

FRUITVALE & AREA A NEWS

September 2021



What do you see for the future of Fruitvale? Further, what if we could achieve the exceptional as a community? What kind of community do we want to leave behind for our children and grandchildren? How do we create the transformative in our plans that help get us to our aspirational horizon line?

The Village of Fruitvale is creating an Economic Development Strategy that aims to answer these questions. Economic Development Strategies speak the language of jobs...the heartbeat of community vibrancy. It can be the ONE plan that answers the question: who is Fruitvale in future and why does it matter to us as residents, to visitors, and to new investors? We

can embrace big ideas about the future. We also need to focus on clear actions that generate progress toward our vision of the future.

We need your input and ideas with this Community Survey! This on-line survey will take approximately 20 minutes to complete and is open to all Village of Fruitvale residents. To complete the on-line survey visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Fruitvale>. Your input is important to the Village's future.

All responses are confidential. Only aggregated results are used to shape development of the Strategy. The survey will remain open until September 15, 2021.

Thank you in advance for spending your valuable time completing this survey.

Canruss Paramedic Oil Services Ltd. of Surrey, BC Assists Village with its Future

Thanks to a generous donation from Canruss Paramedic Oil Services Ltd. of Surrey, BC, the Village of Fruitvale is one step closer to its plans for upgrading Fruitvale Memorial Park.

Steven Ryder made the donation to commemorate his father's 80th birthday and the money is assisting the Village in reconstructing the former Haines Park Pavilion. The new pavilion structure will be named the Ryder Pavilion and will host events all year round under a covered shelter.

Steven's father, Brian Ryder, has been a tireless volunteer in the community including many years and hours with everything from coaching and refereeing hockey to the volunteer fire department and Cub Scouts. Brian worked as the Branch Manager for Kootenay Savings and Credit Union in Fruitvale and CAO with the Village of Salmo and served on Village Council as Alderman from 1987 to 1991.

The Ryder Pavilion is a wonderful legacy to a great resident of Fruitvale.



From l to r - Steven Ryder, Councillor Wenman, Mayor Morissette, Brian Ryder and Councillor Kniss



Steven and Brian Ryder



Brian & Ruth Ryder with family members



Area A - September Update

Electoral Area 'A' Director Ali Grieve, RDKB

Hot, Dry Summer - Heat, Fires & Smoke: I am writing this newsletter at the same time as I'm receiving official notice regarding a small fire on Nine Mile Road; it was responded to very quickly, early in the morning of August 4. Weather conditions were also favourable for successful suppression of the fire. Thank you to fire crews locally, and throughout the world. Again: To all local firefighters for keeping communities safe - a thousand thank-you's from everyone!

Bus Shelters

You may have noticed some initial improvements to the bus stops in Area A and on the borders of the Village of Fruitvale. Mayor Morissette and I met in the spring with Ministry of Transportation, a YRB Manager, and the Manager of Operations from the RDKB to coordinate efforts and grant monies to improve the bus stops. We thank all partners for helping create better bus stops/shelters for current and potential users. Using transit is a way for people to help manage climate change; a small but important contribution. Jump on a bus one day, and see how quickly you can get to work or get your shopping errands done!

Active Transportation Corridors

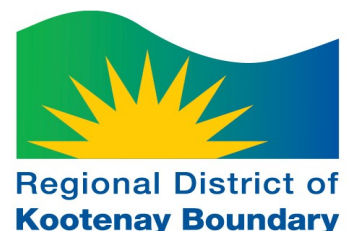
Mayor Morissette and I participated in some discussions on connecting Lower Columbia communities with Active Transportation Corridors. Progress has been made with the completion of bike routes from Rossland to Warfield, and Warfield to Trail. We see great potential for the last leg: the Trail to Fruitvale route. South Columbia Green Link is the group currently working with local governments. We hope to create a safe corridor down Columbia Gardens Road, which will join Highway 22. Stay tuned.

Road Re-surfacing

The Ministry of Transportation, along with YRB roadworks have spent considerable time in Area A over the past two years ensuring road maintenance is current, and completing upgrades as needed. To date, ditching, brush clearing, bus stop improvements, and local road resurfacing have all been completed. I know we all appreciate those efforts and improvements. YRB Manager Scott Maxwell: "Yellowhead Road and Bridge has been thrilled to be able to focus resources on improving roads and pads for coming transit shelters around Fruitvale and Area A over the past year. We received feedback from many people in the area on the need for these improvements and the local Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure in partnership with the Regional District has been great in supporting us to complete this work."

Invitation to all Beaver Valley Residents

Beaver Valley Recreation Committee hopes to see you at Beaver Creek Park on September 21 for food, refreshments and door prizes! See the ad in this newsletter!





Mayor Steve Morissette

Summer 2021 has been very busy and eventful for our Village. Following are some of the things that have been announced and we are working on this summer:

- Fruitvale is the first interior Municipality to become a Certified Living Wage Employer. This means all permanent employees and long term contracts (such as Janitorial) must be paid the area's living wage which is currently \$18.83/hr.
- The Lower Columbia Affordable Housing Society and Fruitvale were notified that our application for a 28-31 unit affordable housing complex was approved by BC Housing so we started bi-weekly planning meetings in early July.
- We held an initial meeting with an official from the BC Housing Hub to look at funding solutions for the demolition of the former Middle School and interesting incentives for developing affordable housing for young families, singles, and downsizing seniors on the site.
- A site survey of the Middle School Development has been completed laying out the footprint of Phase 1 along Columbia Gardens Road and the new street that will connect Columbia Gardens and Green Road.
- Working to have services for Phase 1 stubbed out from under Columbia Gardens Road prior to repaving that will happen this fall.
- Attended BC Games information meeting around the joint application of Trail/Rossland to host the 2026 BC Winter Games (Fruitvale Elementary will likely be used for housing athletes).
- Resurfacing of Pine Avenue and with a sidewalk as on Columbia Gardens Road is scheduled for this fall.
- Highway resurfacing between Fruitvale and the Bombi junction is scheduled this fall.
- Our Economic Development and Re-Branding project is moving forward with our consultant, who came to town to get a visual and held a couple of meetings with our group over the summer to move the project forward. Residents are asked to complete the on-line survey before September 15, 2021 at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Fruitvale>.
- I joined the South Kootenay Active Transportation Society to help move the proposed "Green Link" between Fruitvale and Rossland forward from our end. I can see the benefit of a dedicated and safe active transportation route for commuters, recreation, and tourism, we have been meeting regularly.
- I also was elected from the Regional District Board of Directors to represent our area on the ETSI BC (Economic Trust of the Southern Interior) Regional Advisory Committee, from that Committee I was elected to the ETSI BC Board of Directors where I can learn more about Economic Development in our region and influence decision making on project funding support.

Thank you for your patience this summer as we deal with challenging water supply issues and the attendant changes in water restrictions.

As you can see it has been very positive and productive summer and we look forward to a busy autumn.

Please get your covid vaccines so we can move forward safely with open businesses and social activities; Be kind, Be calm, and Be safe.



How do you stay active in the Beaver Valley?



Mayor Morissette venturing out on his bike



Backroad drive to the new BV Snowmobile Association's cabin



Director Grieve and family staying cool and having fun in the Pend d'Oreille River



Saying hello to the horses



Send us your photos to share with our residents showing how you stay active in the Beaver Valley— info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca



Creative gardening in the Beaver Valley

Village of Fruitvale Property Tax Sale

The Village of Fruitvale's 2021 Tax Sale is scheduled for 10:00 am sharp on Monday, September 27, 2021 at the Village of Fruitvale Office.

Letters have been sent to those property owners in a tax sale situation. If your property taxes are in delinquent status (three years of unpaid taxes - 2019, 2020 and 2021) you must pay the delinquent (2019) taxes before September 27, 2021 to keep your property from being sold at the tax sale.

A listing of tax sale properties will appear in the September 16 and 21 editions of the Trail Times. In order to keep your property from appearing in the newspaper advertisements, the delinquent taxes must be paid in full prior to September 16, 2021.

Payment of delinquent taxes must be made by cash, certified cheque, online banking or electronic transfer of funds.

If you have any questions regarding delinquent taxes or the Tax Sale, please contact Misti at the Village Office, 250-367-7551 or email finance@village.fruitvale.bc.ca sale

DID YOU KNOW...

The Village of Fruitvale has An Official Community Plan (OCP) that establishes the long term vision of our community. The goals and policies within the OCP form the framework used by Council, Staff and the community to guide their decisions pertaining to land use and development. The OCP also provides guidance for economic, environmental, physical design and social well being of the community.

In conjunction with the Official Community Plan, the Village of Fruitvale has a Zoning Bylaw that provides a clear and efficient system of land use regulation for the orderly, economic, equitable and environmentally sensitive use, development, and redevelopment of all lands within the Village of Fruitvale.

Both the OCP and the Zoning Bylaw with amendments can be found on the Village's website, www.village.fruitvale.bc.ca under the Services tab.

Beaver Valley Youth Action Network

BVYAN continues to meet electronically on Zoom. An information flyer and calendar will be sent to students at Fruitvale Elementary and J.L. Crowe schools in September.

For more information on youth events or to join BVYAN, please contact Tammy, BVYAN Coordinator at beavervalleyyan@gmail.com and don't forget to follow BVYAN on Facebook at Beaver Valley Youth Club.

Beaver Valley Recreation

Regional District of Kootenay Boundary will keep the public updated on when BV Rec programs begin. With the new restrictions in place, we are still hoping for sometime in October, possibly November.

The BV Arena will be available for ice bookings starting September 1. Organizations and individuals who have ice booked will be permitted in the arena during those pre-booked times. Please email Kelly at kwalker@rdkb.com to book ice rentals, or if you have any questions.

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY UPCOMING MEETINGS

All meetings are held via Zoom Video Conference

Utilities Committee
Wednesday, September 8
11:00 am

Board of Directors
Wednesday, September 8
1:00 pm

**BV Regional Parks and
Regional Trails
Committee**
Tuesday, September 21
3:00 pm

**East End Services
Committee**
Tuesday, September 21
10:30 am

Electoral Area Services
Thursday, September 23
10:30 am

Board of Directors
Wednesday, September 29
1:00 pm

VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings are held at 4:00 pm
via Zoom Video Conference at
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3353726693>
Meeting ID: 335 372 6693

Regular Council
September 13, 2021

Committee of the Whole
Call of the Chair



Latest news: Mazzochi bike pump park coming soon!

The Beaver Valley Recreation and Parks Committee has approved the construction of a Bike Pump Park on lower Mazzochi Park in Fruitvale. Scouts Canada, owners of the park land, have given the Committee the green light for this project, which has been awarded to Terraform Earthworks out of Nelson.

The goal of the Bike Pump Park will be to create a track that is inviting to beginner and intermediate riders alike but can still be fast and “flowy” for advanced riders. This will be achieved by building rollers and berms that are consistent in their size, shape and frequency while having multiple line choices for entering the track as well as direction change options once you are inside the track.

Once the Bike Pump Park is completed, the main access to the Bike Pump Park will be through the main gate located on Columbia Gardens Road.

The Bike Park is scheduled to be completed by the end of October of this year. The grand opening will follow in the spring of 2022.



Beaver Valley
Recreation



Come to the Beaver Valley Recreation meeting & community bbq!

The Beaver Valley Recreation Committee invites residents of the Beaver Valley to attend an open-air committee meeting and community barbecue on **Tuesday, September 21 in Beaver Creek Provincial Park/Kiwanis Park.**

Find out about projects we’re working on, ask questions or comment during our Q & A period, and check out the newly-developed First Nations Arbour—a legacy gift to the community from the Waneta Expansion Project partners and Electoral Area A. Stay for food, conversation and door prizes!

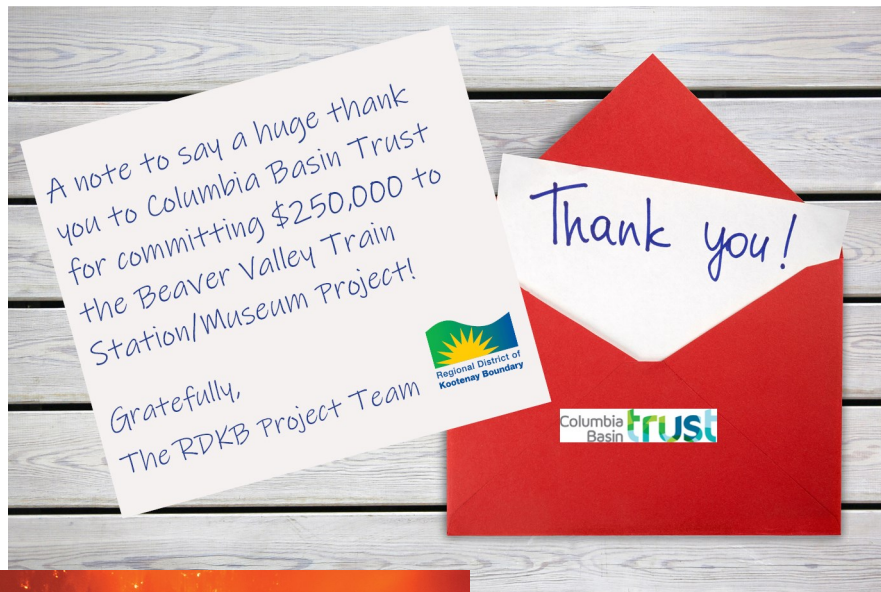
Beaver Valley Rec. Meeting: 3:00 p.m.

