

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of the Council of the Village of Fruitvale held on October 5, 2020 in the Council Chambers and via Zoom video conference.

Council Present:	Mayor:	Steve Morissette
	Councillors:	Vickie Fitzpatrick Lindsay Kenny Bert Kniss Bill Wenman
Staff Present:	CAO: Corporate Officer:	Kelli Tuttle Sarah VanderPloeg
Media Present:		0
Gallery:		2 Public

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Morissette called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**2020-10-05-01** MOVED Wenman / SECONDED Fitzpatrick

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

### **DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITIONS**

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

a. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on September 14, 2020

**2020-10-05-02** MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kniss

THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting held September 14, 2020 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**For Information Only**

1. AKBLG 2020 Executive Election Results
2. RDKB Building Permit Statistics to the end of August 2020
3. BCSPCA Statistics to the end of September 2020
4. Metal Tech Alley September 2020 Newsletter

**2020-10-05-03**

MOVED Kenny / SECONDED Fitzpatrick

THAT the Consent Agenda For Information Only correspondence be received.

CARRIED

**STAFF REPORTS**

- a. S. Bradford, Beaver Valley Age Friendly Coordinator Report
- b. T. Gallamore, BV Youth Action Network Report
- c. K. Tuttle, Chief Administrative Officer Report

Council received a report regarding the paving projects on Mountain Street and Pine Ave. The cost for those projects was less than projected and staff proposed reallocating those funds to pave the bottom of Hillcrest Ave. Council considered a proposal from staff to purchase a popcorn and cotton candy vendor booth that could be used to fundraise for various Village functions and projects or used by the BV Youth Action Network. There are funds available in the Spirit Event fund to make this purchase.

**2020-10-05-04**

MOVED Kniss / SECONDED Fitzpatrick

THAT Council directs staff to reallocate the leftover funds from the Mountain Street and Pine Ave paving projects to pave the bottom of Hillcrest Ave.

CARRIED

**2020-10-05-05**

MOVED Kniss / SECONDED Kenny

THAT Council directs staff to purchase the popcorn and cotton candy vendor booth for use by the Village.

CARRIED

**2020-10-05-06**

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kenny

THAT the staff reports from S. Bradford, T. Gallamore and K. Tuttle be accepted as presented and appended to the minutes as available.

CARRIED

d. Action Items from Previous Council Meetings

e. Trial Balance to September 30, 2020

**2020-10-05-07**

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kniss

THAT the 2020 09 14 Items to Do from Minutes and the September Trial Balance be received as presented.

CARRIED

**COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Council Member Reports**

a. Councillor Fitzpatrick

An update regarding the Remembrance Day celebrations was discussed. The Village will order face masks from the provincial Legion to sell to Village residents to help raise money for the Legion. In addition, the Village will donate money to the Trail Legion in partnership with Area A and investigate the opportunity to partner with Montrose to increase the donation.

Candy Cane Lane will be held on November 28th and will feature a Christmas market.

Councillor Fitzpatrick asked for clarity regarding the intention of the communication feedback and received the response from the CAO that the results of the feedback survey will not change how the Village communicates with Village residents.

b. Councillor Kenny

Councillor Kenny provided an update on the process to have the Kiddie Cars inspected and approved for use in the May Days celebration. She also expressed concern over the safety of the crosswalk on Martin Street and received a response from staff that paint has been ordered to repaint the crosswalks.

c. Councillor Kniss

Councillor Kniss reported that the Public Arts Committee held a meeting to find a tentative new location for the sculpture.

d. Councillor Wenman

Councillor Wenman provided an update on the most recent Trail Task Force meeting and shared that the Ministry of Transportation is considering painting new white lines at the repaved railway crossing.

e. Mayor Morissette

Mayor Morissette shared his experiences at the UBCM Virtual Convention and highlighted the session he attended on internet connectivity in rural areas and ReGen communities. He reported that the Village met with BC Housing who committed to processing the outstanding payments for the Former Middle School Development.

