

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of the Council of the Village of Fruitvale held on April 12, 2021 via Zoom video conference.

Council Present:	Mayor:	Steve Morissette
	Councillors:	Vickie Fitzpatrick Lindsay Kenny Bert Kniss Bill Wenman
Staff Present:	CAO:	Kelli Tuttle
	MAA:	Robin Piche
Media Present:		NIL
Gallery:		# Public

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Morissette called the meeting to order at 4:00 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

2021-04-12-01

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kenny

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

a. Beaver Valley May Days Society regarding the Haines Park Master Plan

Mike Walker and Steve Van Hemert attended the meeting on behalf of the BV May Days Committee to voice their concerns on the size of Lewis Park only being 150 ft as players could hit way beyond the boundary putting spectators in harms way. They are also concerned with the placement of the Multi-Sport Facility and Water Park as they feel these are hazards that players could run into and get hurt. M. Walker would like to see

the water park put down by the pump house in Haines Park and the Multi-Sport Facility be moved to the foul lane. Mayor Morissette suggested using Lower Mazzochi Park for the BV May Days Ball Tournament.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 8,2021.

2021-04-12-02

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kenny

THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting held March 8, 2021 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

- b. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on March 22, 2021

2021-04-12-03

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kniss

THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held March 22, 2021 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. For Information Only Correspondence
1. Ministry of Forests - Provincial Tree Planting and COVID-19 Protocols
 - i. Letter from Dianne Nicholls, RPF, ADM, Chief Forester, Office of the Chief Forester
 - ii. Letter from Tara DeCourcy, District Manager, Selkirk Resource District
 2. Interior Health News Releases
 - a. Expansion of innovative substance use treatment
 - b. Amalgamation of Primary Care, Mental Health and Substance Use Services
 3. Union of BC Municipalities
 - a. UBCM Membership
 - b. Municipality Support Letters
 - i. Village of Belcarra - 9-8-8 Crisis Line Initiative
 - ii. Township of Spallumcheen - 9-8-8 Crisis Line Initiative
 - iii. City of Victoria - Help Cities Lead Campaign
 - iv. City of New Westminster - Laid-off Hotel and Tourism Industry Workers (copy of letter sent to Minister of Labour)
 - v. City of New Westminster - Laid-off Hotel and Tourism Industry Workers (copy of letter sent to Minister of Tourism)
 - vi. City of Prince George - BC Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) 2020 Street Lighting Rate Application
 - vii. City of Prince George - Opioid Crisis and Call for Overdose Action Plan
 - viii. District of Sicamous - Invasive Asian Clam

4. Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments - Call for Nominations (deadline for nominations is April 14, 2021)
5. Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Building Permit Statistics to February 28, 2021
6. Trail & District Chamber of Commerce
 - a. Letter dated March 5, 2021 from Erika Krest, Executive Director, Trail & District Chamber of Commerce regarding the Village of Fruitvale's 35-year Membership Anniversary milestone
 - b. Policy Resolution High Level Advocacy Work
 - c. Newsletter dated March 24, 2021
7. SPCA Report to March 31, 2021

Mayor Morissette is approaching the RDKB to submit a letter of support regarding item 2a. Expansion of innovative substance use treatment.

STAFF REPORTS

- a. BV Age Friendly Report - No Report
- b. T. Gallamore, BV Youth Action Network Report
- c. K. Tuttle, Chief Administrative Officer Report

2021-04-12-04

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kniss

THAT the staff reports from T. Gallamore, BV Youth Action Network and K. Tuttle, CAO be received as presented and appended to the minutes as available.

CARRIED

- d. Action Item List

2021-04-12-05

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kenny

THAT the Action Item List be received as presented.

CARRIED

COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Reports

Councillor Fitzpatrick

Councillor Fitzpatrick spoke to her report, Letter Links is going very well the kids look forward to receiving their letters. Pay it Forward program is not going as well, 1 student and 17 Seniors have signed up. Councillor Fitzpatrick would like to organize a work crew to help the seniors out with their yard work.

Councillor Kenny

Councillor Kenny spoke to her report.

Councillor Kniss - no report

Councillor Wenman - verbal report

Councillor Wenman would like to make a plan of the next three roads to be repaved in the Village. CAO Tuttle to bring the Capital Plan to the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mayor Morissette

Mayor Morissette spoke to his report.

