



FRUITVALE & AREA A NEWS



June 2022



Beaver Valley Youth Action Network & Fruitvale Elementary Grade 7 Students Volunteer Senior Shoveling

Local youth picked up the shovels and helped out 6 seniors during the winter months.

Thanks to Principal Mike Page, Grade 7 Teachers Danielle Morissette and Maureen Postnikoff

All shovels were donated by United Way Funding and Columbia Basin Trust.

Any youth interested in BV YAN please email beavervalleyyan@gmail.com

Did you know...

Water conservation has become an essential practice in every part of the world, even in regions where water appears to be enough. It is the most practical and environmental friendly approach to lessen our need for water. Likewise, using less water puts less weight on our sewage treatment facilities.

You can be part of the solution by:

- 1. Following the Outdoor Water Conservation Strategy**
- 2. Contacting Abbe Teasdale, WaterSmart Ambassador to schedule your sprinkler system assessment, order your indoor water conservation toolkit or any other WaterSmart and related landscaping enquiries by calling 250-231-5384 or email watersmart@rdkb.com**

Community Garden

The Village of Fruitvale still has a few garden plots available at the Harvest Central Community Garden.

Application forms can be picked up at the Village Office or found under 'News' on the Village of Fruitvale website,

www.village.fruitvale.bc.ca.

Completed forms can be dropped off at the Village Office.



VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE UPDATE

The Village of Fruitvale through Rural Dividend Grant funding, has completed an Economic Development Work Plan for the Village.

Residents are encouraged to view the plan. Copies are made available at the Village of Fruitvale Office or requested via email.

Feedback is welcome, and comments can be submitted to info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca

SPRING / SUMMER 2022

ALI'S UPDATE

Director, Electoral Area 'A'



Why do I love politics?

THAT'S A QUESTION THAT MANY PEOPLE HAVE ASKED ME. HERE'S WHY:

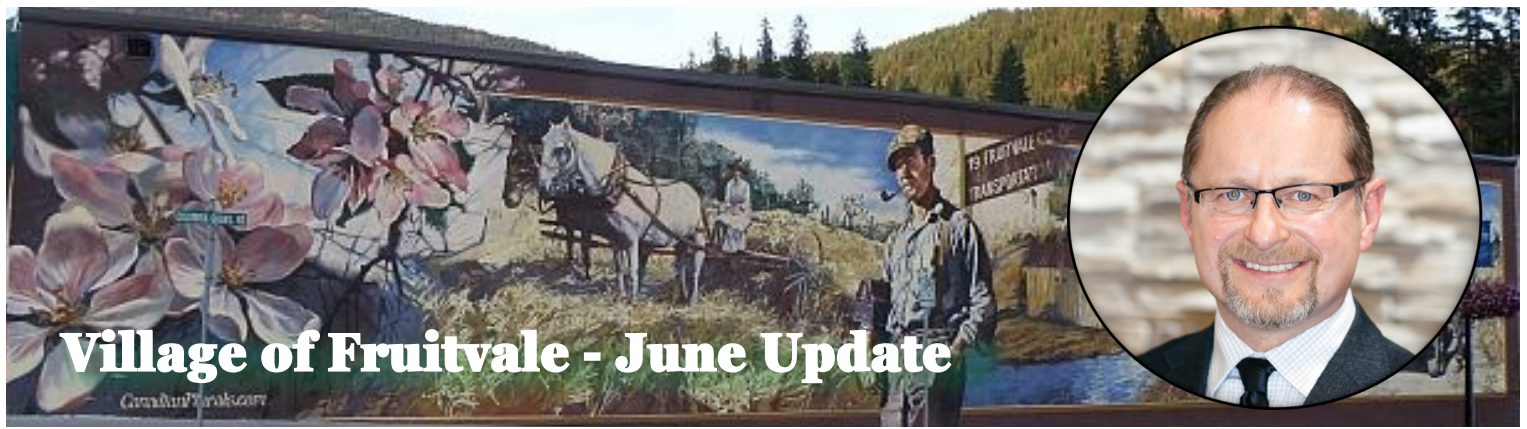
Representing Area A at the Regional District Board table has been, and continues to be, a very positive and rewarding experience for me. It isn't always easy, yet the responsibility is something I fully embrace. At times, I am incredibly busy; other times, I have the privilege of enjoying West Kootenay life. I want to stress that if you decide to put your name forward for an elected position this October—know that you are never really “off duty.”

In the work I do, I am very intentional about not living in the past, while keeping the past as a reference for lessons learned. I focus on the future, poised to respond to new opportunities. I stay engaged with social media in order to stay informed, while avoiding the negative. I also stay linked to mainstream news networks, as I believe it is a politician's responsibility to keep up with local and world events. We are all connected, right?

When I was first elected as the Area A Director, I only knew a little about our community's needs and serving as a Director with the RDKB. I now help oversee a \$90 million dollar budget with over 70 unique services. Knowing what services we participate in and how they benefit our communities is incredibly gratifying. Further, understanding the connections between rural areas, municipalities, and the province is both interesting and fascinating.

If you believe you can make a difference, consider running for political office. As an elected representative, there are many opportunities to meet other people committed to positive change. New relationships build networks where collaboration is possible. If you are elected, always be open and transparent. Agree to disagree and then move on. Be open to new ideas and listen well. Challenge the status quo with grace and style. Be courageous. Most importantly, listen to your constituents. I take great pride in trying to uphold those principles in my role. I remain committed and enthusiastic, and continue to do my utmost to represent Area A needs and goals.

Find out more about the RDKB at <https://rdkb.com/> or attend one of our Board meetings.



Mayor Steve Morissette

June is an awesome month, longest and brightest days of the year, and after much work in preparation and care the planted seeds are growing quickly. Fruitvale is in its' June as well, after much work by council and staff over the past 3-1/2 years the seeds we planted are growing. We started by engaging a planning consultant to help us build a Masterplan for our vacant Middle School property. Our partnership with the Lower Columbia Housing Society and the work we've done with the Provincial Government has resulted in government funding to support a 31 unit affordable and accessible housing project, we will see ground broken in front of the Middle School next year. Council and staff have also worked hard to put together a successful application for Provincial Government funding of a standalone 37 unit childcare building that will be owned by Fruitvale and leased to a daycare provider, the building will be located on Columbia Gardens Road in front of the Middle School. There will also be two or three multiple housing lots on Columbia Gardens Road for duplex, triplex, or four plex, to round out the first phase of the Middle School grounds development. These ideas became real funded projects through relentless hard work, building relationships and partnerships, lobbying of Provincial MLA's and Ministers by Mayor & Council, and hard work on applications and grants by our staff. We have completed a couple of nice amenities for the Village this past year, The Harvest Hut and community garden alongside Beaver Creek, and the complete rebuild of the former Bavarian garden roof in Fruitvale Park into the new Ryder Pavilion supported by a \$50,000 donation by the Ryder family. We also purchased the piece of land between our RV park and the liquor store building alongside Beaver Creek with the support of Columbia Basin Trust. We look forward to designing a nice park there with a gazebo that can be used for outdoor weddings and other celebrations with direct access to the Fruitvale Memorial Hall. Fruitvale also looks forward to redesigning Creekside Park to remove the fence and crumbling retaining wall, building some beach access to the creek and making it a more natural safe overflow for the creek during the spring freshet. We are moving forward with building an active transportation plan and tying it in with the "Green Link" which will be a commuter/recreational trail between Red Mountain and Fruitvale. We are nearly finished our economic development and rebranding plan, watch for a public meeting soon to go over the plan. We are extremely happy and thankful that IncrEDIBLE Markets has partnered with us and an amazing group of volunteers to bring Fruitvale regular bi-weekly Markets to Pole yard lane on Tuesdays throughout the summer. Through a great partnership with Area A Director Ali Grieve and financial support from Area A this year we are building a bocce quart adjacent to the RV Park on the newly purchased land behind the Hall. In partnership with BV Recreation we have also completed a bicycle pump park below Mazzochi park, and we are looking forward to the start of construction of the Replica Train Station in Railway park that will be used for train rides, as a smaller meeting space, and a mini museum to tell the history of the Beaver Valley from our indigenous roots until the present. Additionally in Railway Park BV Rec will be moving in the historic Park School so it is more accessible for people to visit and our K-7 school to use for history lessons. Friendly partnerships with our neighbour's benefit everyone. Council has been doing its' best to build some excitement and vibe to our town to both support existing business and attract more small business to our core. Downtown Fruitvale has remained virtually unchanged over my lifetime, I know we have an untapped potential and it's our job to unlock that potential for the benefit of all Valley residents.

