

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of the Council of the Village of Fruitvale held on February 8, 2021 in the Council Chambers and Zoom Video Conferencing.

Council Present:	Mayor:	Steve Morissette
	Councillors:	Vickie Fitzpatrick Lindsay Kenny Bert Kniss Bill Wenman
Staff Present:	CAO:	Kelli Tuttle
Media Present:		0
Gallery:		5 Public

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Morissette called the meeting to order at 4:00 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**

**2021-02-08-01**

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kenny

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

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

- a. Donna Wilchynski, Marketing Chair, West Kootenay Boundary Community Investment Co-op

Donna Wilchynski and Keith Page from the West Kootenay Boundary Community Investment Co-op attended the meeting to introduce the West Kootenay Boundary Community Investment Co-op (WKBCIC) and seek investment from the community by purchasing membership shares.

The WKBCIC is member-owned, locally controlled and governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. The Co-op finances businesses located in the West Kootenay Boundary with the purpose of promoting economic, social, environmental and community impacts. The Co-op works with the regional Community Futures who help with the due diligence on the loan application criteria. Approved applications received business development guidance, collaborative financing and ongoing support to help their business succeed.

Membership shares cost \$1,000 per share and the WKBCIC are asking local governments to consider purchasing \$10,000 - \$100,000 of membership shares, relevant to the size of the local government and assets available for investment and ask staff to investigate membership to repatriate investment back to businesses in the local area. The Co-op is looking for a minimum 5-year investment commitment. Council can stipulate that the money they invest be used for business applications in Fruitvale only and if no one from Fruitvale applies that the money stays in the fund. Council can also request that their investment be returned however the amount returned would depend on how much funding is loaned out.

Ms. Wilchynski and Mr. Page thanked Council for their time and left the meeting at 4:24 pm.

b. Jack Kenny, Selkirk Mountain Music Society

Jack Kenny from the Selkirk Mountain Music Society attended the meeting to introduce the Selkirk Mountain Music Society and to request support from Council.

Mr. Kenny explained that the Selkirk Mountain Music Society began in the Kootenays to bring more music to our area. The Society is looking to purchase a mobile stage and internet music station with a goal to get publishing and would like a letter of support from Council to include in their grant application. The deadline to apply for funding is February 28, 2021.

As time is of the essence, Mayor Morissette asked Council for a motion to add the request for support of the Selkirk Mountain Music Society grant applications to the agenda under new business.

Councillors Kenny and Kniss recused themselves from the vote as they are associated with the Society.

**2021-02-08-02**

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Wenman

THAT Council consider the request for support from the Selkirk Mountain Music Society at the current Council meeting due to time constraints for the grant applications.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- a. Minutes of the Committee Meeting with local Realtors held on November 16, 2020

**2021-02-08-03**

MOVED Wenman / SECONDED Fitzpatrick

THAT the minutes from the Committee Meeting with local realtors held on November 16, 2020 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

- b. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on December 21, 2020

**2021-02-08-04**

MOVED Kniss / SECONDED Fitzpatrick

THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on December 21, 2020 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

- c. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 11, 2021

**2021-02-08-05**

MOVED Kniss / SECONDED Kenny

THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting held January 11, 2021 be amended to include under Councillor Kenny's report that "the Beaver Valley May Days Society should collect the donations for the repair and certification of the kiddie cars" AND FURTHER THAT the minutes of January 11, 2021 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