Council received a report that the Passenger Exchange in Trail will be updated and a study undertaken of all bus stops to understand where additional improvements could be made. Council also considered partnering with the BV Recreation Committee to allow the Beaver Valley and Pend d'Oreille Historical Society use of the upstairs meeting room in the Fruitvale Memorial Center in the interim. The BV Recreation Committee will be responsible for updating the meeting room to make it suitable for the Historical Society.

Council also heard a report that Ren Energy is still proceeding with their project and will begin building in 2021.

**2020-10-05-08**

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kenny

THAT the Council reports be accepted as presented and appended to the minutes as available.

CARRIED

**Committee of the Whole Recommendations****2020-10-05-09**

MOVED Wenman / SECONDED Fitzpatrick

THAT Council approves by resolution the budget presented at the September 28, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting and directs staff to submit the budget to the Regional District as amended.

CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING ACTION****UNFINISHED BUSINESS**a. Former Beaver Valley Middle School Master Plan Approval**2020-10-05-10**

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kniss

THAT Council adopt by resolution the Former Beaver Valley Middle School Master Plan developed by City Spaces.

CARRIED

b. Haines Park Master Plan Approval

**2020-10-05-11**

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kniss

THAT the Haines Park Master Plan be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

c. Public Access Protection Society Request

Council considered the optics of supporting the request for the fee waiver and its implications for residents of the Village. Council recognized that the request is outside the authority of Council while acknowledging that there are residents of Fruitvale who would benefit from the reopening of the road.

**2020-10-05-12**

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kniss

THAT Council accepts the Public Access Protection Society presentation for information AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to respond to the Public Access Protection Society thanking them for their presentation and informing the Society that the issue is outside the Village of Fruitvale Council's jurisdiction.

CARRIED

Councillor Wenman opposed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

a. Affordable Housing Land Lease Commitment

Council expressed concern that this topic was not raised at a Committee of the Whole meeting so that Council could be provided with the opportunity to understand the implications of the proposed resolution. Staff provided more information regarding the necessity of this resolution to strengthen a grant application for the Former Middle School Development project. Council requested that staff set up a meeting with City Spaces and the Affordable Housing Society to learn more about this request and understand the implications for the Village. A special meeting will be held following that meeting to pass the resolution if Council deems it prudent.

**2020-10-05-13**

MOVED Kniss / SECONDED Wenman

THAT Council directs staff to set up a meeting with City Spaces and the Affordable Housing Society to learn more about the implication of entering into a land lease and providing tax relief to the Society.

CARRIED

b. Fruitvale Memorial Center and Beaver Valley & Pend d'Oreille Historical Society Storage Discussion

**2020-10-05-14**

MOVED Kenny / SECONDED Fitzpatrick

THAT Council will offer the use of the upstairs meeting room of the Fruitvale Memorial Centre to Beaver Valley Recreation Committee for use by the Beaver Valley and Pend o'Reille Historical Society as a temporary storage facility

AND FURTHER THAT the Beaver Valley Recreation Committee will be responsible for all costs associated with updating the meeting room to meet the needs to the Society.

CARRIED

**BYLAWS/POLICIES**

a. Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw No. 921, 2020

Council asked for clarity regarding when this Bylaw would be used and received confirmation that voluntary compliance will continue to be the Village's preferred method of securing bylaw adherence.

**2020-10-05-15**

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kniss

THAT the Village of Fruitvale Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw No. 921, 2020 be reconsidered and adopted.

CARRIED

b. Animal Responsibility Bylaw No. 922, 2020

**2020-10-05-16**

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kniss

THAT the Village of Fruitvale Animal Responsibility Bylaw No. 922, 2020 be read a first and second time

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to post the Bylaw online for public review and feedback.

CARRIED

**OPEN DISCUSSION (10 MINUTE LIMIT) - NIL**

**NOTICE OF MOTION - NIL**

**QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA/PUBLIC RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS - NIL**

**IN CAMERA SESSION - NIL**

- a. Move to In Camera Session pursuant to *Community Charter* Division 3, 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

**2020-10-05-17**

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kenny

THAT pursuant to *Community Charter* Division 3, 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, Council recesses the regular meeting and moves to an In Camera session at 7:30 pm.

CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

**2020-10-05-18**

MOVED Wenman / SECONDED Kenny

THAT the meeting adjourn at 8:00 pm.

CARRIED

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Mayor

Certified Correct:

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Chief Administrative Officer



# BEAVER VALLEY AGE FRIENDLY PROGRAM

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## REPORT:

**Date:** October 2020  
**To:** Council  
**From:** Shawna Bradford, BV Age Friendly Coordinator  
**SUBJECT:** Beaver Valley Age Friendly Program

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The following is a summary report of the BV Age Friendly Program for the month of October 2020.

It has been both a busy and productive month as I have been preparing programs and working on brainstorming some new ideas, new opportunities and new approaches to program delivery given the latest rise in cases of COVID-19 and the concerns around a second wave rolling through this fall/winter season. It has certainly proven to be challenging to pivot from an in-person program to a socially-distanced, online program but I am inspired and encouraged to work with the many local organizations and groups that support the BV seniors and I am excited about the programs that we will be offering this fall.

**Technology & Training Pilot Project** - We are currently looking at developing a pilot project for interested BVAF coffee group members, who would be willing to commit to building our Age Friendly online community. We are looking at providing an iPad and training sessions to participants to assist our seniors to connect online and stay involved in the AF program.

While we realize that a virtual community is not quite the same as meeting up with friends in-person, it is a wonderful way to stay connected, engaged and remain an active part of the BV Age Friendly Program until we can resume our in-person activities. I see this as an essential line of communication for seniors, regardless of whether or not they are able to meet in person due to external circumstances e.g. COVID-19. It offers them the security of a connection to their community, as well as an opportunity to learn new skills and support connections with family and friends. We know that isolation has had a particularly significant impact on the well-being of seniors throughout the pandemic and we want to ensure we are building solutions into our AF programming.

**Seniors' Coffee and Luncheons** – We will be hosting an Age Friendly Zoom coffee meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-12:00pm. I will be facilitating the Zoom meeting at the village office from Council Chambers and pre-registration is required. We will be discussing the importance of building our online community, as well as the proposed Technology & Training Pilot Project and establishing goals and expectations around this important program. There will also be time for the seniors to share their thoughts and ideas about the program to ensure that the AF program is guided by the seniors of the Beaver Valley. We are also offering a pre-registered Toonie boxed lunch pick-up for October 20<sup>th</sup> (Shepherd's Pie & Cinnamon Maple Roasted Squash) ready for pick-up at Fruitvale Memorial

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Hall Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> between 1:00 -3:00pm. Cost for each meal will be \$2.00. People are eager and have already started registering for this event!

**Historical Society** – I met with Craig Horsland, President of the Beaver Valley and Pend d'Oreille Historical Society, to discuss the partnership and history of BV Age Friendly and the Historical Society. We discussed some short-term goals, as well as some longer-term plans that we believe will offer our seniors opportunities to participate in some interesting and thought-provoking Zoom presentations. These will include a guided virtual museum tour with the Royal BC Museum in November and a Pop-Up Museum that we would love to present outdoors on Main Street in April of 2020. This will be an opportunity for our seniors to be involved and contribute, with a goal of preserving even more of our precious local history! We are excited about the possibilities that exist within this project and look forward to fleshing out the details of the Pop-Up Museum project in the coming months, as we feel that this will not only benefit the AF seniors but also engage the entire community as a whole.

**Dynamic Aging Society** - I met with Ingrid Hope to discuss their role and learn about resources available through the Dynamic Aging Society. We discussed the Technology & Training Pilot Project and they are extremely interested in partnering with us to fund the iPads for this project, as well as provide funding for protective cases and any other costs associated with the project. At this point, we are looking at purchasing 20 iPads for this program so that we could train those interested from our coffee group and work to develop an online community to ensure sustainability of the AF program, regardless of challenges associated with in-person meetings.. At this point we are working through the details to determine a timeline for this pilot project but the hope is that it could be up and ready to go in the next month or two.

**Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy** – I met with Carolyn Amantea to discuss how CBAL could be involved in our Technology & Training Project. She was extremely supportive and is willing to assist with any projects we offer. Currently, CBAL is offering a free weekly program from Oct.2<sup>nd</sup> -Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> called Tech Learning Place and this information will be posted on the bulletin boards, as well as on the AF Facebook page and emailed to those who have voiced an interest in becoming more tech savvy. She is also willing to run a “train-the-trainer” program for our peer leaders within the program to ensure that those who are involved with the Pilot Project are knowledgeable, that they feel well-supported to guide others and are comfortable helping to establish a virtual community. Caroline has also committed funding from her program for BVAF to help fund an inter-generational literacy project, pairing interested seniors with local youth to enhance writing skills and capture the senior’s stories. This will be a perfect opportunity for both participants to enhance their skills, develop relationships and share the stories of our local seniors before their stories are lost forever. I am excited about developing these ideas into a project and will have further details regarding specifics in the coming months.

**Beaver Valley & District Public Library** – I met with Marie Onyett, Head Librarian, to discuss the proposed Technology & Training Pilot Project. Marie and her team were very

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interested in partnering with BV Age Friendly to support senior's initiatives and provide additional resources for local seniors. They are willing to provide tech support and help trouble-shoot issues for seniors through their existing programs at the BV Library. We are really excited about this collaboration and feel confident that it is an ideal way to ensure that there is broad access for all seniors in the Beaver Valley.

**New Horizon's Grant** – We are applying for the New Horizon's Grant (\$25,000) to secure further funding for the Technology & Training Project as the program develops and for developing other virtual initiatives that will benefit our seniors. This grant assists with funding for Community-based projects and we are particularly focusing on adapting community-based organizations to a more virtual environment, including developing and delivering virtual programming and recruiting and training volunteers to support the social inclusion of seniors. Deadline for submission is October 20, 2020 and fund distribution will occur in February/March 2021.

**Personal Update** – I wanted to share that I have had some significant personal changes this past week, as my husband suffered a massive heart attack on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Thankfully, he survived, however he is currently awaiting coronary bypass surgery in Kelowna. We are currently staying with friends in Kelowna to be close to him, so this means that I will be working remotely, as I am able, until he is ready to come home. They are hoping to do the surgery early next week and then he would be ready to come home after another 5-7 days following the surgery. I am endeavoring to continue to work on these projects, as I am able, however, the timelines are loose at this time because of all the unknowns. As you can imagine, this has been an extremely stressful time for all of us. I want to thank you for your understanding and support as my family and I focus on assisting Bob to recover well from this life-changing event.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shawna Bradford, RN, BSN  
BV Age Friendly Coordinator

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## REPORT:

**Date:** September 2020  
**To:** Councillor Youth Liaison Portfolio  
**From:** Tammy Gallamore, Youth Coordinator  
**SUBJECT:** Beaver Valley Youth Club (BVYC)

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**The following is a summary report of the BVYC events for end of September 2020.**

### September 2020

- Set-up a meeting with the new principle at the Fruitvale Elementary School, Denise Flick and spoke with all three Grade 7 teachers.
- Designed new pamphlets and am holding a giveaway of an Apple watch for any grade 7 students that sign up for Beaver Valley Youth Action Network via email.
- We are building a new BV Youth email data base for Beaver Valley Youth Action Network.

### September 2020

- Met with the Trail, Warfield and Rossland youth coordinators JL Crowe to brainstorm a game plan for information sessions at J.L. Crowe this upcoming school year.
- I will drop off pamphlets with information about Beaver Valley Youth Action Network.

### Sept 2020

- The Community Youth Network Coordinators Session will be held via zoom this year due to Covid 19.