Mayor Morissette

<u>RDKB UPCOMING MEETINGS</u>		
Board of Directors Wednesday, June 8 @ 1:00pm Zoom Video Conference	Electoral Area Services Committee Thursday, June 16 @ 10:00am Zoom Video Conference	East End Services Committee Monday, June 6 @ 10:30am RDKB Trail Office Boardroom
Utilities Committee Wednesday, June 8 @ 11:00am Zoom Video Conference	BV Regional Parks & Trails Committee Monday, June 6 @ 9:00am RDKB Trail Office Boardroom	Board of Directors Wednesday, June 29 @ 1:00pm RDKB Trail Office Boardroom

<u>VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE UPCOMING MEETINGS</u>	
Meetings are held in person at the Fruitvale Memorial Center and via Zoom Video Conference at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3353726693 Meeting ID: 335 372 6693. Meetings begin at 4:00pm	
Regular Council - June 6, 2022	Committee of the Whole - June 20
<i>For public works emergencies call 250-367-6162</i>	

REMINDER!!

TO APPLY FOR HOME OWNER GRANT & PROPERTY TAX DEFERMENT

Eligible residential property owners can **now** claim their 2022 homeowner grant with the Province, as soon as **you receive your property tax notice**. Remember - B.C. municipalities **no longer** accept applications.

Homeowner grant:

1. Apply online at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/property-taxes/annual-property-tax/home-owner-grant/apply>
2. Apply 24/7 using a voice recognition self-serve application: Toll-free at 1-888-355-2700
3. Apply by phone & speak with an agent, call toll-free at 1-888-355-2700, Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, excluding statutory holidays.

You will need your Social Insurance Number and tax notice

Property tax deferment: Apply online at

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/property-taxes/annual-property-tax/defer-taxes>

Call 1-888-355-2700 if you **must** have a paper application; Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, excluding statutory holidays. A paper-based application can take longer to receive and re-view – you may risk late payment penalties if you not eligible.

Applying online is quick and secure.

2022 PROPERTY TAXES

The 2022 property tax notices have been mailed and are due Monday July 4, 2022 to avoid a 10% penalty. If you do not receive your tax notice by June 10, please contact the Village Office, 250-367-7551.

HOW TO PAY YOUR ANNUAL PROPERTY TAXES :

- **Cheque, money order, bank draft:**

Attach your cheque to the bottom portion of your tax notice & place in our mail slot to the lower left of the front door or mail it through Canada Post.

- **Online banking:**

This is available with the Credit Union, Scotiabank, CIBC and BMO ONLY. Find us under "Fruitvale, Village – Property Tax. Depending on the requirements of your financial institution, use at least the last 6 digits of your folio number without the 521 and the decimal point. For example Folio No. 521 00123.456 would be 123456. If more digits are required, use more zeros. For example Folio No. 521 00123.456 would be 00000123456.

- **E-Transfer:**

Send your payment to finance@village.fruitvale.bc.ca We are set up for auto deposit, so no password is required. However, you **must write your Folio number** in the message to ensure the payment is applied to the correct account.

- **Credit Cards are not accepted:**

Property Taxes are due Monday July 4, 2022

**Branch 44
General Member Meeting
June 15, 2022, 2PM BV Manor**

1pm. - Monday Bingo
10am.—Programs will restart

Please call Kris 250-367-9685

BEAVER VALLEY RECREATION June 2022

Gentle Yoga with Jodi Ihas—Thursdays, 7-8:15 pm. Fruitvale Hall, June 30 is the last day

Stay Safe Home Alone ages 9+ - Saturday, June 11, 9am—2pm, Fruitvale Memorial Hall, \$40

Zumba—Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:45-7:45pm, Montrose Hall, June 23 is last class

BV SUMMER PARKS PROGRAM is for children aged 6-11 and will run from July 4—August 12th (omit Aug.1) from 10am—3pm. Mondays & Wednesdays are at Haines Park in Fruitvale and Tuesdays & Thursdays are at Montrose Water Park. Cost is FREE for BV residents. Just drop in will be on a weekly basis through the instructors at the park. Come join Nicole Smith, Jacob Smith, Bree Fitzpatrick, Julia Macasso and Kalla Marino for a variety of fun filled activities and games, crafts, sports and special events.