- d. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - January 25, 2021

**2021-02-08-06**

MOVED Wenman / SECONDED Fitzpatrick

THAT the minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting held January 25, 2021 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. FOR INFORMATION ONLY CORRESPONDENCE:
- a. Government of Canada News Release regarding improved broadband connectivity
  - b. Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch Policy Directive 21-01: Extension of temporary hours of sale and delivery
  - c. Ombudsperson Report
  - d. Ministry of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation - Economic Development Updates
  - e. Federation of Canadian Municipalities
    - i. Voice - January 18, 2021
    - ii. Communique - January 31 and February 1, 2021
  - f. Union of BC Municipalities
    - i. Compass - January 13, January 20 and February 3, 2021
    - ii. Request for support from the City of North Vancouver re: Implementing a Province-wide ban on anticoagulant rodenticides
  - g. Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments
    - i. Events Notice
    - ii. Call for Resolutions
    - iii. Sample Resolutions
    - iv. Resolution Writing Guidelines
  - h. Interior Health - Healthy Communities January Newsletter
  - i. RCMP - Quarterly Mayor's Reports
  - j. Regional District of Kootenay Boundary - January 2021 Building Permit Stats
  - k. SPCA - January report
  - l. Tourism Rossland - newsletter
  - m. Metal Tech Alley - newsletter
  - n. Community Futures Greater Trail - February newsletter
  - o. Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society - Save the date for the Land Managers Meeting March 4 from 1-4 pm.
  - p. Ashley Hewitson - email requesting a dog park in the municipality

Mayor Morissette informed Council that item p - email from Ashley Hewitson regarding a dog park is being brought before the Beaver Valley Recreation Committee.

**2021-02-08-07**

MOVED Wenman / SECONDED Kenny

THAT the For Information Only correspondence be received.

CARRIED

**STAFF REPORTS**

- a. BV Age Friendly Report - No report
- b. T. Gallamore, BV Youth Action Network Report

Council remarked that the report from T. Gallamore, BV Youth Action Network Coordinator was an informative report.

- c. K. Tuttle, Chief Administrative Officer Report

A discussion took place on the snowbanks around the Fruitvale Elementary School. Councillor Kenny asked if public works could push back the snow on the boulevards around the school closer to the school stairs to alleviate the traffic congestion on Beaver Street.

**2021-02-08-08**

MOVED Wenman / SECONDED Kenny

THAT staff be directed to send a letter to the maintenance department at School District #20 to remove the snow on their parking area on Beaver Street AND FURTHER THAT the parking area continue to be clear so that the situation no longer arises.

MOTION DEFEATED

Councillor Kenny will bring up the snow clearing in the parking area at the Fruitvale Elementary School matter up to the Parents Advisory Committee before sending a letter to the School Board.

**2021-02-08-09**

MOVED Wenman / SECONDED Kniss

THAT the reports from BVYAN Coordinator T. Gallamore and CAO K. Tuttle be received as presented and appended to the minutes as available.

CARRIED

**COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councillor Fitzpatrick Report

Councillor Fitzpatrick spoke to her written report.

Councillor Kenny - verbal report

Councillor Kenny verbally reported that she attended the West Kootenay Regional Hospital Board Meeting. The BV May Days Society is meeting on February 17, 2021

and need directors. They are moving forward with obtaining quotes on the engineering approval to operate the kiddie cars.

Councillor Kniss

Councillor Kniss spoke to his report.

Councillor Wenman

Councillor Wenman spoke to his written report.

Mayor/RDKB Director Steve Morissette

Mayor Morissette spoke to his written report. He would like to add the TRP to the agenda.

**2021-02-08-10**

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Wenman

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

CARRIED

Committee of the Whole Recommendations

Staff to add Planning for Future Events and the TRP program to the next Committee of the Whole agenda for discussion.

**CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING ACTION**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

a. 1518 Highway 3B Request for Council support

A discussion took place regarding the request from the owner of 1518 Highway 3B for Council to send a letter of support to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

**2021-02-08-11**

MOVED Wenman / SECONDED Kniss

THAT Council informs Ms. Laface that her request for Council support issued by way of letter correspondence addressed to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure can only be considered if ownership of the roadway frontage along

the properties located at 1500, 1510, 1518 and 1520 Highway 3B is proven to be held by the Province of BC;

AND FURTHER THAT Council requests Ms. Laface provide legal documentation by way of a legal reference plan and site survey deposited at the Village of Fruitvale Office to prove Provincial ownership of the roadway frontage along the properties located at 1500, 1510, 1518 and 1520 Highway 3B;

AND FURTHER THAT Ms. Laface and the property owners of 1500, 1510 and 1518 Highway 3B take all reasonable actions necessary to provide proof to the Village of Fruitvale that access to and across lands providing entry and egress to the homes from Highway 3B conform to legal land access requirements including appropriate easements registered on the land titles of the grantors;

AND FURTHER THAT Ms. Laface and the property owners of 1500, 1510 and 1518 Highway 3B provide the Village of Fruitvale proof that approvals have been obtained from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure by way of permit, which allow highway access to each of the properties from two highway access points.