### Sept 2020

- Event Planning with Youth Advisory Board regarding outside event planning (Movie Night).

**Sept 2020** – CBT Coordinator Meetings re: youth planning and brainstorming.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Gallamore  
BV Youth Club Coordinator



**SUBJECT/TITLE**

CAO Report to October 1, 2020

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council receive the CAO Report for information.

**ISSUE/PURPOSE**

The CAO Report to Council provides information on the operations of the Village to October 1, 2020.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY**

Open communication and information:

**BACKGROUND**

The CAO report provides information to Council regarding the up-to-date operations of the Village to ensure active communication between Staff and Council.

**ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS**

N/A

**DISCUSSION**

1. Uncollected tax payments at the end of September 2020 amount to \$152,667 out of total collections of \$3,142,935 or 4.85% of total taxation revenue.
2. Former Middle School Project Master Planning.
  - a. The next steps in the project development are important to continue the momentum and launch the first phase in the development of the project. The next steps, budget and progress:

1.	Prepare application for seed funding with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC)	\$ 4,750	January 15, 2021	In progress City Spaces Meeting October 9, 2020
2.	Prepare non-construction-ready application for Community Housing Fund (CHF)	4,750	January 2021	Proceed after #3 completed
3.	Site plan and floor plate information required for basic CHF application	5,000	January 2021	In progress City Spaces
4.	Child care needs assessment	6,000	November 2020	Beaver Valley public survey distributed Meeting Oct 7, 2020
5.	BC New Spaces Fund submission	6,000	November 2020	Proceed after #4 & #6 completed
6.	Conceptual site and building plans to prepare BC New Spaces submission	2,500	November 2020	In progress City Spaces
7.	Public communication and engagement re: Master Plan	4,700	September 12, 2020	Complete

8.	RFP for the Middle School building demolition	<u>10,000</u>	September 2020	Researching grant opportunities
	Total Costs for Next Steps	<u>\$43,700</u>		

### 3. Public Works

- a. Crews have installed 2 new sewer service lines.
- b. Cemetery fencing work continues.
- c. Mountain Street paving is complete with pictures attached. The project has been done very well and the new catch basin should prevent any further road deterioration caused by storm water runoff. The old catch basin remains in place but does not perform any function. Staff would like to remove the old basin in the near future and re-establish the bank in that area to remove the unsightliness of the old basin. Village crews will be on-sight to complete the finishing work in the next few days.
- d. Pine Avenue paving is complete with pictures attached. The project has been completed very well following the road standards discussed with Council in April 2020. Village crews will be on-sight to complete the finishing work in the next few days.
- e. General street patching will begin this week with a budget of \$6,000.
- f. Sewer blower building painting is in progress.
- g. Machinery and equipment is being prepared for the winter season.

### 4. Corporate Services:

- a. The Village has not yet received its annual audited financial statements.
- b. The Village's tax sale has been cancelled with all delinquent taxes paid in full.
- c. Staff have been working to prepare materials for the kick-off meeting of the Economic Development Workplan and Re-branding Project. The kick-off meeting will be held next week.
- d. Over the next few weeks budget and financial year end preparations will begin.
- e. The Ministry of Transportation responded to the Village request to paint continuous white lines along the Highway 3B railway crossing. The painters have completed their work in this area, but if they come through one more time they will be asked to complete the work; if not the work will be done next year.

### **Current Priorities**

1. Budget 2021.
2. Financial year end review 2020.

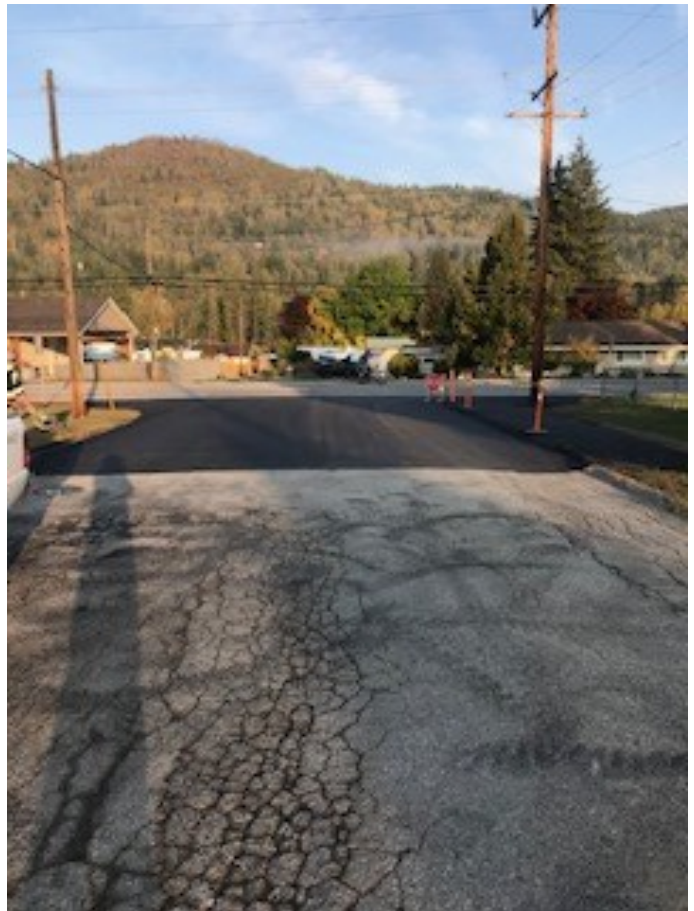
### **CONCLUSION**

The CAO report contains information to Council since the last Regular Council Meeting.

# East End of Mountain Street Paving



# Pine Avenue Pavement Patching





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**COUNCILLOR FITZPATRICK REPORT**

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Council Report for Council Meeting held on October 5, 2020

**COMMITTEES:**

**Affordable Housing Committee** (with Councillor Kniss) - nothing to report

**Personnel Committee** (with Mayor Morissette and Councillor Kniss) - nothing to report

**PORTFOLIOS/LIAISONS:**

**Seniors' Engagement**

Shawna is working on dealing with COVID and keeping our Seniors safe and engaged.

I am registered to attend the Community Based Senior Services Regional gathering on October 6, 2020.

**Spirit Events** (with all Council)

September's market was very well received by both vendors and residents. We are looking at alternative ways to honour our Vets on Remembrance Day.

Starting to make plans for Candy Cane Lane; Council needs to pick a date for this event.

**Special Events** (with Councillor Kenny)

**Downtown Businesses** (with Councillor Wenman)

**OTHER**

I took the Community engagement survey. Question number 6 has an option for text notifications and radio advertising? Is the Village really going to offer this to our residents?

Respectfully submitted,  
**Councillor Vickie Fitzpatrick**





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**COUNCILLOR KENNY REPORT**

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Council Report for Council Meeting held on October 5, 2020

**COMMITTEES:**

**West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital Board**

The next meeting is scheduled for November 2020

**PORTFOLIOS/LIAISONS:**

**Public Safety – RCMP & Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure** - Nothing to report

**Spirit Events** - Nothing to report

**Heritage, Culture, Arts & Literacy** - Nothing to report

**BV May Days**

May Days will no longer be running the Kiddie Cars.

The Village of Fruitvale owns the Kiddie Cars. In order to register the cars we need proof of purchase and technical drawings, however I was told by Don Ulansky of Technical Safety BC that we can have what's called a "Gap Analysis" which would eliminate the need for an engineer design which could cost thousands. I was told to call Davis Wells from Auton Engineering. He will be able to give us an idea of what it will cost. More updates to come

**Fruitvale Elementary School PAC** - Nothing to report

**Special Events** - Nothing to report

**Public Works**

Martin Street Crosswalk Painting - I received complaints about the lack of paint on the crosswalk. A resident was almost hit by a vehicle twice on two separate occasions on the way to school. Each time she was yelled at for jay-walking. We need to re-evaluate painting that crosswalk, or some other remedy before someone gets hurt.