BV Drama Camp with Melanie Chartres is for children aged 6-13 and will run from July 18-21 & July 25-28. Ages 6-9 is from 10:30-12:30 and ages 10-13 is from 12:30-2:30pm. Location will coincide with the parks program. Cost is FREE for BV residents. Do you like to be silly and put yourself out there? Looking for a confidence booster? Come explore drama with Melanie! Both age groups to take part in two hours of drama games, play reading and performance skills. Pre-registration is required y calling Kelly at 250-231-5172. Kids can be registered just for the Drama Camp or if your child is attending the BV Summer Parks Program, she will grab them from there.

Beaver Valley Recreation is on Facebook. Please like and follow our page to get up-to-date information on programs and events. Information is also at www.rdkb.com

To register for any of the above programs, please email Kelly at kwalker@rdkb.com or text/call the Beaver Valley Recreation Cell at 250-231-5172.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT
CONTACT INFORMATION**



VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE

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Fruitvale, BC V0G 1L0
Ph: 250-367-7551
Fax: 250-367-9267

Public Works &
After Hours Emergencies:
250-367-6162

General Email
info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca

Web
www.village.fruitvale.bc.ca

Facebook
Village of Fruitvale



**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF
KOOTENAY BOUNDARY**

202 - 843 Rossland Ave
Trail, BC V1R 4S8
Ph: 250-368-9148

General Email
RDKB email addresses are most often first initial, last name @rdkb.com
(For example Joe Smith would be jsmith@rdkb.com)

Area 'A' Director Ali Grieve
agrieve@rdkb.com

Web
www.rdkb.com

A Market for the Community – Let's Make It IncrEdible!

Tuesday, May 17th was Fruitvale's Farmers' Market first outdoor market on Pole Yard Lane. There were a variety of vendors selling baked goods, wine, plants, soaps, coffee, and sausages, as well as artisans and live music by Michael Gifford.

This is the first market under the IncrEdible Markets banner, and with help from the already well-established Trail IncrEdible Farmers' Market, Fruitvale hit the Farmers' Market scene in style.

The Volunteer Committee has been working hard on getting this event up and running since the beginning of the year and was delighted with the response from vendors, the Village itself, and the entire community.

The day went well with cool, dry weather, except for one quick shower, but that did not stop the residents of Fruitvale and the surrounding area from coming out and enjoying what the market had to offer.

What a great way to kick off the market season in the community known as the Heart of the Beaver Valley!

We are also delighted to acknowledge sponsorship from RDKB Area A, Ali Grieve to help the market get on its feet.








Our next market is on Tuesday, May 31, and we are looking to add new vendors. If you are interested, please get in touch through the email address below.

We would also love to add to our list of volunteers. If anyone would like to get involved to help out the hardworking committee, please get in touch via fruitvalesfarmersmarket@gmail.com.



OUTDOOR WATER CONSERVATION

Beaver Valley Water Service

WATER ACTIVITY	STAGE 1 Normal	STAGE 2 Dry	STAGE 3 Very Dry	STAGE 4 Extremely Dry
 Sprinkler or Irrigation (Lawn, trees, shrubs, flower gardens)	EVEN numbered addresses Tue Thu Sat ODD numbered addresses Wed Fri Sun Permitted Hours: 4am to 9am & 7pm to 10pm No watering allowed on Mondays	EVEN numbered addresses Tue Thu Sat ODD numbered addresses Wed Fri Sun Permitted Hours: 4am to 6am & 8pm to 10pm No watering allowed on Mondays	EVEN numbered addresses Tue Thu ODD numbered addresses Wed Fri Permitted Hours: 4am to 6am & 8pm to 10pm No watering allowed Mon, Sat & Sun	Prohibited
 Micro Irrigation or Drip Irrigation System	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed 4am to 9am & 7pm to 10pm
 Watering with handheld container or hose with shut-off nozzle	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed 7pm to 7am	Prohibited
 Washing personal vehicles (does not apply to commercial car wash stations)	Allowed with shut-off nozzle	Allowed with shut-off nozzle	Allowed with shut-off nozzle	Prohibited
 Cleaning surfaces, sidewalks, driveways	Allowed with shut-off nozzle	Allowed with shut-off nozzle	Prohibited	Prohibited
 Filling fountains, hot tubs, pools	Allowed	Allowed	Prohibited	Prohibited
 Watering sod, new grass, plantings	Allowed with authorization from RDKB Environmental Services	Allowed with authorization from RDKB Environmental Services	Prohibited	Prohibited