CARRIED

**2021-02-08-12**

MOVED Wenman / SECONDED Kenny

THAT motion 2021-02-08-11 be amended to include THAT Council direct staff to send a letter to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure asking to assist the owner of 1518 Highway 3B to ascertain the ownership of the land in question".

CARRIED.

Councillors Kenny, Kniss and Wenman in favour.  
Mayor Morissette and Councillor Fitzpatrick Opposed.

c. Commercial Businesses Recycling Collection - Resolution to AKBLG

**2021-02-08-13**

MOVED Wenman / SECONDED Kniss

THAT Council approve by resolution the submission of the resolution Commercial Business Recycling Collection to the Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments (AKBLG) for consideration and support by member municipalities as an addition to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) annual agenda.

CARRIED.

Mayor Morissette Opposed.

**2021-02-08-14**

MOVED Kenny / SECONDED Fitzpatrick

WHEREAS the Village of Fruitvale is committed to promoting environmental sustainability and encourages economic growth through the attraction and retention of commercial business;

AND WHEREAS commercial business curbside recycling collection provided free of charge will be suspended to the community as of April 30, 2021 by the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary as a measure to provide equity amongst all businesses in communities throughout the Regional District:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the province of British Columbia take steps to continue commercial business free curbside recycling collection to promote environmental sustainability and economic growth within the Province of British Columbia.

CARRIED

e. Beaver Valley and Pend d'Oreille Historical Society Display Cases - Staff Report

**2021-02-08-15**

MOVED Kenny / SECONDED Fitzpatrick

THAT Council receive the staff report on the BV & Pend d'Oreille Historical Society Display Case at the Village Office.

CARRIED

f. 100% Renewable Energy by 2050 Commitment

A discussion ensued on committing to 100% Renewable Energy by 2050.

**2021-02-08-16**

MOVED Wenman / SECONDED Kniss

THAT the Commitment to 100% Renewable Energy by 2050 be referred to the Committee of the Whole meeting for further discussions.

CARRIED.

Mayor Morissette Opposed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

a. 2021 Budget Public Presentation

Mayor Morissette asked the CAO what the intention is with an approval of an interim budget. CAO Tuttle informed Council that the purpose of an approval of an interim budget is to move forward with the scheduling of Pine Avenue upgrades and to obtain quotes on a new trackless machine.



**2021-02-08-17**

MOVED Wenman / SECONDED Fitzpatrick

THAT the Village of Fruitvale Council pass the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Village of Fruitvale Council recognizes that public consultation is an important part of the budget process;

AND WHEREAS the Village of Fruitvale Council feels it is expedient to empower the Chief Administrative Officer to proceed immediately in scheduling major capital projects included in the 2021 Proposed Budget;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Village of Fruitvale Council approves by resolution the publishing, on Village of Fruitvale social media, of the 2021 Budget Public Presentation;

AND FURTHER THAT the 2021 Proposed Operating Budget and 2021 Proposed Capital Budget be adopted as interim budgets for the 2021 year pending adjustments from the public consultation process and assessment updates.

CARRIED.

Councillors Wenman and Kniss in favour.

b. Selkirk Mountain Music Society - Request for Support

**2021-02-08-18**

MOVED / SECONDED

THAT Council support the Selkirk Mountain Music Society grant application request AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to send a letter to the Selkirk Mountain Music Society on behalf of Council recognizing the support of the grant application.

CARRIED

### **BYLAWS/POLICIES**

a. Living Wage Employer Policy #FIN 2021-01

**2021-02-08-19**

MOVED Kniss / SECONDED Fitzpatrick

THAT Council approve the Village of Fruitvale Living Wage Employer Policy #FIN 2021-01.