2021-04-12-06

MOVED Kenny / SECONDED Fitzpatrick

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

CARRIED

Committee of the Whole Recommendations - NIL

CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING ACTION

- a. Email from the Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments giving notice that each local government sponsor will have the opportunity to record a short video introducing their resolution submission; deadline to submit video is April 16, 2021.

Councillor Wenman volunteered to submit a video on behalf of the Village.

2021-04-12-07

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kenny

THAT a member from Village Council be chosen to record a video for the Village of Fruitvale's resolution submission to the AKBLG by Friday, April 16, 2021.

CARRIED

- b. Request for Support from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers for their program "Delivery Community Power - a visionary program for Canada Post to confront climate change, promote better access to expanded services, bring financial inclusion to unbanked and underbanked communities, and address other social inequalities - all by making the most of our existing public postal service network".

Referred to the Committee of the Whole to gather more information and further discussion.

2021-04-12-08

MOVED Wenman / SECONDED Fitzpatrick

THAT the Village of Fruitvale Council consider passing the following resolution from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers for the 'Delivering Community Power' program:

Whereas there is an urgent need for banking services among the unbanked or underbanked, given that thousands of villages and rural municipalities do not have a bank branch and more than 900 municipalities have expressed their support for postal banking;

Whereas thousands of Canadians do not have access to affordable high-speed Internet, and the federal government has long promised to bridge the rural broadband gap;

Whereas urgent action is needed to establish a robust network of electric vehicle charging stations;

Whereas to achieve carbon-neutral targets by 2050, Canada Post must greatly accelerate the electrification of its fleet;

Whereas the extensive network of post offices in our communities can provide a wide range of services as community hubs;

Whereas Canada Post's letter carriers and RSMCs can check-in on vulnerable residents to help keep us in our homes longer as we age;

Whereas Canada Post must play its part for a more equitable post-pandemic recovery;

Whereas "The Way Forward for Canada Post," the report of the 2016 federal public review of the postal service, recommended that Canada Post expand services and adapt its services to the changing needs of the public;

Whereas the Canadian Union of Postal Workers has advanced *Delivering Community Power*, a vision of the post-carbon digital-age postal service that address the above needs and more;

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Fruitvale endorse *Delivering Community Power*, and write to the Honourable Anita Anand, Minister for Public Services and Procurement, with its rationale and a copy of this resolution.

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NIL

NEW BUSINESS

a. BC Wrongful Death Law

2021-04-12-09

MOVED Kenny / SECONDED Fitzpatrick

THAT the UBCM Resolution: Updating BC's Wrongful Death Law be submitted as a 2021 UBCM Resolution entitled "Updating BC's Wrongful Death Law".

CARRIED

b. Water Operating Agreement between the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary and the Village of Fruitvale

2021-04-12-10

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kenny

THAT Council approve by resolution that the Mayor and CAO execute the Water System Operating Agreement by and between the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, owner, and the Village of Fruitvale, operator, of the Beaver Valley Water Service for the period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2025.

CARRIED

c. Trackless Mower/Snowblower Purchase

2021-04-12-11

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kniss

THAT Council approve by resolution the purchase of one Trackless Series MT7 tractor plus attachments as a sole source from Kendrick Equipment.

CARRIED

BYLAWS/POLICIES

a. Development Cost Charges Bylaw No. 927, 2021 - a bylaw to provide for the imposition of Development Cost Charges for or within the Village of Fruitvale

2021-04-12-12

MOVED Wenman / SECONDED Kniss

THAT Development Cost Charges Bylaw No. 927, 2021 be read a first, second and third time.

CARRIED

OPEN DISCUSSION (10 MINUTE LIMIT)

NOTICE OF MOTION - NIL

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

IN CAMERA SESSION

2021-04-12-13

MOVED Wenman / SECONDED Fitzpatrick

THAT pursuant to Community Charter Division 3, Section 90 (1) (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality, Council recesses the regular meeting and moves to an In Camera session at 5:10 pm

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

2021-04-12-14

MOVED Kniss / SECONDED Fitzpatrick

THAT the regular council meeting reconvene at 5:23 pm and adjourn.

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer



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REPORT:

Date: March 2021
To: Councillor Youth Liaison Portfolio
From: Tammy Gallamore, Youth Coordinator
SUBJECT: Beaver Valley Youth Action Network

The following is a summary report of the BVYAN events for end of March 2021.

March 4, 2021 – Leadership Journey 2 - Pilot project coordinators feedback on Sessions 4, 5 & 6 of the Leadership Journey 2; session 4 - communication, session 5 - facilitation and session 6 - decision making. Final Discussion.

