collaborative approach to a population health issue that persists across

UBC Visits the Lower Columbia

In July of this year, we had another visit from a team of UBC researchers from the Human Early Learning Partnership. They were here to present preliminary results from our participation in the Toddler Development Index. The TDI is a new population level tool that has been created to collect information regarding the contexts families today face raising young children. It looks at things such as social supports, financial fitness, parent's health, children's growth and development and neighbourhood or community safety – among other factors. 39 local families participated in this study and their results were collected in early 2017. Researchers are finding important links between positive health outcomes and the factors they are asking families about with this new tool. The Lower Columbia is one of 10 pilot sites throughout BC participating in the TDI with UBC. At the July meeting, we were able to confirm our continued commitment to working with UBC in the ongoing development of the TDI. Once the tool is finalized, it will provide service providers and decision makers in our region with valuable information about the contexts facing our families locally, and allow us to see where we are doing well in supporting local families and where we may consider applying further supports. Christy Anderson, Executive Director for FAN has volunteered to sit as part of a provincial working group to help guide the development of the TDI. It is very important that we continue our partnership with UBC's Human Early Learning researchers, as it will provide us with opportunities for important information, insights and possibly further collaborations.

Ages and Stages Day

October 3rd is a day to mark on your calendars and let local families know about. It is our annual fall Ages and Stages clinic at Kiro Health Centre. Ages and Stages clinics bring together a variety of different early childhood professionals under one roof to provide valuable services to local families – all for free. Services available to families on this day include early childhood developmental screening (using the Ages and Stages Questionnaire), dental and hearing screening and the opportunity to meet with a Public Health nurse for any concerns. Parents appreciate having clear information on the growth and development of their children and to be able to connect to further supports should any concerns be revealed. Since 2014, FAN has facilitated early screening opportunities for 214 children throughout our region. 22% of those children were referred on for

further supports. Families wishing to participate in Ages and Stage day must pre-register. They can do so by calling FAN at 1-855-368-3707.

Ages & Stages Day

The Family Action Network is hosting a free event for children up to 6 years old. Learn about your child's development using a play-based approach.

Meet with an early childhood professional to explore topics such as eating, behaviour, sleeping, walking and talking.

OTHER AVAILABLE SERVICES:

- Dental screening
- Hearing screening
- Speech and language screening

Please call ahead to book your appointment.
1-855-368-3707

Tuesday, October 3rd
10am to 5:30pm

Kiro Wellness Centre
1500 Columbia Ave., Trail, BC

The Family Action Network gratefully acknowledges the support of
Teck Columbia Basin Trust

Easy Peezy Locations

Easy Peezy Family Washrooms is another initiative of the Family Action Network, providing family-friendly services throughout the downtown cores of our communities. Current locations for Easy Peezy Washrooms are:

Rosland

- **Laundry Dog Laundromat**
- **Rosland Public Library**
- **Rosland City Hall**

Warfield

- Warfield Hall (outdoor entrance)

Trail

- Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy Trail Office
- Trail Health and Environment Program Office
- Memorial Centre
- Trail Aquatic and Leisure Centre

Soon to be opened

- Beaver Valley Public Library
- Movin' Mountains Therapy Services
-??? Other suggestions?

Please feel free to contact FAN at any time if you have questions about how we can make our communities as family-friendly as possible. We are always interested in your input and are here to help.

New Video

We are tremendously pleased to announce that we have a new video up on our website, featuring local families and service providers. The Check Early Check Often video talks about the importance of early developmental screening and has excellent information for parents and service providers alike about the screening process. Please have a look and share with your networks (you can view the video on the home page of our website) www.familyactionnetwork.ca

Finally, if you haven't already, please share the FAN calendar with any families with young children you know. This is a regional resource that posts free and affordable programming and events throughout the region. A great one-stop resource for our local families – connecting them to the great services and programs in our region: <http://familyactionnetwork.ca/community-calendar/>

Sincerely,

Christy Anderson, Executive Director
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