CARRIED

b. Council Technology Policy #FIN-2015-01 Amendment

**2021-02-08-20**

MOVED Kenny / SECONDED Kniss

THAT Council approve a one-time amendment to the Village of Fruitvale Council Technology Policy #FIN-2015-01 in the amount of a \$750 allowance to each Council member for the purpose of providing technology required to perform the duties of Council.

CARRIED

c. Animal Responsibility Bylaw No. 921, 2020 - third reading

**2021-02-08-21**

MOVED Wenman / SECONDED Fitzpatrick

THAT the Village of Fruitvale Animal Responsibility Bylaw No. 921, 2020 be read a third time.

CARRIED

d. Reserve and Reserve Fund Policy #FIN-2021-02

CAO Tuttle spoke on the Reserve and Reserve Fund Policy #FIN-2021-02. All Council members agreed that it is good to have reserve funding in place.

**2021-02-08-22**

MOVED Wenman / SECONDED

THAT Council approve the Reserve and Reserve Fund Policy #FIN-2021-02.

CARRIED

e. Wastewater System User Rates and Fees Bylaw No. 924, 2021 - Reconsideration and Adoption

**2021-02-08-23**

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kenny

THAT the Wastewater System User Rates and Fees Bylaw No. 924, 2021 be reconsidered and finally adopted.

CARRIED

f. Village of Fruitvale Solid Waste Control Bylaw No. 925, 2021 - Reconsideration and Adoption

**2021-02-08-24**

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kenny

THAT the Village of Fruitvale Waste Control Bylaw No. 925, 2021 be reconsidered and finally adopted.

CARRIED

**OPEN DISCUSSION (10 MINUTE LIMIT)  
- NIL**

**NOTICE OF MOTION - NIL**

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

**IN CAMERA SESSION**

**2021-02-08-25**

MOVED Kenny / SECONDED Fitzpatrick

THAT pursuant to *Community Charter* Division 3, Section 90 (1) (j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the [Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act](#) and (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public, Council recesses the regular meeting and moves to an In Camera session at 5:55 pm.

CARRIED

**2021-02-08-26**

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kenny

THAT the regular Council meeting reconvene at 6:08 pm.

CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

**2021-02-08-27**

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kenny

THAT the regular meeting adjourn at 6:08 pm.

CARRIED

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Mayor

Certified Correct:

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Chief Administrative Officer



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**REPORT:**

**Date:** January 2021  
**To:** Councillor Youth Liaison Portfolio  
**From:** Tammy Gallamore, Youth Coordinator  
**SUBJECT:** **Beaver Valley Youth Action Network (BVYAN)**

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**The following is a summary report of the BVYAN events for end of January 2021.**

**January 8, 2021** – Beaver Valley Youth Action Network Zoom brainstorming session. Mentorship youth helped host the Grade 7 Zoom call. 8 Beaver Valley Youth participated. The youth provided different ideas and opportunities they would be interested in. Majority were all outside activities. 7pm.

**January 8, 2021** – Beaver Valley Youth Action Network Zoom brainstorming session. Grades 8 to 12 on the Zoom call. 6 Beaver Valley Youth participated. The youth provided different ideas and opportunities they would be interested in. 9pm.

**January 11, 2021** – Basin Youth Action Network Coordinator call. Special guest on the call was Michelle Kropp of the Sport Law & Strategy Group. Michelle will be doing a 30 min presentation on waivers followed by a 15-minute Q&A.

**January 13, 2021** – Consent Form, made a couple changes to consent form as (waiver) does not hold up legally. I also added specific risks as they pertain to COVID 19. Kelli Tuttle approved January 20, 2021 at 5:54pm. I have forwarded to any Beaver Valley YAN, that want to participate.

**January 25, 2021** – Topic: Little Warriors Prevent It! Zoom workshop - Basin Youth Network - Jo Lu. Raise awareness and provided information about Childhood Sexual Abuse. Please see attached.

**January 26, 2021** – "Gender Equity - Body Sense - Dr. Shaunna Taylor". Discussion on body image and self-awareness.

**January 2021** – Leadership Journey #2. Basin Youth Network and other coordinators from Basin Youth Networks are working on next steps "Leadership Journey" that will be launched in 2021. Review and input into LJ2.

**January 28, 2021** – Oversight committee had an impromptu meeting regarding the BV Age Friendly 'Pay it Forward' Initiative.

**January 29, 2021** – **Re: Beaver Valley Youth Action Network Winter/Spring Job Readiness Program** - sent a request to BV Dynamic Aging to team up with them on a pilot project helping seniors and disabled with basic snow removal and gardening projects. BV Dynamic Aging has requested further information and will revisit our request at their next meeting.

**January 29, 2021** – Spoke with CAO Tuttle and Councillor Vickie Fitzpatrick to discuss the rollout of the BV Age Friendly 'Pay it Forward' Initiative and the BVYAN Summer Volunteer Initiative. Discussed program and how to make sure participants are not being put at risk and to ensure the Village is not putting anybody in danger by sending them to a home that may not be safe or sending someone who may put the homeowner in an unsafe situation. Also, how Beaver Valley Youth Action Network and BV Age Friendly can coordinate the programs.

**January 2021 – Ski Red Program** - Beaver Valley YAN launched a Ski Red program, youth that participated in brainstorm zoom calls were able to free ski passes to Red Mountain.

January 2021 – **Salmo Ski Hill** – Beaver Valley YAN will offer tickets to two days in February for youth to ski.

**January 31, 2021** - #1 Job Readiness Train the Trainer Sessions with Jen Barclay from Kootenay Career Development Services. Registered BV YAN will learn how to facilitate and co-facilitated Job Readiness Program in the future.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tammy Gallamore  
BV Youth Club Coordinator



**SUBJECT/TITLE**

CAO Report to February 8, 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 February 8, 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 \$161,510 out of total collections of \$3,142,935 or 5.1% 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 and \$128,955 are arrears 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 submitted
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	<u>7,000</u>	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. Public Works

- a. With the mild snowfall this month, Crews have been working on the office front counter remodel. Work is being completed in-house, which Public Works may regret because now we all know that they are master craftsman who can tackle anything.
- b. 43 cm of snow fell throughout January. Last January - 102 cm, January 2019 - 104 cm, January 2018 - 113 cm and January 2017 - 29 cm. It has been a dry year so far.
- c. Snow has been removed from streets twice in January and at problem areas off and on during January.
- d. Clock is up and running, but it needs further investigation into the electrical system.
- e. SCADA and process improvement evaluations continue at the Sewer Treatment Plant.
- f. The doors at the Community Hall were fixed to prevent the doors breaking through the drywall when swung open.
- g. Initial preparation for the Harvest Central Community Hut has begun and will continue as weather permits.
- h. Crews assisted with breaking ice at the water reservoir
- i. With the freeze/thaw cycles crews are continually monitoring and opening catch basins.
- j. Flows at the Sewer Treatment Plant were diverted 6 days. The spiked flows were caused by rain and snow melt which increased the inflow and infiltration levels.
- k. Sewer winter additional monitoring continues.
- l. The Trackless mower/snowblower is continuing to cause many issues and has been down twice in January delaying snow clearing.
- m. All hydrants have been cleared.
- n. Xmas lights will come down in next few days.

### 4. Corporate Services:

- a. Financial year end preparations are the priority at this time.
- b. The FortisBC Commercial Energy Assessment Program was postponed due to COVID and travel restrictions. Alternative methods of performing the audit are being investigated.
- c. Office upgrades to improve the front counter and protect staff during a pandemic are underway. The upgrades are being paid for through the COVID Recovery Grant and will improve the area now and into the future.

