

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of the Council of the Village of Fruitvale held on January 11, 2021 via Zoom video conference.

Council Present:	Mayor:	Steve Morissette
	Councillors:	Vickie Fitzpatrick Lindsay Kenny Bert Kniss Bill Wenman
Staff Present:	CAO:	Kelli Tuttle
Media Present:		Nil
Gallery:		1 Public

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Morissette called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

### **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 AGENDA**

**2021-01-11-01**

MOVED Wenman / SECONDED Fitzpatrick

THAT the agenda be amended to add the following under New Business - Rollercoaster, Coldest Night of the Year and Railway Park Train Station AND FURTHER THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

### **DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITIONS**

- a. Montana Burgess, West Kootenay Eco Society - Presentation on 100% renewable energy by 2050

Montana Burgess from the West Kootenay Eco Society spoke to Council about the opportunity for Fruitvale to transition to 100% renewable energy by 2050 and presented an overview of the *West Kootenay 100% Renewable Energy Plan*. Transitioning to 100% renewable energy by 2050 means carbon-neutrality at the community level with any remaining energy used coming from renewable sources, including electricity, heating and cooling, transportation and waste management for the Village as a whole. To achieve 100% carbon neutrality, we must start with energy efficiency and energy conservation as priorities then acquire remaining energy from renewable sources.

Currently there are nine local governments that have committed to the transition to 100% renewable energy by 2050, Warfield, Rossland, Nelson, Castlegar, Kaslo, Slokan, Silvertown, New Denver and the Regional District of Central Kootenay. Officials and staff from these communities with help from the West Kootenay Eco Society have developed a *West Kootenay 100% Renewable Energy Plan* that sets out the priority strategies that communities will pursue to build healthier, safer and more comfortable living for residents.

The next steps for Council would be to review the West Kootenay 100% Renewable Energy Plan, pass a commitment to follow the Plan and work towards 100% renewable energy.

Ms. Burgess thanked Council for their time and left the meeting at 6:39 pm.

b. Jada Basi, CitySpaces Consulting Ltd. - Housing Needs Report Presentation

Jada Basi from City Spaces presented to Council the Housing Needs Assessment Report which identifies populations most challenged to find and afford housing in the local market, housing gaps and other housing issues.

In Fruitvale, the housing stock is aging with limited housing mix. The options to downsize are limited, accessible units and buildings are limited and the condition of rental units is poor. Homes available to purchase often require considerable upgrading which adds hidden costs to first time home buyers. Affordability is less of a concern compared to finding housing in good condition close to services and amenities.

The Housing Needs Assessment found there are widespread housing needs and issues across the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary. Aging seniors looking to downside from single detached homes and young families moving into town are unable to find and afford housing that meets their needs. The current housing inventory is not meeting the needs of everyone. New housing projects will help alleviate challenges.

Ms. Basi thanked Council for their time and left the meeting at 6:47 pm.

c. Nicole LaFace - 1518 Highway 3B Garbage Collection and Highway Extension Concerns

Nicole LaFace attended Council to discuss issues and concerns regarding the blocking of access to her property at 1518 Highway 3B and the neighbouring properties west of hers by the owner of the property on the east side of hers. She requested Council to send a letter to the Ministry of Transportation in support of the opening of the road at the east end of her property and bringing the services down to these properties and having YRB clear the snow from this roadway.

Ms. LaFace thanked Council for their time and left the meeting at 7:07 pm.

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- a. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on December 7, 2020

**2021-01-11-02**

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kniss

THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on December 7, 2020 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. UBCM Compass - December 9, 16, 2020 and January 6, 2021  
RDKB - Downtown Businesses Curbside Recycling  
SPCA Report for the months of November and December, 2020

**2021-01-11-03**

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kniss

THAT the Consent Agenda For Information Only Items be received.

CARRIED

Council discussed the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary's correspondence on the downtown businesses curbside recycling. Councillor Wenman feels no business should have to pay for recycling however the Village of Fruitvale should not take on the costs. Councillor Fitzpatrick asked if a resolution could be sent to the UBCM to get support from other municipalities.

**2020-01-11-03**

MOVED Wenman / SECONDED Kenny

THAT staff send a letter to the Province informing them that the Village of Fruitvale would like curbside recycling collection to continue and be free of costs to businesses AND FURTHER THAT staff prepare a resolution for the upcoming AKBLG conference.

CARRIED

### STAFF REPORTS

a. T. Gallamore, Coordinator BV Youth Action Network

No youth report this month as December activities were included on the BVYAN coordinator report presented to Council at the December 7, 2020 Council meeting. Currently, the Ski Red program is underway.

b. BV Age Friendly Report – no report

c. K. Tuttle, Chief Administrative Officer Report

**2021-01-11-04**

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kniss

THAT the report from K. Tuttle, Chief Administrative Officer be received and appended to the minutes as available.

CARRIED

d. Items to Do From Council Meetings

e. December 2020 Trial Balance

**2021-01-11-05**

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kniss

THAT the Items to Do from Council Meetings and the December 2020 Trial Balance be received.

CARRIED

### COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Vickie Fitzpatrick

Councillor Fitzpatrick spoke to her report.

A discussion ensued regarding the outdoor rink. COVID rules have been posted around the rink. Volunteers prepared the surface and will flood it. If the COVID rules are not being followed or are being abused and if large gatherings are seen, the rink will be locked up.

Councillor Lindsay Kenny

Councillor Kenny spoke to her report. A discussion took place regarding the kiddie cars inspection. The Beaver Valley May Days Society should collect the donations for

the repair and certification of the kiddie cars Any inspections will be the responsibility of the BV May Days Society.

Councillor Bert Kniss - nothing to report

Councillor Bill Wenman

Councillor Wenman verbally reported that he has the Animal Responsibility Bylaw ready for review at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mayor/RDKB Director Morissette

Mayor Morissette spoke to his report.

**2021-01-11-06**

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kniss

THAT the Council reports be accepted as presented and appended to the minutes as available.

CARRIED

Committee of the Whole Recommendations - NIL

### **CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING ACTION**

- a. Ken Christian, Mayor, City of Kamloops - request for support of the City of Kamloops's motion regarding the Overdose Crisis and Call for Overdose Action Plan

**2020-01-11-07**

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kenny

THAT the Village of Fruitvale support the City of Kamloops's motion regarding the Overdose Crisis and Call for Overdose Action Plan with the following resolution:

WHEREAS the opioid crisis is one of the largest public health emergencies of our lifetime, with a death about every two hours on average and a death toll of over 16,360 since 2016 (January 2016 to March 2020);

AND WHEREAS other countries have significantly reduced drug-related fatalities with reforms such as legal regulation of illicit drugs to ensure safe supply and decriminalization for personal use;

AND WHEREAS the federal government has indicated it is premature to discuss these measures until there are comprehensive supports for people to get well;

AND WHEREAS supports are needed, but measures that save lives are essential if people are to survive and access supports;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police has stated that they agree the evidence suggests "decriminalization for simple possession as an effective way to reduce the public health and public safety harms associated with substance use", causing the Federal Health Minister to indicate the government is now "deliberating" over decriminalization;

AND WHEREAS the overdose crisis rages, showing few signs of abating;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council request that the Government of Canada:

- i) declare the overdose crisis a national public health emergency so that it is taken seriously and funded appropriately; and
- ii) immediately seek input from the people most affected by this crisis and meet with provinces and territories to develop a comprehensive, Pan-Canadian overdose action plan, which includes comprehensive supports and full consideration of reforms that other countries have used to significantly reduce drug-related fatalities and stigma, such as legal regulation of illicit drugs to ensure safe supply of pharmaceutical alternatives to toxic street drugs, and decriminalization for personal use.

