

**VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES**

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of the Village of Fruitvale held via Zoom video conference on April 20, 2020.

<u>Council Present:</u>	Mayor:	Steve Morissette
	Councillors:	Vickie Fitzpatrick Lindsay Kenny Bert Kniss Bill Wenman
<u>Staff Present:</u>	Chief Administrative Officer:	Kelli Tuttle
<u>Media Present:</u>		Nil
<u>Gallery:</u>		Nil

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Morissette called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kniss

THAT the agenda be amended to add Open Discussion a) Fruitvale Elementary School and b) Village of Fruitvale Living Wage Employer AND FURTHER THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

**DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS &  
RECOGNITIONS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

a. 2020 Projects and Funding

CAO Tuttle provided Council with an overview of the projects planned for 2020.

A discussion regarding the Fruitvale Memorial Cemetery improvements, such as using the existing gate with added decorative metal elements, adding decorative fencing along Columbia Gardens Road, and adding shrubs for privacy.

Mayor Morissette explained that volunteers will do minor repairs to the outdoor ice rink and operate it throughout the winter months. The Public Works department will set-up the ice rink in December 2020.

b. 2020 Projects and Funding

Other 2020 projects include the following:

**1. Harvest Central Site Plan:**

Council likes the plan for the Harvest Central Garden and feels it will be a great addition to Fruitvale.

**2. Public Art Grant:**

Council discussed the layout for the Public Art project with the art object and a large live evergreen tree that can be used as a Christmas tree. The rain garden elements were discussed, and Council members asked if the rain garden would be removed. CAO Tuttle explained that the roses will be removed but the natural grasses will be retained if possible.

**3. Economic Development Work Plan & Community Re-branding Project:**

CAO Tuttle explained the concept of the project and work plan. Council asked if businesses would have any input. CAO Tuttle explained that there will be a public open house which includes businesses.

c. 2020 Shovel Ready Projects

A discussion took place on the projects that are currently shovel ready, the former BV Middle School building and the BV Water Works grit management system, Pine Avenue Repaving and the Kootenay Avenue South storm drainage.

**1. Pine Avenue Repaving:**

In light of the planning design for the Pine Avenue repaving project, a discussion took place of the Village's road standards. The driving surface of Pine Avenue will remain where the current surface exists and will be paved 8 meters in width. The walking surface will be continuous pavement with paint markings identifying the walking zone 1.35 meters on the east side of Pine Avenue. Gravel/turf/earth boulevard with storm drainage swales will be constructed using material different from the residents' property frontage in order to identify the off-street parking zone. The project may require simple engineering on the sewer and storm drainage.

If no funding becomes available, the Village will continue with the initial paving plan included in the capital budget.

**2. Kootenay Avenue South Storm Drainage:**

The complete project will include pipe lining or replacement, back-filling and stabilizing slopes, and adding a zig-zap path from the bottom of Kootenay Avenue South to the footbridge.

d. 2019 Annual Report

Councillor Wenman requested to move the discussion of the 2019 Annual Report to the next Council Meeting in order to have more time to review the information presented.

**EMERGENT CORRESPONDENCE**

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

a. Fruitvale Elementary School

Mayor Morissette asked for support from Council to write a letter to the Kootenay Columbia School District 20 asking them to prioritize exterior work on the school to refurbish the building as the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary and the Village of Montrose are also going to discuss writing letters.

b. Village of Fruitvale Living Wage Employer

Mayor Morissette requested support from Council for the Village to become a Living Wage Employer. Council requested more information on the program. CAO Tuttle to contact Morag Carter from the Trail Skills Centre for more information on the Living Wage Employer program.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Certified Correct:

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer