

FRUITVALE & AREA A NEWS

November 2021



CANDY CANE LANE

Saturday December 4, 2021

Outdoor Christmas Market

Family Movie in the Park

Candy Shop

And of course, Santa!

FOOD - REFRESHMENTS - FUN

Mark your calendar for a day of fun for the whole family!

This event raises funds for community improvement projects. Donations are accepted.

If you are able to volunteer for Candy Cane Lane, please leave your name and contact information with the Village Office, info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca or 250-367-7551.



Winter Preparations

In preparation for the upcoming snow removal season, the Public Works Department asks residents to remove all recreational vehicles, basketball hoops, construction material, solar lights, flower planters, and such from boulevards. Boulevards must be cleared of such items by November 1, 2021.

Residents with fences bordering Village streets are reminded to ensure their fences are strong enough to withstand loads from snow plowed and pushed back to widen streets. Public Works takes extreme care when pushing back snow, but damage is possible. The Village of Fruitvale is not responsible for damage to fences or other objects that may occur during the course of performing regular duties.

Boulevard Parking During Snow Removal

Residents are reminded that during the winter months snow is plowed onto the Village boulevard. Residents are required to find off-street parking during the winter months. Anyone parked on the boulevard may be blocked.


Snow removed to create a boulevard parking space must be stored on private property and not placed back on the street. Anyone found creating a snow berm at the curb to make a "parking space" on the boulevard will be asked to remove it.

Safety and liability issues arise whenever a road is blocked by residents piling snow in travel lanes. The Village cannot condone the transport or plowing of snow by non-contracted private parties from properties along the Village streets due to liability issues. The Village therefore kindly requests the full cooperation and collaboration of all its residents during snowfall.

Columbia Gardens Road Crosswalk and Line Painting

Residents are advised that the crosswalks and line painting on the newly paved Columbia Gardens Road will not be done until spring due to weather conditions. Drivers are asked to be aware of the crosswalk signs, watch for pedestrians crossing the street and take extra care when using Columbia Gardens Road. Pedestrians are asked to be aware of vehicles and to cross the road when it is safe to do so.

Area A - November Update


Regional District of
Kootenay Boundary

Electoral Area 'A' Director Ali Grieve, RDKB

Update on the Beaver Valley Train Station/Museum in Fruitvale's pole yard—still chugging along!

The design work is almost complete and should wrap up by the end of December, thanks to Scott Weatherford of Atco Wood Products! We are still working with Burlington Northern on finalizing a lease agreement for the property. The agreement will permit the construction of the train station, the relocation of the Park Schoolhouse to the property, and the construction of a replica water tower on site (some time in the future). Beaver Valley Recreation, in partnership with Atco Wood Products, is still on track to support the construction in 2022. We hope you are as excited as we are! If anyone wishes to donate to this project, please contact RDKB Manager of Facilities & Recreation, Mark Daines at mdaines@rdkb.com.

Local budget planning

At this time of year, elected leaders begin the budgeting process at the Regional District Board table. This is one of the most important roles for each of the Directors who serve on the Board, as we each fulfill our legal responsibility to review, understand, analyze, amend and approve 70 different service budgets. Elected representatives at the municipal and regional levels are diligent in ensuring that spending reflects what taxpayers need and want for high quality living! When should we borrow? What tax increase is appropriate, if any? When should we tap into reserves?

Each RDKB department creates a work plan and budget, requesting financial support. It is a long and detailed process. Our final budgets are required to reflect five-year planning, AND many services also work towards long term planning for up to 25 years. So, how does it work? Here are the basics:

- Consider the “big ticket” items as they have significant impacts on forecasting.
- Develop and amend policies that guide the process.
- Review and understand the context of the numbers; are there big swings in any area and is there data to support the changes?
- Align the budget with Board priorities as determined with our strategic plans and goals.
- Be realistic about what taxpayers will be asked to pay for.
- Ensure that there are healthy reserves: where do we need them?
- Ensure controls are in place for authority to adjust budget/expenses; accountability.
- Include long-term capital improvement plans.
- Intentionally search out savings and efficiencies.
- Utilize historical data for comparisons and benchmarks.
- Ensure RDKB staff take advantage of grant funding streams.

Budgeting is a major undertaking for staff and RDKB directors, and one of our key responsibilities. It is not taken lightly! Much effort goes into making tax dollars work for all, in the *best* way possible. Over the coming months, we will be working on a \$80 million budget, aiming to finalize spending targets in February, with approval slated for March. We will do our utmost to spend and invest tax dollars in ways that support our people and communities in the best ways possible. Thank you.

Let's We Forget

Village of Fruitvale - November Update



Mayor Steve Morissette

It's great to see the amount of asphalt resurfacing completed in and around Fruitvale this late summer/fall. The Ministry of Transportation is completing Highway 3B from Fruitvale to the Bombi Junction, Caughlin Road and Green Road on Fruitvale's perimeter and Columbia Gardens Road. The Village of Fruitvale was able to partner with the Ministry's program and have the section of Columbia Gardens Road within the Village resurfaced at significant savings from what the Municipality would pay on our own. Pine Avenue should be completed this fall too, if the weather holds, and will include an asphalt sidewalk like the one on Columbia Gardens Road to provide a safe walkway to the recreational amenities of the Curling Rink and Arena.

Planning continues on Phase One of the Middle School site with the Lower Columbia Affordable Housing 31-unit complex (17 - 1 bdrm, 8 - 2bdrm, and 6 - 3bdrm), and a renewed application for a 30+ space childcare centre. Water, sewer, and gas utilities have been stubbed out from under Columbia Gardens Road prior to paving.

On October 15th the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Josie Osborne, hosted a Zoom meeting for Regional District Board Chairs & Mayors of the Southern Interior. She requested that we come prepared to share what each of our municipality's issues and opportunities are in 2022. I laid out Council's holistic plan to support economic recovery, keep people healthy & active, build a vibrant downtown core, and support the development of affordable housing. I explained we are doing this by working with our partners in BV Recreation to add to our Webster Road Hiking trail, building a bike park in Lower Mazzochi Park, building an early 1900's era-correct Train Station along the railroad tracks downtown (with strong support from our friends at ATCO Wood Products and Columbia Basin Trust) and moving the historic Park Siding School into town adjacent to the train station so people can enjoy it and it can be used by the Elementary School as a teaching tool. Fruitvale is also working on the affordable housing project with the Lower Columbia Affordable Housing Society at the Middle School site as well as exploring further options for the second and third phases of that site. We were successful in receiving a \$25,000 grant to plan an active transportation network throughout Fruitvale and connect with the proposed South Columbia "Green Link" from Rossland thru Fruitvale to provide safe cycling, walking, and scooter travel throughout Fruitvale and to and from our neighbours. With the fantastic support of Columbia Basin Trust we were able to purchase the land between our RV Park and the veterinary clinic alongside the creek. In 2022 we want to plan the transformation of this land into a nice greenspace extension of Creekside Park with potentially a gazebo/stage where outdoor events such as music in the park, outdoor weddings or other celebrations can happen with the Fruitvale Memorial Centre and its kitchen close at hand. I also pointed out to Minister Osborne our two main issues are the cost of servicing our development on the Middle School Site, and the cost of demolition or repurposing the Middle School to housing and welcomed any support she could provide. We will be meeting again with Minister Osborne in early December.

We have lots of work ahead to complete this year and a full year in 2022. It will be exciting to see further activity downtown and on the middle school site next year.

It's unfortunate we cannot gather to honour our fallen this Remembrance Day, but I encourage you to take a few moments on November 11th at 11:00 am to remember the sacrifices made by our Beaver Valley residents to defend our freedom.

Be kind, be calm, and be safe.



DID YOU KNOW...

The Fruitvale Memorial Cemetery daily hours are 7:00 am to 9:00 pm.

Artificial flowers are permitted in the Fruitvale Memorial Cemetery from October 1 to May 1.

Fresh flowers are permitted in the Cemetery from May 1 to September 30.

After October 1st in each year, the installation of monuments will be subject to weather conditions. Once there is ground frost and a layer of snow on the ground, the cemetery will cease the installation of flat monuments.

Family members are permitted to enter the Cemetery to clear the area around a loved one's memorial marker if the grass has overgrown the edge of the marker.

More information on the Fruitvale Memorial Cemetery can be found in the Village of Fruitvale Cemetery Operation and Maintenance Bylaw No. 855, 2014 located on the Village's website at <https://fruitvale.compasscms.com/content/municipal-services-bylaws-policies-development-forms-and-maps> along with other Village of Fruitvale bylaws and policies.

Reminder to Village of Fruitvale Residents Only:

Garbage Collection is now

NOVEMBER

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	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				

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.
every two weeks.

VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE UPCOMING COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETINGS

Meetings are held at 4:00 pm via Zoom Video Conference at
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3353726693> Meeting ID: 335 372 6693
and in person at the Fruitvale Memorial Centre

Regular Council - November 8, 2021

Committee of the Whole - November 22, 2021

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY UPCOMING MEETINGS

All meetings are held via Zoom Video Conference

Utilities Committee

Wednesday, November 10
11:00 am

Board of Directors

Wednesday, November 10
1:00 pm

BV Regional Parks and Regional Trails Committee

Tuesday, November 16
9:00 am

East End Services Committee

Tuesday, November 16
10:30 am

Electoral Area Services

Thursday, November 18
10:30 am

Board of Directors

Wednesday, November 25
1:00 pm

Beaver Valley Youth Action Network

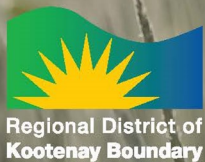
The 'Ski Red' program starts as soon as the snow flies and Red Mountain opens. If you are interested in the program and want more information or would like to register, please contact Tammy, BVYAN Coordinator at beavervalleyyan@gmail.com. Don't forget to follow BVYAN on Facebook at Beaver Valley Youth Action Network to keep up-to-date on upcoming events.

*To our soldiers, thank you.
We will not forget.*

On Remembrance Day,
we honour the
veterans who have
served our country
and those who lost
their lives defending us.

Director Ali Grieve,
Electoral Area A

Mayor Steve Morissette,
Village of Fruitvale



Remembrance Day Office Closure

The Village of Fruitvale Office and Public Works Department and the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Office will be closed on Thursday, November 11th in observance of the Remembrance Day statutory holiday.

For Village of Fruitvale and/or Beaver Valley Water System emergencies please call 250-367-6162.

Residents are encouraged to observe two minutes of silence, from 11:00 - 11:02 am, to honour our veterans and the sacrifices they made for us.

HONOUR ROLL

1914 - 1918

BERE, Robert
BREWSTER, Cyril
GILLEPSIE, David
HENLEY, Frank

1939 - 1945

FRASER, John
MATHEWS, Lawrence
McDONALD, Douglas
QUATTRIN, Americo
SMITH, Bruce
WHITE, Robert
WOODS, Fred

Beaver Valley Christmas Hamper Program and Gift Tags for Kids

The United Way BC – SI Trail Region is pleased to announce that the Beaver Valley Food Action Initiative (BVFAI) is once again preparing Christmas food hampers for 2021. All residents of the Beaver Valley (Montrose, RDKB Area "A" and Fruitvale) living on a low income are eligible for a Christmas Hamper. Applications will be available beginning November 3 at Liberty Foods, Fruitvale and Montrose Village Offices, Beaver Valley Food Bank and the United Way [Facebook Group](#). We welcome you to visit the new Facebook group and follow there for updates on what the United Way BC – SI Trail Region is doing. **The deadline to return a completed application form is December 3, 2021.**



2020 Hamper Donations

The Gift Tags for Kids will be at the Fruitvale Canada Post Office and Kootenay Savings Credit Union Fruitvale branch starting Wednesday, December 1, with the final day for gift drop-off on Friday, December 10, 2021.

If you have been an annual donor to the former "Fruitvale Community Chest" and wish to continue to support the Hamper Program and future BVFAI programs, please contact Naomi McKimmie (250-364-0999 or naomim@uwbc.ca) at the United Way office and she will be happy to assist you with ensuring your donation continues to stay local by adding your name to the BVFAI Campaign mailing list. You may also donate at donate.uwbc.ca (in the comment box of the donation form please write "Beaver Valley Food Action Initiative and or BV Christmas Hampers", this will let us know that you want your donation to stay in the Beaver Valley).

Thank you for your support and generosity for those less fortunate.

Beaver Valley X-Country Ski Club Annual General Meeting

Current and new members are invited to the Beaver Valley X-Country Ski Club's Annual General Meeting being held on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 7:00pm at the Beaver Valley Curling Club (enter through Main entrance). COVID protocol is in effect - Members must be double vaccinated, show ID, & proof of vaccination and wear a mask until seated.

Staying Active in the Beaver Valley



Photos submitted by Ronald Burnye with Selkirk Mountain Music Society



Photos submitted by Jaden Pearman who stays active hiking various logging roads in the area.

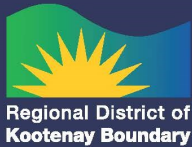


How do you stay active in the Beaver Valley? Send us your photos showing how you stay active in the Beaver Valley to showcase in our upcoming newsletters. Send your photos to info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca

**When life gives you
November, make picnics!**



**Check out the
new picnic
table at
Mazzochi Park...**



**Beaver Valley
Recreation**



The COVID-19 pandemic is a challenge for all of us, including local businesses. That means **where you shop makes a difference!**

As we gradually return to some of our normal activities while following regional health orders, please remember to support our local merchants, suppliers and services.

Let's all support the businesses that support us!



Kootenay Boundary Regional Fire Rescue Station 376 Fruitvale Paid On-Call Firefighters Needed

Are you interested in firefighting and serving your community? Kootenay Boundary Regional Fire Rescue Station 376 - Fruitvale needs firefighters. Application forms can be picked up at KBRFR Headquarters located at #201-843 Rossland Avenue, Trail BC.

Applicants must be 19 years or older and possess a valid driver's license.

Applications must include a driver's abstract and criminal record check. Criminal record checks will be returned and all information will be kept confidential.

If you have any questions please contact Regional Fire Chief Dan Derby at 250-364-1737 Monday to Friday, between 8:00am - 4:00pm.

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

House Numbers and 9-1-1 Emergencies

Residents are reminded that house numbers must be displayed so the house can be found easily and quickly in an emergency.

House numbers should be:

- Displayed in a location visible to traffic travelling in both directions;
- A colour that contrasts with the background;
- Visible at night;
- At least 6" in height;
- Posted both at the driveway entrance and house or other structure if you have a long driveway.

Please, if your house number is not displayed, have it installed as soon as possible. It could save your life.

Streetlights

Residents are asked to report non-working streetlights to the Village Office at 250-367-7551 or by email to info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca. We will need to know the problem with the light, its location and, if possible, the number on the pole in order to report the non-working streetlight to FortisBC. FortisBC will send out a line crew to repair the streetlights however this may take a little time as they prefer to have a few non-working lights to repair when they come to town



BEAVER VALLEY AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

NOVEMBER 2021 AGE FRIENDLY NEWSLETTER

Tuesday Take-Away Lunch

The next Tuesday Take-Away Lunch is on **Tuesday, November 16, 2021**. Please register with the Village of Fruitvale Office on or before November 10, 2021 by telephone at 250-367-7551 or email to info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca with the name(s) of who the lunch is for, the municipality where you reside and your phone number. Lunches must be picked up between 12:30 pm and 1:00 pm at the front door of the Fruitvale Memorial Centre. Please ensure a mask is worn when picking up lunches. If you need to cancel your lunch, please call Vickie at 250-512-9379.

BV Age Friendly Fundraising Draw

Local artist Alan LaRocque has generously donated two of his original paintings to the Village of Fruitvale to support the Beaver Valley Age Friendly program. BV Age Friendly will be having a draw for the paintings.

Tickets for the draw are by donation and will be available at the Fruitvale Memorial Centre during the take-away lunch pick-up on November 16 between 12:30 - 1:00 pm and at our booth at the Candy Cane Lane Christmas Market on December 4. All donations will go towards future Age Friendly programming.

A little bit about the artist - Al LaRocque and Barb Cole have lived on Mountain Street in Fruitvale for the past 30 years where they enjoyed raising 4 children and hobby farming. Al is now retired from 38 years at TECK. Over the past 4 years he has taken an interest in resin work and painting along with their son Brohdie. They also own a home in Montrose where their daughter Danielle and family lives.



Connecting Generations Thru Letter Links Program



Beaver Valley Age Friendly is kicking off their *Connecting Generations Thru Letter Links* program in November.

The Fruitvale Elementary School has partnered with the Village of Fruitvale to connect with our seniors through letter writing. Grade 6 and 7 students take part in this program which, over the past year, has proven to be very successful for both the students and our seniors.

The *Connecting Generations Thru Letter Links* program is open to all Beaver Valley seniors. If you would like to join this program please register with Vickie Fitzpatrick by email at vickief@telus.net or by phone at 250-512-9379. Those of you who registered last year are still on the list so please watch your mail.

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTING PARTNERS