Community Barbecue: 5:00 p.m.

More information: Mark Daines, Manager, Facilities & Recreation
mdaines@rdkb.com or 250.364.3000



Beaver Valley
Recreation



Did you know if you donate to the Canadian Red Cross British Columbia Fires Appeal the Government of B.C. will match your donation until December 31 of this year?

How to donate:

Online at redcross.ca - click on **BC Fires**.

Call 1-800-418-1111

Text **FIRES** to 45678

Donations to the Canadian Red Cross will be used for immediate and ongoing relief efforts, long term recovery, resiliency and preparedness for future events in British Columbia and impacted regions, including consequential events related to the fires.

From all of us in the Beaver Valley



Burning Bans and Wildfires

As of Noon on Friday August 27, 2021, campfires are allowed in the Cranbrook, Invermere, Columbia, Arrow and Kootenay Lake fire zones, however campfires remain prohibited in the Boundary fire zone. Category 2 and 3 open burning remain prohibited in all zones.

The current prohibition against any open fire larger than a campfire (ie: larger than 0.5 metres wide by 0.5 metres high) remains in effect throughout the Southeast Fire Centre. A map of the affected areas and their associated prohibitions is available online <http://ow.ly/1Gbf50FXhcY>

The following equipment and activities remain prohibited throughout the Southeast Fire Centre:

- Category 2 and Category 3 open fires, as defined in the Wildfire Regulation;
- the use of burn barrels and burn cages;
- the use of air curtain burners;
- the use of sky lanterns;
- the use of fireworks, including firecrackers; and
- the use of binary exploding targets.

For more information on fire bans please visit:

<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.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONTACT INFORMATION



VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE

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After Hours Emergencies:
250-367-6162

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Facebook
Village of Fruitvale



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF KOOTENAY BOUNDARY

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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





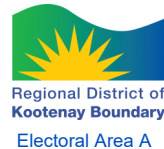
BEAVER VALLEY AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

SEPTEMBER 2021 AGE FRIENDLY NEWSLETTER

Our Coffee Meeting will be held on Monday, September 13, 2021 in the Fruitvale Memorial Centre at 10:30 am. We have lots to discuss such as how we are moving forward and what we are up to. Covid rules apply - masks must be worn, social distancing must be practiced, and upon entering the facility, hands must be sanitized and proof of vaccination is to be shown. Please register with the Fruitvale Village Office by telephone at 250-367-7551 or email info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca on or before Friday, September 10, 2021.

Our Tuesday Take Away Lunch is on Tuesday, September 21, 2021. Please register with the Village Office 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 live and your phone number on or before September 15, 2021. 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.

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTING PARTNERS



Beaver Valley Senior Citizens Branch #44

Welcome back members!

The Beaver Valley Senior Citizens Branch #44 is once again hosting events in the Beaver Valley Manor recreation room on Mondays and Thursdays.

Monday - Bingo - 1:30 pm; doors opens at 12:30 pm.

Thursday - Cards - 1:30 pm; doors open at 1:00 pm.

Carpet bowling and Fun Night will start in October.

We are always looking to welcome new members. Cost to join is \$15.00. If you are interested in joining BV Senior Citizens Branch #44 or have any questions, please call Brenda at 250-367-3839 or Kris at 250-367-9685 for more information.

All Provincial Health Officer guidelines regarding Covid-19 must be followed and proof of second Covid vaccination required.

NEEDED!!!

**Senior
Carpet
Bowling –
NEW MEMBERS
WELCOME
BRING A FRIEND**

STARTING

TUESDAY OCTOBER 12TH
10AM & 11AM

PRACTICE SESSIONS AVAILABLE

For interested new
Participants

Sept 28th & Oct 5th

FRUITVALE SENIOR
MANOR

Contact for more info:

1. Judy Thompson
250-367-9035
2. Bob Meikle
250-921-4426
3. Brenda Herman
250-367-3839

Annual Fee \$15.00
Bowling Fee Oct/Dec \$15.00
Jan/April \$15.00

**Fun
Social
Prizes**

Second Covid Shot Required