March 8, 2021 - Nudge Book Review – CBT Coordinators discussed and evaluated a variety of topics throughout the Nudge Book.

March 10, 2021 – CBT Coordinators - Natalie Hake from the Canadian Mental Health Association Kootenays presented on Mental Health in the Workplace. Natalie covered important aspects of mental health in the workplace including stress, how we cope with stress/low mood and anxiety, self-care and more. It was a very interesting presentation.

March 11, 2021 - Youth Service Provider's Network out of Victoria, BC are running some Canada-wide Youth Worker/youth service worker networking meetings during the pandemic.

March 16, 2021 – Mental Health Challenges in Youth and How You Can Help parent session. For information and to register visit the following website, <https://basinplays.org/parentportal/event/mental-health-challenges-youth-and-how-you-can-help>

March 16, 2021 - Youth Climate Action event - we are planning an event for the fall of 2021.

March 6, 13, 15, 20, 22, 25, 27, 28 2021 – 40 Junior Tickets, 35 Youth Tickets. Final Month of Ski Red - Youth are fully participating and enjoying the fee ski passes. Beaver Valley YAN has a list of 25 youth participated in the month of March and are currently enrolled in the program that ends April 5, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Gallamore
BVYAN Coordinator



SUBJECT/TITLE

CAO Report to April 12, 2021

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receive the CAO Report for information.

ISSUE/PURPOSE

To provide Village of Fruitvale Council information on the operations of the Village to April 12, 2021.

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 March 2021 amount to \$149,659 out of total collections of \$3,142,935 or 4.8% of total taxation revenue. Of the outstanding balance, \$32,511 are delinquent tax payments resulting from 2019 taxation and \$117,148 are arrears from 2020 taxation.
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	Application submitted
2.	Prepare non-construction-ready application for Community Housing Fund (CHF)	4,750	January 2021	Application submitted
3.	Site plan and floor plate information required for basic CHF application	5,000	January 2021	Complete
4.	Child care needs assessment	6,000	November 2020	Complete
5.	BC New Spaces Fund submission	6,000	November 2020	Denied funding, City Spaces requesting application feedback
6.	Conceptual site and building plans to prepare BC New Spaces submission	2,500	November 2020	Complete
7.	Public communication and engagement re: Master Plan	4,700	September 12, 2020	Complete

8.	RFP for the Middle School building demolition	10,000	September 2020	Researching grant opportunities
9.	Survey Site Plan incl: topo, environment features, property lines	<u>7,000</u>	December 2020	Completed with 100% grant funding from CBT
	Total Costs for Next Steps	<u>\$50,700</u>		
10.	Plan of Subdivision Survey	15,000	January 2021	Reduce scope to 4 duplex lots only.
11.	Discussions re: terms of long term lease w/ LCAHS	0.00	January 2021	Meeting w/ City Spaces & LCAHS to continue
12.	Discussions re: Rezoning site or portions of site	0.00	February 2021	Meeting to be setup
13.	Development Cost Charge Bylaw Update		March 2021	In progress

3. Public Works

- a. Gym ventilation upgrades have begun.
- b. Post winter sander repairs have been completed.
- c. Harvest Market Community Garden site has been cleared, cement pad for hut has been poured and delivery of the hut is being arranged for Sunday April 18th. Next steps are to trench and connect the water and sewer lines while waiting for the Fortis assessment for electrical connection. The two large pine trees on the property will be removed. As crews begin to trench the water, sewer and electrical lines, the tree roots will be cut and cause the trees to die and/or become dangerous trees. The trees have continually caused problems for the overhead power lines and have become less than attractive because they have been pruned back from the power lines often. The trees will be replaced with fruit and nut trees providing a neutral carbon impact to the environment. The Blooming Society is being asked for advice and guidance on this project and hopefully they will remain involved as a key participant in the garden setup.
- d. Kootenay Ave/Creekside Park pathway has had to be further blocked due to sinkholes in the area. The project was part of the Creekside Park Upgrade Project that was not successful in the recent CERIP grant funding.
- e. Spring street sweeping has begun but has been delayed due to a breakdown of the streetsweeper. The costs of repairs will be approximately \$8,000.
- f. The vector motor on the vector truck has failed, costs of repair are approximately \$30,000. The vector truck is an essential piece of equipment in the Village's fleet and the repair is necessary.

