

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of the Village of Fruitvale held on November 23, 2020 in the Council Chambers and by Zoom Video Conference.

<u>Council Present:</u>	Mayor:	Steve Morissette
	Councillors:	Vickie Fitzpatrick Lindsay Kenny Bert Kniss Bill Wenman
<u>Staff Present:</u>	CAO:	Kelli Tuttle
<u>Media Present:</u>		None
<u>Gallery:</u>		None

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Morissette called the meeting to order at 11:05 am.

### **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Council acknowledge and appreciate that the land on which we gather is the converging, traditional and unceded territory of the Sylix, Secwepemc, Sinixt and Ktunaxa Peoples as well as the Metis Peoples who footsteps have also marked these lands.

### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kenny

THAT the November 23, 2020 Committee of the Whole agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

### **DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITIONS - NIL**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NIL**

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### a. Base Budget Discussion

A review of the Base Budget for 2021 took place followed by a review of new initiatives.

Council - Mayor Morissette asked for a description of the FCM travel fund which staff will investigate.

Street Lights - Mayor Morissette asked to have staff research green grants that may be used to convert Village street lights to LED.

Fleet - CAO Tuttle described the increased maintenance costs on the three Village dump trucks. Council discussed alternatives to keeping the 1998 dump truck in service.

Council asked what other equipment may not be performing well with CAO Tuttle explaining that the trackless mower and pick-up #105 were both nearing the end of their life. Council decided to table a discussion regarding vehicle and equipment operating costs until the capital budget is presented and there is a better understanding of replacements.

Solid Waste Collection - The costs of garbage were discussed, and the level of service provided during the year for weekly and biweekly pick up. Council has deferred any further discussion until the RDKB composting project rolls out at which time further discussions will resume.

External Services – Council reviewed the external services budget and the administrative surcharge. Council asked to review the bylaw stipulating the rate.

Community Services – Mayor Morissette suggested that staff ask the Blooming Society to submit an application to the Community Initiatives Fund to support hanging baskets in the downtown core.

b. Operating Budget New Initiatives

Council reviewed the 2021 New Initiatives list.

G-4 Radio Replacements – Council asked to include the radio replacements under the COVID-19 New Initiative # G-2.

G-5 Fire Extinguisher Servicing – Council asked what the life is of a fire extinguisher and if staff could put together a replacement plan as the new initiative.

G-8 Defibrillator – Council discussed the annual costs of maintenance and training and the liability the Village may assume due to using defibrillators. Discussions were deferred for further thought.

G-9 RV Park Rate Increase - CAO Tuttle explained that currently the costs of electricity are not included in the RV Park operating costs and a higher rate/night may assist in paying the electrical expenses incurred by the Park. CAO Tuttle will analyze the electricity accounts for the FMC to break out the electrical charges attributable to the RV Park. Council agreed to increase the rate to \$30/night to offset costs of operating the Park.

G-11 Ebikes – Mayor Morissette asked to add NI G-11 Ebikes to the New Initiative List. The initiative would purchase an ebike and helmets for Village staff users. The plan would have the Bylaw Officer using the bike during good weather conditions as an alternative to paying the costs of a pick-up truck. When the bike is not in use other staff could use the bike to travel between work and jobsites.

**EMERGENT CORRESPONDENCE -NIL**

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED Wenman / SECONDED Kniss

THAT the regular Committee of the Whole adjourn at 1:40 pm.

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Mayor

Certified Correct:

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Chief Administrative Officer