- d. The Village has submitted a grant application to the Canada Summer Jobs Program. The application requests 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.
- e. The Village has applied for the CBT Food Access and Recovery Grant to improve and expand the Harvest Central Community Garden.
- f. The Village has applied for the CVRIS grant for sewer plant upgrades including the grit management system.
- g. The 2021 proposed budget has been prepared and is ready for public presentation. The presentation will be published on the Village’s website and Facebook page for review as COVID restrictions prevent a public open house.
- h. The Home Owner Grant program will be changing for the 2021 tax year. Staff have spent much time attending training sessions to become familiar with the changes.
- i. Staff have spent some time researching FMC as-built drawings for the BV Rec committee during the engineering study of the upstairs storage area.
- j. Parking at the Fruitvale Elementary School has become chaotic during drop-off and pick-up hours. The Village is assisting the school by having the Bylaw Officer at the school during these hours talking with residents and setting up cones to prevent people from parking on the sidewalks.
- k. In preparation for the Middle School Development, the Village’s Development Cost Charge Bylaw must be reviewed. The bylaw has been in effect since 1994 with no updates. The charges do not represent today’s costs of upgrades and the bylaw is meant to be updated frequently to stay current with changes in the environment and economy.
- l. A meeting regarding the newsletter, its format and content will be held Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. If any member of Council would like input or wants to participate, please feel free to join the meeting at the regular zoom link.

### **Current Priorities**

1. Financial year end 2020.
2. Subdivision of Phase 1 of the Former Middle School Development Project
3. Development Cost Charges and Bylaw
4. Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw

### **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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**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**

Age Friendly has two new programs running. The first program is CONNECTING GENERATIONS THRU LETTER LINKS. For this program, Area A, the Village of Fruitvale and the Fruitvale Elementary School have partnered together to create an old-fashioned pen pal program. We have received a grant from Area A to keep this program going for a while. The monies will be used to purchase occasional cards like Valentines, Easter, etc., writing paper, envelopes and stamps for the school students and seniors.

The second program is a pay it forward program, we are still working out logistics and roll out. The Age Friendly take away lunches are averaging 110 seniors a month.

**Spirit Events** (with all Council) - Nothing to report

**Special Events** (with Councillor Kenny) - Nothing to report

**Downtown Businesses** (with Councillor Wenman) - No report

**OTHER**

I am looking for clarification. My understanding is that in a Committee of the Whole meeting Council discusses topics, no decisions are made. All Council decisions are made at the Regular Council meetings. Is this correct?

Respectfully submitted,  
**Councillor Vickie Fitzpatrick**



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**COUNCILLOR KNISS REPORT**

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**COMMITTEES:**

**Finance and Budget Committee** (with Councillor Wenman)

- See January COW meeting and CFO report.

**Personnel Committee** (with Mayor Morissette and Councillor Fitzpatrick)

- Currently in meetings regarding staff performance evaluation.

**PORTFOLIOS/LIAISONS:**

**Spirit Events**

- Due to the pandemic and current health regulations there are no social gatherings. Now is a good time to be in talks about possible future events and what they might look like.

**Lower Columbia Affordable Housing Society** (with Councillor Fitzpatrick)

- I will relay any information of interest to council after this month's meeting.

**Beaver Valley May Days** (with Councillor Kenny)

- I am looking forward to a presentation to council by Jack Kenny.

**Heritage, Culture, Arts & Literacy** (with Councillor Kenny)

- I have discussed with Mayor Morissette the possibility of forming a group of individuals from various Arts disciplines who may be interested in collaborating to promote visual arts and musical venues.

**OTHER**

- Nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Councillor Bert Kniss**



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**COUNCILLOR WENMAN REPORT**

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**Council Report for Council Meeting to be held on Monday 08 February 2021**

**COMMITTEES:**

**Trail and District Chamber of Commerce:** I attended the TDCC monthly on Tuesday 19 January 2021. I am assisting the Chamber with delivering the 2020 Business Excellence Awards. They are reviewing strategic Plan due to COVID19. They are looking at the 2021 Business Excellence Awards in Oct 2021 at Fruitvale. I also attended a business after business meeting sponsored by the TDCC on Thursday 21 Jan 2021 at 530pm. The Business after business meetings showcase new businesses, discuss problems and success stories as well exchanging information about COVID19. What is working and what is not.