CARRIED

- b. Request from the City of Rossland for support of the City of Vernon's resolution regarding universal no-cost access to all prescription contraception available in BC under the Medical Services Plan

**2021-01-11-08**

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kenny

THAT the Village of Fruitvale pass the following resolution in support of the City of Vernon's resolution regarding universal no-cost access to all prescription contraception available in British Columbia under the Medical Services Plan:

"WHEREAS cost is a significant barrier to people accessing contraception, particularly to people with low incomes, youth, and people from marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS providing free prescription contraception has been shown to improve health outcomes for parents and infants by reducing the risks associated with unintended pregnancy, and is likely to reduce direct medical costs on the provincial health system; and

WHEREAS contraceptive methods such as condoms or vasectomies are available at low cost, no cost, or are covered by BC's Medical Services Plan, whereas all contraceptive methods for people with uteruses (such as birth control pills,

intrauterine devices, or hormone injections) have high up-front costs, making access to contraception unequal and gendered;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Fruitvale:

- i) write to the Provincial Minister of Finance, the Provincial Minister of Health, the Premier of BC, and the local MLA supporting universal no-cost access to all prescription contraception available in BC under the Medical Services Plan; and
- ii) forward this resolution to all BC municipalities asking to write their support as well.

CARRIED

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NIL**

**NEW BUSINESS**

a. Affordable Housing Commitment

**2021-01-11-09**

MOVED Kniss / SECONDED Wenman

WHEREAS the Village of Fruitvale Council wishes to develop the land located at 1800 Columbia Gardens Road and legally described as Lot 2, Plan NEP4131, District Lot 1236, Land District 26, PID: 014-892-561;

AND WHEREAS the Village of Fruitvale Council wishes to designate approximately 2.8 acres to the development of affordable housing as described in the Former Beaver Valley Middle School Master Plan;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Fruitvale Council, through the support letter dated January 11, 2021, shows its intent to support affordable housing on the lands located at 1800 Columbia Gardens Road and the BC Housing Community Fund grant application submitted by the Lower Columbia Affordable Housing Society.

CARRIED

b. CIP Grant Application

**2021-01-11-10**

MOVED Wenman / SECONDED Fitzpatrick

THAT Council directs staff to submit an application for grant funding for the Village of Fruitvale COVID-19 Resilience Through Sewer Treatment Infrastructure Upgrades Project through the Canada Infrastructure Program – COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream;

AND FURTHER THAT Council supports the project and commits to any associated ineligible costs and cost overruns.

CARRIED

c. Trail and District Chamber of Commerce - Request for Grant Funding

**2021-01-11-11**

MOVED Wenman / SECONDED Kniss

THAT the Village of Fruitvale send a one-time donation of \$500.00 to the Trail and District Chamber of Commerce AND FURTHER THAT staff send a letter to the Trail and District Chamber of Commerce requesting a report on what the money is being spent on.

CARRIED

d. Rollercoaster

**2021-01-11-12**

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kenny

THAT Councillor Fitzpatrick follow-up on the rollercoaster.

CARRIED

e. Coldest Night of the Year 2021

A discussion took place on entering a team in the 2021 Coldest Night of the Year 2 or 5 km walk that takes place on Saturday February 20, 2021.

**2021-01-11-13**

MOVED Wenman / SECONDED Fitzpatrick

THAT Mayor Morissette enter a team in the 2021 Coldest Night of the Year 2km or 5km walk to raise fund for homelessness and invite other staff members to join AND FURTHER THAT staff place a notice in the upcoming newsletter inviting residents to join the team or enter their own team and donate to this worthy cause.

CARRIED

f. Railway Park Train Station

Council received information that the Railway Park Train Station is ready to move forward.

**2021-01-11-14**

MOVED Wenman / SECONDED Fitzpatrick

THAT the Railway Park Train Station update be received for information.



CARRIED

**BYLAWS/POLICIES**

- a. Procedure Bylaw No. 923, 2020 - Reconsideration and Adoption

**2021-01-11-15**

MOVED Wenman / SECONDED Fitzpatrick

THAT the Village of Fruitvale Procedure Bylaw No. 923, 2020 be reconsidered and finally adopted AND FURTHER THAT delegations can be brought in at later times.

CARRIED

- b. Wastewater System User Rates and Fees Bylaw No. 924, 2021 - First, Second and Third Readings

**2021-01-11-16**

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Wenman

THAT the Sewer User Rates Bylaw No. 924, 2021 be read a first, second and third time.

CARRIED

- c. Solid Waste (Garbage) User Fees Bylaw No. 925, 2021 - First, Second and Third Readings

**2020-01-11-17**

MOVED Wenman / SECONDED Fitzpatrick

THAT the Village of Fruitvale Solid Waste User Fees Bylaw No. 925, 2021 be read a first, second and third time.

