

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of the Council of the Village of Fruitvale held on January 11, 2021 via Zoom video conference.

Council Present:	Mayor:	Steve Morissette
	Councillors:	Vickie Fitzpatrick Lindsay Kenny Bert Kniss Bill Wenman
Staff Present:	CAO:	Kelli Tuttle
Media Present:		Nil
Gallery:		1 Public

CALL TO ORDER

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

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2021-01-11-01

MOVED Wenman / SECONDED Fitzpatrick

THAT the agenda be amended to add the following under New Business - Rollercoaster, Coldest Night of the Year and Railway Park Train Station AND FURTHER THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

- a. Montana Burgess, West Kootenay Eco Society - Presentation on 100% renewable energy by 2050

Montana Burgess from the West Kootenay Eco Society spoke to Council about the opportunity for Fruitvale to transition to 100% renewable energy by 2050 and presented an overview of the *West Kootenay 100% Renewable Energy Plan*. Transitioning to 100% renewable energy by 2050 means carbon-neutrality at the community level with any remaining energy used coming from renewable sources, including electricity, heating and cooling, transportation and waste management for the Village as a whole. To achieve 100% carbon neutrality, we must start with energy efficiency and energy conservation as priorities then acquire remaining energy from renewable sources.

Currently there are nine local governments that have committed to the transition to 100% renewable energy by 2050, Warfield, Rossland, Nelson, Castlegar, Kaslo, Slokan, Silvertown, New Denver and the Regional District of Central Kootenay. Officials and staff from these communities with help from the West Kootenay Eco Society have developed a *West Kootenay 100% Renewable Energy Plan* that sets out the priority strategies that communities will pursue to build healthier, safer and more comfortable living for residents.

The next steps for Council would be to review the West Kootenay 100% Renewable Energy Plan, pass a commitment to follow the Plan and work towards 100% renewable energy.

Ms. Burgess thanked Council for their time and left the meeting at 6:39 pm.

b. Jada Basi, CitySpaces Consulting Ltd. - Housing Needs Report Presentation

Jada Basi from City Spaces presented to Council the Housing Needs Assessment Report which identifies populations most challenged to find and afford housing in the local market, housing gaps and other housing issues.

In Fruitvale, the housing stock is aging with limited housing mix. The options to downsize are limited, accessible units and buildings are limited and the condition of rental units is poor. Homes available to purchase often require considerable upgrading which adds hidden costs to first time home buyers. Affordability is less of a concern compared to finding housing in good condition close to services and amenities.

The Housing Needs Assessment found there are widespread housing needs and issues across the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary. Aging seniors looking to downside from single detached homes and young families moving into town are unable to find and afford housing that meets their needs. The current housing inventory is not meeting the needs of everyone. New housing projects will help alleviate challenges.

Ms. Basi thanked Council for their time and left the meeting at 6:47 pm.

c. Nicole LaFace - 1518 Highway 3B Garbage Collection and Highway Extension Concerns

Nicole LaFace attended Council to discuss issues and concerns regarding the blocking of access to her property at 1518 Highway 3B and the neighbouring properties west of hers by the owner of the property on the east side of hers. She requested Council to send a letter to the Ministry of Transportation in support of the opening of the road at the east end of her property and bringing the services down to these properties and having YRB clear the snow from this roadway.

Ms. LaFace thanked Council for their time and left the meeting at 7:07 pm.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on December 7, 2020

2021-01-11-02

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kniss

THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on December 7, 2020 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. UBCM Compass - December 9, 16, 2020 and January 6, 2021
RDKB - Downtown Businesses Curbside Recycling
SPCA Report for the months of November and December, 2020

2021-01-11-03

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kniss

THAT the Consent Agenda For Information Only Items be received.

CARRIED

Council discussed the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary's correspondence on the downtown businesses curbside recycling. Councillor Wenman feels no business should have to pay for recycling however the Village of Fruitvale should not take on the costs. Councillor Fitzpatrick asked if a resolution could be sent to the UBCM to get support from other municipalities.

2020-01-11-03

MOVED Wenman / SECONDED Kenny

THAT staff send a letter to the Province informing them that the Village of Fruitvale would like curbside recycling collection to continue and be free of costs to businesses AND FURTHER THAT staff prepare a resolution for the upcoming AKBLG conference.

CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

a. T. Gallamore, Coordinator BV Youth Action Network

No youth report this month as December activities were included on the BVYAN coordinator report presented to Council at the December 7, 2020 Council meeting. Currently, the Ski Red program is underway.

b. BV Age Friendly Report – no report

c. K. Tuttle, Chief Administrative Officer Report

2021-01-11-04

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kniss

THAT the report from K. Tuttle, Chief Administrative Officer be received and appended to the minutes as available.

CARRIED

d. Items to Do From Council Meetings

e. December 2020 Trial Balance

2021-01-11-05

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kniss

THAT the Items to Do from Council Meetings and the December 2020 Trial Balance be received.

CARRIED

COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Vickie Fitzpatrick

Councillor Fitzpatrick spoke to her report.

A discussion ensued regarding the outdoor rink. COVID rules have been posted around the rink. Volunteers prepared the surface and will flood it. If the COVID rules are not being followed or are being abused and if large gatherings are seen, the rink will be locked up.

Councillor Lindsay Kenny

Councillor Kenny spoke to her report. A discussion took place regarding the kiddie cars inspection. Any inspections will be the responsibility of the BV May Days Society.

Councillor Bert Kniss - nothing to report

Councillor Bill Wenman

Councillor Wenman verbally reported that he has the Animal Responsibility Bylaw ready for review at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mayor/RDKB Director Morissette

Mayor Morissette spoke to his report.

2021-01-11-06

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kniss

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

CARRIED

Committee of the Whole Recommendations - NIL

CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING ACTION

- a. Ken Christian, Mayor, City of Kamloops - request for support of the City of Kamloops's motion regarding the Overdose Crisis and Call for Overdose Action Plan

2020-01-11-07

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kenny

THAT the Village of Fruitvale support the City of Kamloops's motion regarding the Overdose Crisis and Call for Overdose Action Plan with the following resolution:

WHEREAS the opioid crisis is one of the largest public health emergencies of our lifetime, with a death about every two hours on average and a death toll of over 16,360 since 2016 (January 2016 to March 2020);

AND WHEREAS other countries have significantly reduced drug-related fatalities with reforms such as legal regulation of illicit drugs to ensure safe supply and decriminalization for personal use;

AND WHEREAS the federal government has indicated it is premature to discuss these measures until there are comprehensive supports for people to get well;

AND WHEREAS supports are needed, but measures that save lives are essential if people are to survive and access supports;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police has stated that they agree the evidence suggests "decriminalization for simple possession as an effective way to reduce the public health and public safety harms associated with substance use", causing the Federal Health Minister to indicate the government is now "deliberating" over decriminalization;

AND WHEREAS the overdose crisis rages, showing few signs of abating;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council request that the Government of Canada:

- i) declare the overdose crisis a national public health emergency so that it is taken seriously and funded appropriately; and
- ii) immediately seek input from the people most affected by this crisis and meet with provinces and territories to develop a comprehensive, Pan-Canadian overdose action plan, which includes comprehensive supports and full consideration of reforms that other countries have used to significantly reduce drug-related fatalities and stigma, such as legal regulation of illicit drugs to ensure safe supply of pharmaceutical alternatives to toxic street drugs, and decriminalization for personal use.

CARRIED

- b. Request from the City of Rossland for support of the City of Vernon's resolution regarding universal no-cost access to all prescription contraception available in BC under the Medical Services Plan

2021-01-11-08

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kenny

THAT the Village of Fruitvale pass the following resolution in support of the City of Vernon's resolution regarding universal no-cost access to all prescription contraception available in British Columbia under the Medical Services Plan:

"WHEREAS cost is a significant barrier to people accessing contraception, particularly to people with low incomes, youth, and people from marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS providing free prescription contraception has been shown to improve health outcomes for parents and infants by reducing the risks associated with unintended pregnancy, and is likely to reduce direct medical costs on the provincial health system; and

WHEREAS contraceptive methods such as condoms or vasectomies are available at low cost, no cost, or are covered by BC's Medical Services Plan, whereas all contraceptive methods for people with uteruses (such as birth control pills, intrauterine devices, or hormone injections) have high up-front costs, making access to contraception unequal and gendered;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Fruitvale:

- i) write to the Provincial Minister of Finance, the Provincial Minister of Health, the Premier of BC, and the local MLA supporting universal no-cost access to all prescription contraception available in BC under the Medical Services Plan; and
- ii) forward this resolution to all BC municipalities asking to write their support as well.