**Finance & Budget Committee** (with Councillor Kniss) – covered under CoW 22 Jan 2021

**Lower Columbia Community Development Team** (with Councillor Kenny) – I attended the LCCDTS meeting on Thursday 21 Jan at 300 PM. The LCCDTS received a detailed briefing from REN Energy (Bio-Mass Project EAST of Fruitvale). They are making progress and are starting information briefings. Comm Futures has a grant to conduct a downtown revitalization review for City of Trail. The Health and Hospital rep advised that there is movement forward for two government (IHA) supported medical centers in Trail and Rossland. It is a slow process and will not happen soon. We did not receive a timeline. Fruitvale has a successful private medical center.

**PORTFOLIOS/LIAISONS:**

**Spirit Events** (with all Council) – Nothing to Report

**Businesses Liaison** (with Councillor Fitzpatrick) – Nothing to Report

**Public Works** (with Councillor Kenny). – Nothing to Report

**RDKB – Utilities:** I attended a RDKB Utilities Committee Meeting. Various Utility work plans were approved for budget planning purposes. A staff report from Goran Denkovski, Manager of Infrastructure and Sustainability regarding the final 2021 Beaver Valley Water Service (500) Work Plan and the proposed 2021-2025 Five Year Financial Plan was presented and approved by the Committee. There will be a modest tax increase in the water service.

**Public Safety, RCMP, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Liaison** (with Councillor Kenny) – Nothing to Report

Respectfully submitted,  
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*MAYOR STEVE MORISSETTE REPORT*

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Report to Council for meeting dated February 8, 2021

**COMMITTEES**

**Personnel:** Working on annual CAO performance review.

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

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

**GENERAL UPDATE**

CAO Tuttle and I took part in last week's conference call with Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Josie Osborne. They reached out before the meeting and asked us to be prepared to share one priority project in our community I took the opportunity to share the following:

**The highest priority and highest impact of our projects in Fruitvale is a nearly four-hectare block of land with a derelict middle school on it that the Village purchased a couple of years ago. We completed a masterplan for the site last year and on the first phase we have submitted applications for a couple of identified needs in our greater community. We are intent on building a childcare centre with an adjacent 28-unit affordable housing complex and four market duplexes to anchor the development, phase 2 & 3 are planned to be affordably priced medium density housing, but demolition of the former middle school is the hurdle we must overcome at a \$1.5 million cost. That is too much for the development to absorb as it will make the development too expensive. We have been attempting multiple grant opportunities, but we are having no success finding anything that supports demolition. The school was opened during the NDP government of Dave Barrett many years ago so it will be awesome, almost poetic, that your new NDP government will help us remove it, and we do accept cash, cheques, and e-transfers. We will be very happy to discuss grant opportunities through any and all funding streams.**

I attended a Zoom meeting about Active Transportation in the Lower Columbia on Feb 4<sup>th</sup>, all Mayor's and RDKB Area reps were there except Montrose, WK Eco Society, RDKB, Community Futures, LCCDTS sustainability leader, Rossland planner, KCTS, and the Skills Centre. We talked about "the green link" from Red Mountain to Fruitvale, shared where each community is regarding active transportation and sustainability, talked about the supports in grants for active transportation and we all left planning to continue meeting and that each of us should think about what we each can offer to move this forward.

## **Regional District Director Report**

### **BV Recreation:**

- We need to talk about the TRP program and where Fruitvale stands moving forward as the current term ends this October.
- We are continuing working on the conversion of the current unusable space at our hall to BV and Pend O'Reille Historical society storage.
- The lease on BNSF lands adjacent to the railway has been approved to be modified to allow the building of a replica train station. Plans are moving ahead Scott Weatherford has re-engaged a Nelson architect to refine the plans.
- Ownership of the finished building must be decided.

### **Policy and Personnel Committee:**

- The big discussion item currently is a compensation review for RDKB staff.

### **East End Services:**

- Budget is the big item here, and the use of Dam Funds from Waneta and 7-Mile grant in lieu of taxes.

### **RDKB Board of Directors:**

- Work plans and budget are key discussions right now, trying to keep all increases to a minimum.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mayor Steve Morissette