CARRIED

**OPEN DISCUSSION (10 MINUTE LIMIT)**

Mayor Morissette informed Council that he has been in the Fruitvale Memorial Centre on two occasions, once with an architect and once with a mechanical and structural engineer. Unfortunately the complete space cannot be used due to stairs.

**NOTICE OF MOTION - NIL**

**QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA/PUBLIC  
RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS - NIL**

**IN CAMERA SESSION - NIL**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**2021-01-11-18**

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kniss

THAT the meeting adjourn at 8:20 pm.

CARRIED

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Mayor

Certified Correct:

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Chief Administrative Officer

AMENDED



**SUBJECT/TITLE**

CAO Report to January 11, 2021

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council receive the CAO Report for information.

**ISSUE/PURPOSE**

To provide Village of Fruitvale Council information on the operations of the Village to January 11, 2021.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY**

Open communication and information

**BACKGROUND**

The CAO report provides information to Council regarding the up-to-date operations of the Village to ensure active communication between Staff and Council.

**ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS**

N/A

**DISCUSSION**

1. Uncollected tax payments at the end of December 2020 amount to \$167,767 out of total collections of \$3,142,935 or 5.3% of total taxation revenue. This amount has increased since last month due to unpaid utilities being transferred to taxes on December 31, 2020. Of the outstanding balance, \$32,555 are delinquent tax payments resulting from 2019 taxation, \$4,418 are commercial arrears tax payments resulting from 2020 taxation, and the balance are residential arrears tax payments resulting from 2020 taxation.
2. Former Middle School Project Master Planning.
  - a. The next steps in the project development are important to continue the momentum and launch the first phase in the development of the project. The next steps, budget and progress:

1.	Prepare application for seed funding with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC)	\$ 4,750	January 15, 2021	Application submitted
2.	Prepare non-construction-ready application for Community Housing Fund (CHF)	4,750	January 2021	Application to be submitted Jan. 15, 2021
3.	Site plan and floor plate information required for basic CHF application	5,000	January 2021	Complete
4.	Child care needs assessment	6,000	November 2020	Complete
5.	BC New Spaces Fund submission	6,000	November 2020	Application Submitted

6.	Conceptual site and building plans to prepare BC New Spaces submission	2,500	November 2020	Complete
7.	Public communication and engagement re: Master Plan	4,700	September 12, 2020	Complete
8.	RFP for the Middle School building demolition	10,000	September 2020	Researching grant opportunities
9.	Survey Site Plan incl: topo, environment features, property lines	7,000	December 2020	Completed with 100% grant funding from CBT
	Total Costs for Next Steps	<u>\$50,700</u>		
10.	Plan of Subdivision Survey	???	January 2021	Quote for work
11.	Discussions re: terms of long term lease w/ LCAHS	0.00	January 2021	Meeting w/ City Spaces & LCAHS
12.	Discussions re: Rezoning site or portions of site	0.00	February 2021	Meeting

### 3. Water Works

- a. A quote has been received to replace the pump in Well #2. Funding is available from the unspecified capital funds. Replacement will not be completed until 2021.

### 4. Public Works

- a. The outdoor ice rink has been delivered on-site. Only one light at the Sport Court is not operational; at this time the Village will not replace it as its functioning should not affect the ice rink. Volunteers have setup the rink and are waiting for weather conditions to become cold enough to freeze the ice.
- b. A portion of the Stormwater system ditching program was completed before the snow began to fall.
- c. Crews excavated a blocked sewer connection on Ceder Avenue due to a faulty connection and route intrusion on the boulevard.
- d. Snowplowing took place on December 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> and the snow was hauled away before Christmas. Over Christmas snowplowing was the only scheduled work. In December 2020, 44 cm of snow fell with 6 snow events. This compares to December of 2019 which had 49 cm of snow and 11 snow events. 2017 had 92 cm of snow throughout December. This year's December snow fall has been the lightest in 5years. Snow has been hauled twice from the downtown core this winter.
- e. Crews have spent much time clearing catch basin because of the snow/melt cycles that occurred throughout December.
- f. Improvements to the blower at the sewer treatment plant were done which replaced pulleys to slow down aeration.
- g. Two damaged aerators in cell one and cell two lagoons were repaired. The aerators have not been functioning for years. Thirty aerators exist in the lagoons and need annual inspection which is the reason the Village requires a lagoon platform. Staff have not been successful in finding a purchase option for the lagoon platform and decided to rent an extending boom forklift and extending manlift at a cost of \$1800 to repair the two aerators known to be malfunctioning. Staff will continue to research an appropriate lagoon platform.

- h. Garbage collection was delayed until late morning on several days throughout December due to snow removal and low manpower. Collection was only delayed and never missed. The Village has two employees off due to injuries.
  - i. Equipment repairs and maintenance especially on plow trucks were priorities.
  - j. Minor repairs to one of the sanders was completed.
  - k. Crews continue to perform winter monitoring in Beaver Creek.
  - l. The Trackless is causing problems again and died during snow clearing operations. The most likely cause of the failure is the fuel pump which will cost approximately \$3000 in repairs. The unit has been taken to a mechanic for diagnosis. This is poor timing as the unit is out of service for heavy sidewalk snow clearing. Several labor hours have been spent to get it going and keep it going, but the efforts have not been successful.
  - m. An inspection of the Fitness Gym ventilation system has been performed and we are waiting for results and options for upgrades and improvements. Once the analysis is complete the contractor will be asked to perform the same analysis at the Municipal Office.
5. Corporate Services:
- a. Budget and financial year end preparations are the priority at this time.
  - b. The Village will be taking part in the FortisBC Commercial Energy Assessment Program. The FMC and Village Office will have an energy assessment performed January 12, 2021.
  - c. IT service providers have completed their work on the migration of staff emails to Office 365 and Outlook. This move should ensure Village staff emails are secure and operating effectively. The [mayor@village.fruitvale.bc.ca](mailto:mayor@village.fruitvale.bc.ca) email should now be functioning properly as well. Problems have arisen with the migration of the Vadim financial software - the IT team, Vadim and myself are working on solutions to the problem. Remote connections have been setup and are working well and securely which is enabling Public Works to have access to Village files and prepares the Village for work from home arrangements should they be needed.
  - d. The 2021 Business License invoices have been sent out. Changes in the Village's processing of Business Licenses have enabled better tracking of changes in licensing. During 2020, seven businesses ceased operations. Of the seven businesses, two were sold to new owners and re-licensed under the new ownership. Ten new licenses were issued during 2020 including the two change of ownerships. A total of 63 business licenses will be issued for 2021.
  - e. The issuing of dog licenses is open for the 2021 year. Recently there have been many complaints of unlicensed dogs and dogs off leash within the Village. Bylaw is checking into the complaints and discussing with owners the reasons for licensing and leashing regulations.
  - f. As previously discussed with Council, Shawna Bradford has resigned from her position as Age Friendly Coordinator due to family circumstances. Because COVID continues to inhibit the Village's attempts to fully run the program, hiring a new Coordinator at this time will not lead to fulfilling work for the Coordinator position and is not an efficient use of Age Friendly funding as event coordination continues to result in no good outcomes that are able to follow the PHO. Colleen Prodaniuk has graciously offered to volunteer her time to keep the seniors lunches going throughout COVID. I have taken her up on her offer and the seniors' lunches will continue as a take-out service.

- g. The Village will once again this year apply to the Canada Summer Jobs Program. The application will request two summer students for four months to assist with gardening – weeding, watering - throughout the Village. If successful, the Village will research more fully what requirements and training must be in place to have the students assist with the fertilization of the hanging baskets.
- h. The Village is now the owner of the property located behind the FMC. Grant funding from the Columbia Basin Trust has enabled the purchase of the land and staff will begin planning for weed control on the property and removing it from the list of unsightly properties. A public communication strategy will be required and staff would like Council's comments on how the public should be informed of the purchase and our next steps forward.

### **Current Priorities**

1. Budget 2021.
2. Financial year end 2020.
3. CVRIS grant application.

### **CONCLUSION**

The CAO report contains information to Council since the last Regular Council Meeting.



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**COUNCILLOR FITZPATRICK REPORT**

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Council Report for Council meeting January 11, 2021.