4. Corporate Services:

- a. Financial year end is completed with the auditor's work starting April 5th.
- b. Financial year end reporting will now proceed including preparations for SOFI, LGDE and annual report submissions.
- c. Downtown waste receptacles and bike racks have been ordered and delivered.
- d. The e-bike is being sourced.
- e. The Village was not successful in the CERIP grant for demolition of the middle school or Creekside Park upgrades. The CVRIS is the only outstanding grant application; this application was submitted for the waste water grit management system.
- f. The fields at the Fruitvale Memorial Park will be open for use in 2021. Although the Park and fields were never actually closed, use of the fields has been

restricted. In 2021, the fields will be in use by youth teams, but activity will be restricted to adherence with Public Health Orders. All teams using the fields will be required to submit a COVID plan to the Village and because the Village does not have the resources to monitor and clean the facilities to COVID standards the Concession building including the washrooms will not be open for use by teams. All teams submitting a COVID plan have been made aware that the facilities will not be open.

- g. The Village office renovations are nearing completion. A new door with accessible access has been quoted at over \$8,000 and will not be installed due to cost.
- h. A meeting regarding level grade railway crossing standards was attended. Further research is being conducted into the requirements for a railway pathway crossing which may need to include lights and audible alarms as part of the new BC standards.
- i. The 2021 – 2025 5 Year Financial Plan and 2021 Tax Rate Bylaws are still waiting for the RDKB 2021 tax collections requisition. The Bylaws could not be included in this agenda for approval and a Special Meeting of Council will need to be arranged to provide the first three readings to the bylaws. The Special meeting will be arranged as soon as the RDKB requisition is received.
- j. Staff have been researching installation of a spray park fully funded through donor funding. While funding resources are available for the spray park, Interior Health standards require washroom facilities no more than 60 meters from the park. The cost to install a washroom facility is more than \$30,000 and operating costs to have the facility open to the public, cleaned and locked after hours is prohibitive for the Village. The project will not be able to move forward at this time.
- k. MOTI met with the Village to discuss needs for the mill and overlay on Columbia Gardens Road and are hoping to move toward the tendering process for fall project completion.

Current Priorities

1. Financial year end reporting 2020.
2. Letter to Pine Avenue residents informing of road upgrades.
3. Subdivision of Phase 1 of the Former Middle School Development Project
4. Development Cost Charges and Bylaw
5. Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw
6. 2021 project list
7. Public Art Commissioning

CONCLUSION

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



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COUNCILLOR FITZPATRICK REPORT

Council Report for Council Meeting held on April 12, 2021

COMMITTEES:

Affordable Housing Committee (with Councillor Kniss) - No report

Personnel Committee (with Mayor Morissette and Councillor Kniss) - No report

PORTFOLIOS/LIAISONS:

Seniors' Engagement

Met with CAO Kelli and Heather Anderson about the roll out of the iPad program.

Spirit Events (with all Council) - No report

Special Events (with Councillor Kenny) - No report

Downtown Businesses (with Councillor Wenman) - No report

OTHER

CBT Community Initiative grant committee met and went thru the grant applications. This year there was more funding request than funds, the committee had to reduce the funding requests by \$94000.00. This was a difficult task. This committee does its homework, everyone came prepared.

**Respectfully submitted,
Councillor Vickie Fitzpatrick**



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MAYOR STEVE MORISSETTE REPORT

Report to Council for meeting dated April 12, 2021.

COMMITTEES

Personnel: Nothing to report.

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

Highway 3 Mayors Coalition: No meeting until Spring.

GENERAL UPDATE

- Attended weekly Zoom meetings with IHA regarding Vaccination roll-out, at these meetings IHA staff update us on logistics like upcoming age groups, the IHA medical health officer updates us on the medical side such as the # cases in IHA, where the outbreaks are and what type of vaccine they are providing. They give us plenty of time for our questions following their comments. At the latest meeting on April 8th he explained that the current variants in BC typically spread more easily but have not increased hospitalizations and deaths. Recently they have seen decreased infections in the elderly but increased infections in younger people.
- Attended a Zoom seminar on "The Secret Wisdom of Forests" on the international day of the forests Sunday March 21st. The speaker was Dr. Suzanne Simard from Nelson, she is a professor of forest ecology at UBC. She spoke of their years of research learning how trees communicate their needs to each other and support each other even between diverse species. She talked about the need for forestry to become more sustainable as the current model will not support our forests long term. Really interesting and thought provoking on how local Government can help. There is currently a big push for there to be more local control of our forests, not to stop forestry but to help it become more sustainable. Personally, I find this type of science very interesting but my goal in signing up was to learn more about forest sustainability as I'd like to be able to speak to it with some knowledge.
- I registered for a 3-month course through SFU entitled "Renewable Energy Transitions For Local Government" that was to start this week but unfortunately the course was cancelled last minute, I am looking for a similar course to take.
- On March 30th I attended another Zoom meeting entitled "Re-thinking Energy with Fortis BC". Fortis Gas is looking to the future and how they can become more sustainable with their gas business. The four priorities they have are 1 - Efficiency, 2 - Renewable gas, 3 - Zero to low carbon transportation and 4 - Global LNG.

- Met with the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce Erika Krest at her request on March 25th, discussed a wide range of topics including business attraction & retention, Chamber support, LCIC, tourism, active transportation and the "Green Link" from Rossland to Fruitvale she also brought up an Arts & Heritage study that was completed ten years ago that spoke to an opportunity for passenger rail excursions from Fruitvale, interesting idea.
- Attended REN Energy online community meeting in March where they presented their plans and answered questions from the public, they did two meetings which 70 people attended.
- April 8th Mayor & Board Chair Vaccine Meeting: Currently using Moderna & Pfizer Vaccines. The Johnson & Johnson single dose vaccine is expected in May. Currently vaccine for essential workers such as our water and waste water technicians is on hold Nationally as they prioritize the current numbers of vaccines. When the go ahead filters through National and Provincial Health offices to Health Authorities IHA will be in contact with Municipalities on how eligible staff is to schedule their vaccine.
- April 8th Meeting with Josie Osborne Minister of MAH, and Dr. Martin Lavoie Deputy PHO. Dr Lavoie gave a presentation and explained some key pieces around how the vaccines were developed quickly and safely, the key takeaway is that the federal government put significant resources into the development which allowed there to be more hands doing the research and work that needed to be done. Dr. Lavoie explained that regarding the lifting of restrictions there will be a number of factors that are considered such as the general uptake of vaccine, the decline of infections (which they are already seeing in the elderly who have been vaccinated) and any outbreaks in areas of the Province.

REGIONAL DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORT

BV Recreation:

- Still waiting for approval from Scouts Canada to enter a lease for a piece of land to build a bike park on, still hoping for this summer.
- Looking at developing an extension of the Webster Trail that would loop it back rather than returning on the same path.
- Plans for the Rail station are moving ahead, there is a public meeting planned for April 20th 6pm, you can register on the RDKB website if you wish to attend.

Policy and Personnel Committee:

- Updating bylaw enforcement policy

East End Services:

- Work is progressing on a new transit exchange in Trail to improve on the comfort and safety of passengers. Work is also being done on improving transit stops and adding shelters, stops in Fruitvale such as at the Redwood apartments where there isn't even a proper shoulder for passengers to wait.

RDKB Board of Directors:

- Our MP Richard Cannings presented at our last meeting.
- Budgets of the various services are being finalized.
- Management staff compensation was reviewed by an external consultant who compares the various positions to other similar size Regional Districts. The RDKB compensation policy requires that staff be paid within a range of 5% above or below the average. It was found that several positions were below the threshold and required an adjustment.

Respectfully submitted,
Mayor Steve Morissette



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COUNCILLOR KENNY REPORT

Councillor Report for Council Meeting held on April 12, 2021.

COMMITTEES:

West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital Board

- Attended meeting held March 25, 2021. The annual budget bylaw for 2021 - \$23,237,598, was adopted.

PORTFOLIOS/LIAISONS:

Public Safety – RCMP & Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure

- Attended "rail and grade crossing information session" with Kelli Tuttle, on March 25, 2021. Required regulatory changes must be in compliance by January 2028.

Spirit Events – nothing to report

Heritage, Culture, Arts & Literacy – nothing to report

BV May Days – nothing to report

Fruitvale Elementary School PAC

It was very upsetting to hear reports from the FES PAC Facebook page that there was vandalism on the school playgrounds over the 2021 spring break. PAC did an amazing job spreading the word into the community, and it was cleaned up.

Last I heard, the PAC bottle drive was over \$400. Great Job by PAC!

Special Events – nothing to report

Public Works – nothing to report

OTHER

Nothing more to report.

Respectfully submitted,
Councilor Lindsay Kenny