



FRUITVALE & AREA A NEWS



MAY 2022

**Fireworks,
Softball, Great Food,
Vendors and More**

**Beer Gardens, Live Music,
Car Show, Face Painting,
Balloons and More!**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

Beaver Valley May Days

111th Anniversary

**May
27, 28 & 29**

**Fruitvale
Memorial Park**
(formerly Haines Park)
Fruitvale, BC

Join us as a Vendor or Sponsor, Volunteers Needed!

Contact us through Facebook or email bvmaydays@gmail.com

Stay tuned for more events and details and follow us on
Facebook at [Beaver Valley May Days!](#)



Regional District of
Kootenay Boundary

Electoral Area 'A' Director Ali Grieve

What Has the RDKB Accomplished on Your Behalf?

Here are some things Ali & the
RDKB have been working on...

The Highlights

Bylaws Amended



For the sale &
cultivation of
cannabis

Webster Road Trail



Fulfilling
recreation needs
in the Valley

Grand Opening



First Nations Arbor at
Beaver Creek Park/
New emergency
Voyent alert system

Community Input/Bylaws



Annual Town Hall
Meetings

Hired Bylaw Officer
& updated bylaws

Recreation



New playground &
fire pit at BV Family
Park/ Arena
improvements

Engagement & Campaigns



Housing needs assessment &
Shop local campaign
Engagement For proposed
Renewable Natural Gas
(RNG) Facility in Area A

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To connect you with
RD activities &
surveys

Partnerships



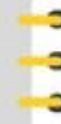
With RDCK - extending life of landfills

Projects



Beaver Siding Train
Station-Museum
Project/Funded
Community Harvest
Garden

Improvements



"The Spirit of
Family" sculpture
at Memorial Hall/
Ongoing bus shelter
improvements

Strategy



Working on Active
Transportation
Corridors
& an Agriculture
Strategy

Recreation



Picnic table &
benches,
bike pump park/
& funding for "Snow
Good Day"

What Has the RDKB Accomplished on Your Behalf?

Another four years have flown by! I continue to be honoured to represent Area A residents as a Director with the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary. There are 12 other Directors on the RDKB Board, and together we represent 13 different communities; each municipality and regional district with its own unique needs. The initiatives and projects, supported by the Regional District are how elected Directors endeavour to best invest tax dollars into communities. Those investments help enrich the quality of life in the Beaver Valley, making it a sought after place for live, work and play. Here are two new updates from the RDKB that impact Beaver Valley.

Improved Connectivity

Columbia Basin Trust secured \$4.9M to expand its regional fibre optic network between Fruitvale and Nelson. The upcoming project will see 70 km of backbone fibre optic cable installed, benefiting the communities of Park Siding, as well as Erie, Hall Siding, Meadows, Montrose, Porto Rico, Salmo and Ymir. The goal is to expand connectivity to rural residents. Once completed, internet service providers can connect to the network to provide services to homes. The project is slated to be completed by March 2024. Additional funding came from the federal Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC Broadband Fund), the Government of BC (Connecting BC program) and the Regional District of Central Kootenay.

Budget Update

The budget discussions become more difficult every year as we all try very hard to balance service needs with modest tax increases. Property values within the RDKB rose 40% in some areas, though Area A average assessments increased only by about 10%. Despite the variation, it is actually good news for Area A. The actual tax requisition for us, has decreased from \$2,968,303 in 2021 to \$2,815,505 in 2022; a 5.15% reduction in how much revenue the RDKB will request from Area A, for the services that we participate in. The contribution was lowered because the assessed values of Area A homes was lower than in other areas. The Province sets the tax rates, therefore, all assessed properties will be impacted differently, and predictions cannot be made. Please know that all the Directors at the RDKB Board table work very hard to keep these numbers optimal for the residents they represent.



Mayor Steve Morissette

I write this note for the May newsletter from Vancouver; as many of you know our family is working our way through a serious family tragedy. We really appreciate all the love and support we have received from back home and are looking forward to getting back. It is so great to live in a caring, supportive community such as Fruitvale.

A big shout out is due to the volunteers on the BV May Days Committee for being able to pull it together last minute to organize the Beaver Valley May Days 2022! Volunteers are so critical to the quality of life in our town. I don't know that everyone appreciates the amount of time and energy it takes to put on a large event such as this. Please, if you can, reach out to the May Days Committee and volunteer to help, even if you can only give two hours, it is two hours less work for the Committee. Help set up barriers, snow fence, or show up Sunday afternoon to help take the event down, whatever you can do, there are many jobs that don't take any special skill. The rewards of volunteering far outweigh the few hours you will spend helping.

I hope to see everyone at the 111th May Days celebration; have a great month.



COFFEE MEETING: Join Mayor Steve, Mayor Mike and Area 'A' Director Ali for an information visit at 10:00 am on Thursday, May 5 in the Village of Fruitvale Council Chambers and at 10:00 am on Thursday, June 9 in the Village of Montrose Council Chambers. Hope to see you then.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONTACT INFORMATION



VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE

1947 Beaver Street
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

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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

RDKB UPCOMING MEETINGS

Board of Directors

Wednesday, May 11 @ 1:00pm
Zoom Video Conference

Utilities Committee

Wednesday, May 11 @ 11:00am
Zoom Video Conference

Electoral Area Services Committee

Thursday, May 12 @ 10:00am
Zoom Video Conference

BV Regional Parks & Trails Committee

Tuesday, May 17 @ 9:00am
RDKB Trail Office Boardroom

East End Services Committee

Tuesday, May 17 @ 10:30am
RDKB Trail Office Boardroom

Board of Directors

Wednesday, May 25 @ 1:00pm
RDKB Trail Office Boardroom

VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE UPCOMING MEETINGS

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 - May 9

Committee of the Whole - May 30

***The Village Office and Public Works Department will be
closed on Monday, May 23, 2022 for the Victoria Day statutory holiday.
For public works emergencies call 250-367-6162***

2022 VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE PROPERTY TAXES

The 2022 property tax notices will be mailed to home owners in late May and
are due Monday July 4, 2022 to avoid a 10% penalty. If you do not receive your
tax notice by June 9, please contact the Village Office, 250-367-7551.

To apply for your Home Owner Grant

When you receive your tax notice, please visit the provincial website at
www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant to apply online or call toll free to 1-888-
355-2700 to speak with an agent.

HOW TO PAY YOUR ANNUAL PROPERTY TAXES:

• Cheque, money order, bank draft:

Attach your cheque to the bottom tear-off portion of your tax notice and
place in our mail slot to the lower left of the front door or mail it through
Canada Post. We happily accept post-dated cheques.

• 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 messages to ensure the payment is applied to the
correct account.

Property Taxes are due Monday July 4, 2022.

Be sure to apply for your home owner grant, if applicable, at www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant or phone 1-888-355-2700 **before** July 4, 2022 to avoid a
10% penalty on your unapplied for home owner grant.

Harvest Central Community Garden - Garden Plots



The Village of Fruitvale has a few more garden plots at the Harvest Central Community Garden available for the 2022 growing season.

Priority is given to residents who do not have space for a 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.



Residents Living Along Beaver, Fruitvale and Kelly Creeks

Residents along the above creeks are reminded to keep all grass clippings, tree clippings and other debris out of the creeks to help mitigate flooding potential. Also if you notice debris on the creek banks pick it up. Let's keep our creeks clean and beautiful.

Burning and Wood Waste Policy 3.06/Fire Safety and Prevention Bylaw 749, 2006

No Open Burning



The Village Office **continues** to receive complaints about the smell and the smoke coming from illegal open burning fires and wood stove/fireplace fires.

Residents are reminded that there is **no open burning** allowed in the Village of Fruitvale and burning any materials other than seasoned firewood (ie: plastic and plastic bags, household garbage, recyclable material, etc.) **is not allowed**.

The only permissible outdoor fires are **small** back-yard campfires (0.5 m X 0.5m in size) burning **seasoned firewood** only and the flames must be kept low.

All paper, cardboard and other recyclable products must be recycled appropriately.

Temporary Vehicle Shelters

Residents with temporary vehicle shelters in their front yard are reminded that these portable garages must be removed ASAP.

As per Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 863, the date for removing these temporary vehicle shelters was April 15.

May is Invasive Species Action Month!

Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society encourages locals to take action and learn how to identify new plants on their invasive plant priority list.

[White Spanish broom \(Cytisus multiflorus\)](#) and [Italian arum \(Arum italicum\)](#) are two new species that the Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society (CKISS) have recently added to their [invasive plant priority list](#).



White Spanish broom is a shrub that can grow up to 3 meters tall and create dense thickets that blocks the movement of animals and creates fire hazards. The plant can be difficult to control due to its long lasting seed bank. This characteristic is similar to Scotch broom, an invasive plant that has taken hold and caused problems in some parts of the West Kootenay region. Both types of broom displace native plants, shade out conifer seedlings and can negatively alter soil fertility.

Italian arum is an attractive perennial that was originally used as an ornamental ground cover. It is very difficult to control and has the ability to spread rapidly and escape backyard gardens causing negative ecological impacts in forests and wetlands. In addition all parts of the plant are toxic if ingested!



If you see these two plants CKISS wants you to report your findings by filling in their reporting form found here: <https://ckiss.ca/action/reporting/> or by calling 1-844-352-1160 or emailing info@ckiss.ca

VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE GARBAGE & RECYCLING DATES

MAY 2022

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

LEGEND

- South Side Garbage
- North Side Garbage
- South Side Recycling
- North Side Recycling

Please keep household garbage and recycling in a secure location until the morning of garbage day and recycling day.

DID YOU KNOW...

How your property taxes are levied and what portion of your taxes stays in the Village of Fruitvale?

It is important to note that the Village of Fruitvale Council controls the **GENERAL MUNICIPAL TAX LEVY** and **SEWER PARCEL TAX only**. There are other tax levies included on the property tax notice. The Village of Fruitvale acts as a collector on behalf of other governments and agencies that are authorized to collect revenue through property taxes and then forward those amounts accordingly.

The taxable value (assessment) of your property will determine how much tax you pay. Each year in January you receive a notice of assessment from the BC Assessment Authority advising you of the taxable value of your property. The property tax rate is applied to the taxable value to determine the amount of taxes charged against your property.

School – This tax is set by the Provincial Government to support public education funding.

Police Tax – This tax is set by the Provincial Government to fund police protection services.

General Municipal – This tax is levied and controlled by the Village of Fruitvale. This tax supports numerous services the Village provides; for example, streets, roads, sidewalks, street lighting, snow plowing and clearing, parks and playgrounds, all community facilities, building inspection, animal control, land use planning, social planning and programs, etc.

RDKB – This amount is set by the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary. Taxes are collected in support of regional services such as fire protection, cemetery services, recreation and trails, library, transit, regional planning, economic development, landfill, and recycling.

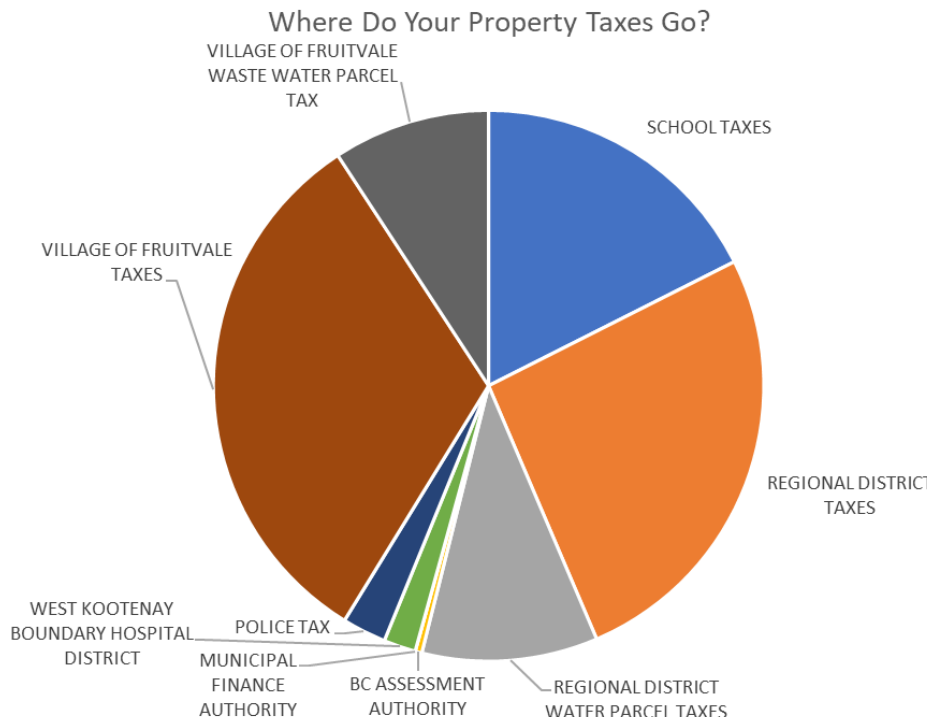
Regional Hospital – This amount is set by the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District. Taxes are collected in support of capital health projects in our local health region.

BCAA – This tax is set by the BC Assessment Authority. Taxes are collected to support the services of BCAA which independently establishes the taxable value of all properties in the Province of BC on an annual basis.

MFA – This tax is set by the Municipal Finance Authority. Taxes are collected to support the Municipal Finance Authority which is responsible for capital debenture debt issuing on behalf of all BC municipalities.

Water Parcel Tax – This rate is set by the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary on behalf of the Beaver Valley Water Service and is collected for capital works and upgrades to the water system.

Wastewater (Sewer) Parcel Tax – This rate is set by the Village of Fruitvale Council for capital works and upgrades for the Fruitvale wastewater (sewer) system.



On a home with an assessed value of \$400,000, the breakdown of taxes levied are:

Fruitvale General Municipal	\$1,275.40
RDKB	\$1,010.80
Regional Hospital	\$73.36
School	\$874.92
Police	\$137.12
BC Assessment Authority	\$13.96
Municipal Finance Authority	\$0.08
RDKB Water Parcel Tax	\$450.00
Fruitvale Wastewater (sewer) Parcel Tax	\$400.00
Total Taxation	\$4,235.64

Beaver Valley Recreation Programs

Body Weight, Bands & Balls – Fridays, Noon - 1:00pm, Fruitvale Hall, last day is May 20

Gentle Yoga with Wendy Robertson – Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:15pm, Fruitvale Hall, last day is May 31

Gentle Yoga with Jodi Ihas – Thursdays, 7:00 - 8:15pm, Fruitvale Hall

A.C.T. (Aerobics Chair Tone) Fitness – Tue & Thurs, 9:45-10:45am, Fruitvale Hall, last day is May 31 (no class May 10 & 12)

Kids Soccer ages 3 & 4 – Mon & Wed, June 1 - 27, 4-4:30pm, Ella Matteucci Field, \$40

Timbits Softball ages 4 & 5 – Tues & Thurs, May 31– June 23, 4:00-4:30pm, Ella Matteucci Field, \$40

Babysitting Course ages 11+ – Saturday, May 7, 9:00am - 5:00pm, Fruitvale Hall, \$65

Stay Safe Home Alone ages 9+ – Saturday, June 11, 9:00am - 2:00pm, Fruitvale Hall, \$40

Astrology Birth Chart Workshop – Wednesday, May 11, 6:00 - 9:00pm, Montrose Hall, \$60, must register before May 6

Zumba – Tues & Thurs, April 21 – June 23 (no class May 5 & 12), 6:45-7:45pm, Montrose Hall

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.

BV Youth Action Network (BVYAN)

The BVYAN is hosting an evening of bowling at Beaver Valley Lanes on Friday, May 6 from 7:00-9:00pm. Bowling, drinks and snacks are provided free of charge. **Registration**, by email to Tammy at beavervalleyyan@gmail.com no later than Wednesday, May 4, 2022, **is a must**.

Beaver Valley Citizen of the Year

The Beaver Valley Citizen of the Year award will be presented to this year's recipient on Friday, May 27 at the Beaver Valley Curling Rink at 7:00pm. All past recipients are encouraged to attend.

Beaver Valley May Days Seniors' Tea

The annual Beaver Valley May Days Seniors' Tea will be held on Friday, May 27 at the Beaver Valley Manor, hosted by the BV Friends of the Library.

Beaver Valley Public Library Seniors Craft Bags

If you would like to receive a free Senior Craft Bag twice a month in the winter and once a month in the summer, Call the Library R 250-367-714 if you would like to register.

Beaver Valley Dynamic Aging Society

BVDAS is holding their Annual General Meeting on Thursday May 19 at 6:30pm at the BV Curling Rink. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Senior Citizens Branch 44 Events

BV Senior Citizens Branch #44 have resumed seniors' activities.

Bingo - Mondays at 1:00pm

Cards - Thursdays at 1:00pm

Lunch and Activity Program - Wednesdays 10:00am to 2:00pm. Please call Brenda at 250-367-3839 or Kris at 250-367-9685 to reserve a spot.

Members' Meeting - Cancelled

All activities are in the Recreation Room at the Beaver Valley Manor. Triple vaccination and wearing masks required.

Seniors' Crib & Whist Card Party

Interested in playing cards? Come to the Montrose Hall on the second and fourth Monday of the month, May 9 and 23, and join other like-minded seniors playing crib and whist. Doors open at 6:30pm, play starts at 7:00pm. Cost is \$2.00. There are cash prizes and refreshments. For more info call Linda at 250-367-7126.




COFFEE MEETING

BEAVER VALLEY AGE FRIENDLY PROGRAM

Wednesday, May 18, 10AM
Fruitvale Village Hall

Seniors! Let's talk about the status of our AF Program over refreshments

RSVP by May 13: Kelly Walker, kwalker@rdkb.com, 250-231-5172





THE GYM HAS REOPENED!

- Must have photo id when registering. Proof of COVID vaccination is not required.
- Register at the Village of Fruitvale Office, 1947 Beaver Street during regular office hours.
- Users must sanitize before entering the facility.
- Gym ventilation system has been upgraded. **No oscillating fans allowed.**
- Practice social distancing at all times.
- Users must clean all equipment after use with supplied wipes, (ensure all handles, seats, rollers, tracks and all touch points are sanitized).
- Questions - call the Village of Fruitvale Office, 250-367-7551.

This is YOUR gym - janitorial duties are the users' responsibility. Please do your part to keep it clean and tidy. Only the main washroom (men and ladies) will be cleaned on a weekly basis by the Village of Fruitvale. The rear washroom is the users' responsibility to keep clean.

MONTHLY USER FEES:

Security Access Card - \$25.00
Seniors' Monthly Fee - \$15.00
Non-Seniors Monthly Fee - \$30.00
Replacement Access Card - \$25.00

GYM HOURS

Seniors aged 50+
5:00 am to 10:00 pm

Non-Seniors aged 20-49
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Climate Action Plan

Regional District of Kootenay Boundary



The RDKB is currently developing its Climate Action Plan and we want your input.

Residents and businesses in the RDKB are already experiencing significant impacts due to climate change, such as record-setting wildfires, flooding, extreme heat waves, drought, and storm events. We have an opportunity as a community to reduce our contribution to the emissions that are causing these changes in weather and become more resilient.

Our climate action plan will look at how we can conserve energy, how we can mitigate, adapt and prepare for climate change.

If you live or have a business in the RDKB community (electoral areas), **we want your feedback** to ensure the Plan reflects our community's needs and to assist the RDKB set priorities and make decisions.

Take the survey (posted in early May 2022) and also ask a question or leave a comment.

<https://jointheconversation.rdkb.com/climate-action-plan> You can make a difference.

202 – 843 Rossland Ave, Trail, BC V1R 4S8 | T: 250.368.9148 | T/F: 1.800.355.7352 | rdkb.com

Enforcement Bylaw in effect across the RDKB

The bylaw enforcement officer can issue tickets, fines; and the public can **request adjudication**. Those who wish to dispute a ticket can do so **outside of the courts** and avoid the need for lawyers and witnesses to resolve bylaw contravention disputes. An independent adjudicator is appointed who can render an impartial decision about whether or not the offence occurred.



To file a complaint, visit:

rdkb.com/Public-Safety/-Bylaw-Enforcement

Thank you YRB!

Area A recognizes your good work over this past winter, and for the early and welcome street sweeping!



		No. 0151			
Regional District of Kootenay Boundary		BYLAW OFFENCE NOTICE		Regional District of Kootenay Boundary	
ISSUED TO:		BIRTHDATE			
SURNAME OR BUSINESS NAME		YY MM DD			