**COMMITTEES:**

**Affordable Housing Committee** (with Councillor Kniss) - nothing to report

**Personnel Committee** (with Mayor Morissette and Councillor Kniss) - nothing to report

**PORTFOLIOS/LIAISONS:**

**Seniors' Engagement**

Take out lunches will continue. We will be asking dignitaries to come and hand out the lunches. Mayor Morrsette and Area A Director Ali Grieve have already committed to volunteering for the January 19, 2021 lunch. Mayor Walsh has also been invited and we are waiting on his response.

**Spirit Events** (with all Council)

All spirit events are on hold due to COVID-19.

**Special Events** (with Councillor Kenny) – nothing to report

**Downtown Businesses** (with Councillor Wenman) – nothing to report

**OTHER**

What is the outcome of the outdoor rink? My understanding was information would be gathered and Council would then make an informed decision.

I would also like clarification on when Council votes during a Council Meeting, where is it stated that the vote is not final until the next month's Council Meeting when the previous month's agenda is approved?

Respectfully submitted,  
Councillor Vickie Fitzpatrick



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**COUNCILLOR KENNY REPORT**

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Council Report for Council Meeting held on January 11, 2020.

**COMMITTEES:**

**West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital Board** - Next meeting in June 2021

**PORTFOLIOS/LIAISONS:**

**Public Safety – RCMP & Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure**

Nicole Laface resident of 1518 Hwy 3B called me about a neighbor who blocked the extension of Highway 3B near Columbia Gardens Road. There are safety concerns regarding the Bus Stop and garbage pickup.

**Spirit Events** - Nothing to report

**Heritage, Culture, Arts & Literacy** - Nothing to report

**BV May Days** - Nothing to report

**Fruitvale Elementary School PAC** - Nothing to report

**Special Events** - Nothing to report

**Public Works** - Nothing to report

**OTHER**

The Kiddie Car ride does meet the criteria of an Amusement Device and the owner/operator (Village of Fruitvale) will need to obtain an Amusement Device Contractor license and operating permit for the ride from Technical Safety BC. Village of Fruitvale (or owner/operator) will need to apply for an Amusement Device Contractor's license (Part A). As this ride is service proven since it has been operating since the late 1940's along with limited documentation, Technical Safety BC will do without Part B. However, a BC Professional Engineer will need to provide endorsement prior to obtaining the required Operating Permit (Part C). The Certificate of Inspection will outline the BC P.Eng. endorsement.

Respectfully submitted,  
Councilor Lindsay Kenny





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*MAYOR/R STEVE MORISSETTE REPORT*

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Report to Council for meeting dated January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**MAYOR REPORT**

**COMMITTEES**

**Personnel:** No meeting to update.

**South Columbia Mayors and Regional District Directors Coalition:** No meeting to update.

**Highway 3 Mayors Coalition:** No meeting until Spring.

**GENERAL UPDATE**

Dec 10 – CAO Tuttle and I met with Tim Grouette of the LCIC and Eric Kalacis of Community Futures to go over details of our RFP for a consultant on our re-branding/economic development project, it was a great open meeting where we worked through what we need from a consultant.

Dec 11 – CAO Tuttle and I participated in a conference call with the new Minister of Municipal Affairs Josie Osborne. She asked each community to offer one priority moving forward, I put out improved rural broadband which COVID-19 has shown the limitations of our current providers and snuck in Childcare and affordable housing as well.

Dr Brian Emerson the deputy PHO also updated us on COVID-19 at Dec 11.

**REGIONAL DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORT**

**BV Recreation:**

- There was no December meeting. I did meet with Mark Daines at the Fruitvale Memorial Centre, he brought in an architect from Nelson to look at the upstairs potential storage area. He suggested the cheapest access to the area is a set of metal stairs directly above the stairs going downstairs to the bowling alley. We just received an update from him on January 4<sup>th</sup> and preliminary work indicates we can't use the entire space as with one exit we can be a maximum 15 metres from the exit which will provide 500 square feet of storage. Architect work will continue.

**East End Services:**

- We had a presentation from BC Transit on our local transit system highlighting plans for improved stops throughout and a new transfer station downtown Trail.

**RDKB Board of Directors:**

- Cleaned up some business that had to be done prior to the new year and moved to a closed meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mayor Steve Morissette