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NIL

NEW BUSINESS

a. Affordable Housing Commitment

2021-01-11-09

MOVED Kniss / SECONDED Wenman

WHEREAS the Village of Fruitvale Council wishes to develop the land located at 1800 Columbia Gardens Road and legally described as Lot 2, Plan NEP4131, District Lot 1236, Land District 26, PID: 014-892-561;

AND WHEREAS the Village of Fruitvale Council wishes to designate approximately 2.8 acres to the development of affordable housing as described in the Former Beaver Valley Middle School Master Plan;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Fruitvale Council, through the support letter dated January 11, 2021, shows its intent to support affordable housing on the lands located at 1800 Columbia Gardens Road and the BC Housing Community Fund grant application submitted by the Lower Columbia Affordable Housing Society.

CARRIED

b. CIP Grant Application

2021-01-11-10

MOVED Wenman / SECONDED Fitzpatrick

THAT Council directs staff to submit an application for grant funding for the Village of Fruitvale COVID-19 Resilience Through Sewer Treatment Infrastructure Upgrades Project through the Canada Infrastructure Program – COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream;

AND FURTHER THAT Council supports the project and commits to any associated ineligible costs and cost overruns.

CARRIED

c. Trail and District Chamber of Commerce - Request for Grant Funding

2021-01-11-11

MOVED Wenman / SECONDED Kniss

THAT the Village of Fruitvale send a one-time donation of \$500.00 to the Trail and District Chamber of Commerce AND FURTHER THAT staff send a letter to the Trail and District Chamber of Commerce requesting a report on what the money is being spent on.

CARRIED

d. Rollercoaster

2021-01-11-12

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kenny

THAT Councillor Fitzpatrick follow-up on the rollercoaster.

CARRIED

e. Coldest Night of the Year 2021

A discussion took place on entering a team in the 2021 Coldest Night of the Year 2 or 5 km walk that takes place on Saturday February 20, 2021.

2021-01-11-13

MOVED Wenman / SECONDED Fitzpatrick

THAT Mayor Morissette enter a team in the 2021 Coldest Night of the Year 2km or 5km walk to raise fund for homelessness and invite other staff members to join AND FURTHER THAT staff place a notice in the upcoming newsletter inviting residents to join the team or enter their own team and donate to this worthy cause.

CARRIED

f. Railway Park Train Station

Council received information that the Railway Park Train Station is ready to move forward.

2021-01-11-14

MOVED Wenman / SECONDED Fitzpatrick

THAT the Railway Park Train Station update be received for information.

CARRIED

BYLAWS/POLICIES

- a. Procedure Bylaw No. 923, 2020 - Reconsideration and Adoption

2021-01-11-15

MOVED Wenman / SECONDED Fitzpatrick

THAT the Village of Fruitvale Procedure Bylaw No. 923, 2020 be reconsidered and finally adopted AND FURTHER THAT delegations can be brought in at later times.

CARRIED

- b. Wastewater System User Rates and Fees Bylaw No. 924, 2021 - First, Second and Third Readings

2021-01-11-16

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Wenman

THAT the Sewer User Rates Bylaw No. 924, 2021 be read a first, second and third time.

CARRIED

- c. Solid Waste (Garbage) User Fees Bylaw No. 925, 2021 - First, Second and Third Readings

2020-01-11-17

MOVED Wenman / SECONDED Fitzpatrick

THAT the Village of Fruitvale Solid Waste User Fees Bylaw No. 925, 2021 be read a first, second and third time.

CARRIED

OPEN DISCUSSION (10 MINUTE LIMIT)

Mayor Morissette informed Council that he has been in the Fruitvale Memorial Centre on two occasions, once with an architect and once with a mechanical and structural engineer. Unfortunately the complete space cannot be used due to stairs.

NOTICE OF MOTION - NIL

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

IN CAMERA SESSION - NIL

ADJOURNMENT

2021-01-11-18

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kniss

THAT the meeting adjourn at 8:20 pm.

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer