

**VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
March 22, 2021
Held via Zoom Video Conference**

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of the Village of Fruitvale held on March 22, 2021 via Zoom Video Conference.

Council Present: Mayor: Steve Morissette

Councillors: Vickie Fitzpatrick
Lindsay Kenny
Bert Kniss
Bill Wenman

Staff Present: CAO: Kelli Tuttle
Municipal Administration
Assistant: Robin Piche

Media Present: None

Gallery: 1 Public

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Morissette called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge and appreciate that the land on which we gather is the converging, traditional and unceded territory of the Syilx, Secwepemc, Sinixt and Ktunaxa Peoples as well as the Metis Peoples whose footsteps have also marked these lands.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Wenman

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS &
RECOGNITIONS - NIL**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NIL

DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Development Cost Charges

A discussion took place on development cost charges. The current Development Cost Charge Bylaw No. 534, 1994 and other municipalities' bylaws were reviewed.

Richard Sieppert attended the meeting to discuss and answer any questions from council about the new Development Cost Charges Bylaw to replace the current Bylaw. Recommended change, that charges are per unit not per lot. With 80 new dwellings being added, the Village needs to move forward with the new bylaw to cover development costs.

Councillor Wenman asked if we are reviewing the BV Water System DCC bylaw. CAO Tuttle replied that the RDKB owns the BV Water System therefore the RDKB reviews, decides, and updates those rates.

Recommended that it states in the new bylaw that the water rates are subject to change as per the current agreement with the RDKB.

Mayor Morissette would like clarification on the Beaver Falls water system.

Was discussed that the bylaw would need to be sent to the Ministry for approval and published for residents.

b. Last Budget Discussion

Council discussed the 2021 Operating and Capital budgets. The budgets have been advertised in the Village newsletter and on the Village Facebook page for the public to review from March 1 to 22, 2021. There has been no public response.

The 2021 Tax Rate Bylaw and 5-Year Financial Plan Bylaw are to be put on the Regular Council agenda for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd readings. There will be no Town Hall meeting due to Covid restrictions.

Paving of Pine Avenue and Columbia Gardens Road were discussed. CAO Tuttle informed Council there is no funding for Columbia Gardens Road in the 2021 budget.

Mayor Morissette suggested that the Village finance Columbia Gardens Road through the debenture as we would not want to miss out on the cost savings of having the paving done at the same time as the Ministry of Transportation is doing their paving. He also suggested council consider paving part of Columbia Gardens Road.

Councillor Fitzpatrick suggested deferring Pine Avenue to 2022 and using the funds for Columbia Gardens Road.

Councillor Wenman would like to see Pine Avenue paved and suggested we wait until September to make a final decision as we should know if the Ministry of Transportation are moving forward with the project by then.

Mayor Morissette asked if council would like to have Columbia Gardens Road as part of the tender with the Ministry of Transportation, all should agree.

CAO Tuttle suggested that notices be sent out to residents of Pine Avenue and Columbia Gardens Road as soon as possible to give them time to remove all items they may have on the village boulevard and to let them know of any disruption the paving may cause.

Services for the new Middle School development was discussed. The pipes for the new system will be installed prior to the paving of Columbia Gardens.

Bluebird Road Railway Crossing was discussed. CAO Tuttle is going to investigate whether the Village is responsible for the crossing.

EMERGENT CORRESPONDENCE - NIL

IN CAMERA SESSION

THAT pursuant to Community Charter Division 3, Section 90 (1) (b) personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a municipal award or honour, or who has offered to provide a gift to the municipality on condition of anonymity, Council recesses the regular meeting and moves to an In Camera session at 5:08 pm

ADJOURNMENT

The regular Committee of the Whole meeting resumed at 5:27 pm and adjourned.

Mayor

Certified Correct:

Chief Administrative Officer