

**VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AGENDA
Council Chambers
MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2019**

A. CALL TO ORDER - 4 PM

B. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

C. DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

E. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) Planning for Upgrades to both Community Spaces and Community Facilities

F. EMERGENT CORRESPONDENCE

G. ADJOURNMENT



THE CORPORATION OF
THE VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE

In the "HEART OF THE BEAVER VALLEY"

Date: June 21, 2019
To: Mayor & Council
From: Mike Maturo, CAO
SUBJECT: **Committee of the Whole**

Council has consistently been briefed on the state of the Village's infrastructure and facilities, with much attention paid to deep utilities, specifically sanitary sewer and stormwater systems, as well as roads. There has also been focus on the downtown area's physical landscape and facilities (FMC), along with the areas of Haines Park and the BVMS site, Creekside Park and the Fruitvale Memorial Cemetery. Each of these four areas play a distinctive, high profile role in the community and each also have been the subject of discussions for future improvements.

The June 24, 2019 CoW is intended to further discuss the physical landscapes noted above and what could be planned for them:

- Re-profiling exercise for the downtown Main St corridor - the downtown treated as a facility, or, the community's living room;
- Improvements to the FMC and to the grounds adjacent to it;
- Re-design of the sloughing embankment to enhance Creekside park's performance.
- Planning of the Haines Park and BVMS area to maximize accessibility to amenities, recreation facilities and potentially future housing;
- Re-design of the cemetery to enhance its boundary area and capacity.

Fruitvale’s participation in and support of an Age-Friendly community promotes more focus on both facilities and surface treatments:

https://www.who.int/ageing/publications/Global_age_friendly_cities_Guide_English.pdf

Age-friendly outdoor spaces and buildings checklist

Environment

- The city is clean, with enforced regulations limiting noise levels and unpleasant or harmful odours in public places.

Green spaces and walkways

- There are well-maintained and safe green spaces, with adequate shelter, toilet facilities and seating that can be easily accessed.
- Pedestrian-friendly walkways are free from obstructions, have a smooth surface, have public toilets and can be easily accessed.

Outdoor seating

- Outdoor seating is available, particularly in parks, transport stops and public spaces, and spaced at regular intervals; the seating is well-maintained and patrolled to ensure safe access by all.

Pavements

- Pavements are well-maintained, smooth, level, non-slip and wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs with low curbs that taper off to the road.

- Pavements are clear of any obstructions (e.g. street vendors, parked cars, trees, dog droppings, snow) and pedestrians have priority of use.

Roads

- Roads have adequate non-slip, regularly spaced pedestrian crossings ensuring that it is safe for pedestrians to cross the road.

- Roads have well-designed and appropriately placed physical structures, such as traffic islands, overpasses or underpasses, to assist pedestrians to cross busy roads.

- Pedestrian crossing lights allow sufficient time for older people to cross the road and have visual and audio signals.

The excerpt above, is cited from the World Health Organization’s “*Global Age-Friendly Cities: A Guide*” (2007) p. 18 and also appears on the Provincial web site:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/seniors/about-seniorsbc/seniors-related-initiatives/age-friendly-bc/age-friendly-communities>.

The Canadian government also provides its own document on the provincial web site dealing with the same subject matter

“The first three topics were Outdoor Spaces and Buildings, Transportation and Housing. As key features of a community’s physical environment, these aspects of community have a strong influence on personal mobility, safety from injury, security from crime, health behaviours and social participation. Three other topics reflect various aspects of social environments and of culture that affect participation and mental well-being—Respect and Social Inclusion deals with

the attitudes, behaviours and messages of other people and of the community as a whole towards older persons; Social Participation refers to the engagement of older persons in recreational, social, cultural, educational and spiritual activities; and Civic Participation and Employment Opportunities addresses opportunities for citizenship, and paid and volunteer work —it is related to both social environments and the economic determinants of active aging. The remaining two themes, Communication and Information and Community Support and Health Services, involve both social environments and health and social service determinants. p. 9” *“Age-Friendly Rural and Remote Communities: A Guide”* (2008).

The province also provides some examples of communities in action with a ten-part video series that highlights various efforts throughout British Columbia:

“These Age-friendly BC (AFBC) community videos feature seniors, local government staff and officials, and community representatives talking about what makes their community or organization age-friendly. We hope their advice and examples will help inspire you to come up with ways for your community to become more age-friendly.”

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/seniors/about-seniorsbc/seniors-related-initiatives/age-friendly-bc/ideas-in-action>

Aside from Age-Friendly a significant emphasis throughout all the literature on facilities and open spaces remains on the buildings and physical spaces that facilitate inclusiveness, active participation and healthy lifestyles. Fruitvale’s geographic setting and settlement pattern provides a solid platform for pursuing improvements that expand its accessibility to the current and future populations through planned upgrades and compatible designs.