Questions? Contact watersmart@rdkb.com





Train Station & Museum Project

FULL STEAM AHEAD (ALMOST!)

Poised and shovel-ready, we are presently working through the lease agreement with Burlington Northern Santa Fe. The project is ready to tender once the lease is finalized. This is taking much longer than anticipated with many necessary details to work through. In the meantime, if you are a business, individual or family who would like to sponsor a piece of this project, please contact mdaines@rdkb.com for more information about the process and options. We'd love for you to hop aboard the project and keep it rolling.



CONNECT WITH ME

I WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Do you have questions, suggestions, comments or concerns?

CONTACT ME AT:

Email: agrieve@rdkb.com

Phone: 250.368.7240

Join me for coffee:

- June 9 at 10 am in Montrose Hall
- Sept 8 at 6:30 pm in Fruitvale Council Chambers

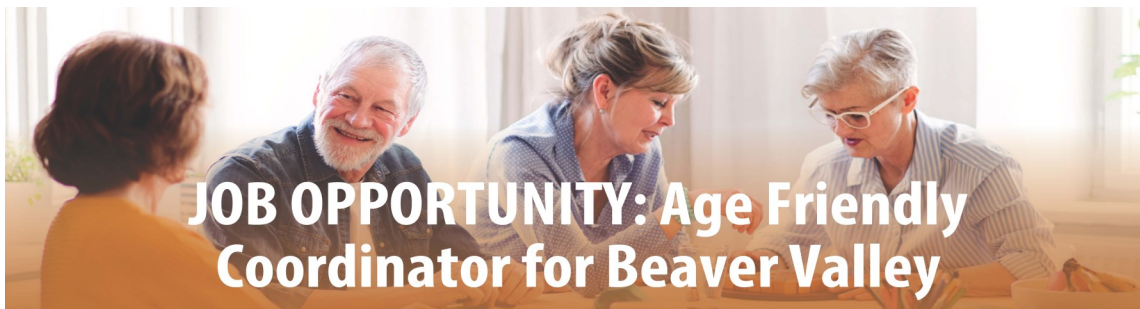


"Sun is
shining.
Weather is
sweet. Makes
you wanna
move your
dancing
feet."

BOB MARLEY



Have a sensational summer!



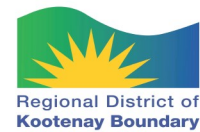
JOB OPPORTUNITY: Age Friendly Coordinator for Beaver Valley

Seeking an enthusiastic, energetic and self-motivated person to join the Beaver Valley Recreation team.

Reporting to the Manager of Facilities & Recreation, this is a part-time employee position. The role promotes and encourages the implementation of age friendly recreation opportunities, in order to create a supportive, welcoming and vibrant environment of older adults. The successful candidate will enjoy engaging with seniors and being part of the RDKB team. Applicants must possess a valid drivers license, 5 years experience delivering recreation programs, First Aid and Food safe certificates.

\$24.30/hr, typically 15 hours per week.

**A full job description can be found at [RDKB.com/Careers](https://rdkb.com/Careers).
Please submit your resume and cover letter to Mark Daines
at mdaines@rdkb.com by Monday June 6, 2022.**



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<http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/Bans.asp>

If you see smoke, flames or an open fire violation, call 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 on your cell phone immediately.



connect over
COFFEE
and find out what's brewing with Steve, Mike and Ali

COME SPILL THE BEANS!

We want to hear from you!

June 9 | 10 am
Montrose Hall

Sept 8 | 6:30 pm
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