**OTHER** – nothing to report

Respectfully submitted,

**Councillor Lindsay Kenny**



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*MAYOR STEVE MORISSETTE REPORT*

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Report to Council for meeting dated October 5, 2020.

## **Mayor Report**

### **COMMITTEES**

**Personnel:** No meeting to update.

**South Columbia Mayors and Regional District Directors Coalition:** No meeting to update.

**Highway 3 Mayors Coalition:** No meeting to update.

### **GENERAL UPDATE**

I attended the Virtual UBCM this year, as well as the Resource breakfast meetings the week prior including Mining sector with Minister Bruce Ralston, Energy sector with Minister Bruce Ralston, and Forestry sector with Minister Doug Donaldson. They were interesting meetings although less engaging than in-person. With Forestry the BC Gov't is the first adopter of the Tall building strategy to employ the use of mass timber which is great for our area as Kalesnikoff Lumber has invested millions in a state of the art Mass timber manufacturing facility locally. This year we had to submit our questions through chat on the platform they used for the meetings, I questioned if the Government had any plans to work toward getting the right log to the right mill as our local Interior Lumber Manufacturers Association has done to get the best value out of our forests. Unfortunately, they skipped over the question. The following week I attended all of the UBCM, the seminars, AGM, resolutions session, keynote speaker etc. The executive committee organizing the convention had a formidable task organizing virtually, they did their best as we all learned how to do a convention virtually. There was less to choose from in seminars, and all events lacked the same energy as an in-person event. The highlights for me were the panel with Dr. Bonnie Henry and what a genuine, thoughtful person she is in her approach to the pandemic with all the doubts, fears, etc. around it she just speaks the truth as it is. She spoke about the three current crisis' in BC; homelessness, the opioid crisis, and the pandemic. She also spoke of building up and supporting others, being a mentor to those less experienced. The other highlight was the keynote address by Margaret Atwood, her address was awesome as it was more of a conversation between her and a member of the executive where she connected key pieces of how municipal gov't should engage and work with people. She was another great person that is just totally honest and engaging.

Following a session titled "Digitally Enabled, Remote and Ready" I contacted one of the presenters and he in turn connected me to local representative of Regen Villages which is a

worldwide organization to build sustainable villages. CAO Tuttle spoke to the rep on Sept 29<sup>th</sup>.

We heard addresses from each of the three BC Party leaders over the three days.

While overall the UBCM was in my opinion less than expected, there were a couple of gems in it as noted.

I also attended the AKBLG AGM on September 30<sup>th</sup>, one director Ange Qualizza Mayor of Fernie stepped down as she was elected UBCM 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice president the week prior, five new directors were elected to the board by acclamation. The board encouraged us all to submit resolutions throughout the year for discussion.

CAO Tuttle and myself met with BC Housing's Dana Locke, key take aways for me was that they will process payment of \$150,000 for the second piece of property and \$50,000 for the Masterplan. They encouraged us to continue to try accessing grant opportunities for the school demolition to mitigate the cost.

## **Regional District Director Report**

### **BV Recreation:**

We have already received the letter from Chair Ali Grieve regarding the potential move of the historic Park Siding School into Fruitvale for better exposure. I am encouraging BV Rec to lead this as well as anything related to Valley History.

BV Rec would like a copy of the Haines Park Masterplan.

### **East End Services:**

Discussion of SPCA service; there appears to be no reduction of service with the move of their facility to Castlegar.

Transit – Downtown Trail passenger exchange is receiving a new awning. Seeing a 25% reduction in revenue due to COVID. Currently doing a review to build a bus stop replacement/renewal plan.

### **East End Curbside Collection:**

Upcoming meeting this week.

### **RDKB Board of Directors:**

Currently going through 2021 workplans of each of the many services in preparation for upcoming budget discussions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mayor Steve Morissette