

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of the Council of the Village of Fruitvale held on March 8, 2021 via Zoom video conference.

Council Present:	Mayor:	Steve Morissette
	Councillors:	Vickie Fitzpatrick Lindsay Kenny Bert Kniss Bill Wenman
Staff Present:	CAO: Municipal Administrative Assistant:	Kelli Tuttle Robin Piche
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 People whose footsteps have also marked these lands.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**2021-03-08-01**

MOVED Kniss / SECONDED Fitzpatrick

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

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

a. Michael-James Pennie - Updating BC's Wrongful Death Law

Michael-James Pennie from Wrongful Death Law Society attended the meeting to seek support from the council to submit a motion to UBCM modernizing and reforming the Wrongful Death law.

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

a. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 8, 2021

**2021-03-08-02**

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Wenman

THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting held February 8, 2021 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

b. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on February 22, 2021

**2021-03-08-03**

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kniss

THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 22, 2021 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

a. For Information Only:

- Interior Health News Release dated March 3, 2021 regarding the addition of youth substance use treatment beds in Kelowna
- RDKB - Building Permit Statistics to January 31, 2021
- Trail and District Chamber of Commerce letter dated February 2, 2021 regarding 2021 membership
- SPCA Report to February 28, 2021
- Community Futures of Greater Trail Newsletter for March 2021
- Free Community Income Tax Preparation for low-income residents in the Greater Trail Area Notice
- Cathy Peters letter dated February 16, 2021 regarding Human Sex Trafficking, Sexual Exploitation and Child Sex Trafficking in British Columbia

**2021-03-08-04**

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kniss

THAT the For Information Only correspondence be received as presented.

CARRIED

**STAFF REPORTS**

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

Council remarked that report from T. Gallamore, BV Youth Action Network Coordinator was an informative report. Councillor Kenny inquired about the training for parents on Sexting and Consent, Columbia Basin Trust is setting up the program. T. Gallamore will update council as more information becomes available.

- c. K. Tuttle, Chief Administration Officer Report

CAO Tuttle spoke to her report regarding subdivision for the Middle School. CAO Tuttle is getting quotes to move forward with subdivision of 4 lots on which the 8 duplexes will go.

- d. Action Item List

**2021-03-08-05**

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kniss

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

CARRIED

**COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councillor Fitzpatrick

Councillor Fitzpatrick spoke to her written report.

Councillor Kenny

Councillor Kenny spoke to her written report.

Councillor Kniss

Councillor Kniss verbally reported that he is no longer on the Board of Affordable Housing Society.

Councillor Wenman

Councillor Wenman verbally reported that he attended the Utilities Committee, Rossland Affordable Housing and ACES meetings. He has received the minutes of the Ktunaxa Meeting and will update council at next meeting.

Mayor Morissette

Mayor Morissette spoke to his written report, adding that the Coldest Night of the Year team raised \$1,815.00, putting the team in the top 5 of the local municipalities who participated in the event.

**2021-03-08-06**

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kniss

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

CARRIED

Committee of the Whole Recommendations - NIL

**CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING ACTION  
- NIL**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

a. Waiver of Beaver room rental for Historical Society

**2021-03-08-07**

MOVED Wenman / SECONDED Kniss

THAT Council approve by resolution waiving of the Beaver Room rental rate for the Beaver Valley & Pend d'Oreille Historical Society for up to a period of one year;

AND FURTHER THAT at the end of February 2022, Council will re-examine the rental to provide a further waiver as required.

CARRIED

b. Commercial Business Curbside Recycling Collection

**2021-03-08-08**

MOVED Wenman / SECONDED Kenny

THAT Council approve by resolution amendments to the Commercial Business Curbside Recycling Collection Resolution for submission to the Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Government.

CARRIED

c. West Kootenay Boundary Committee Investment Plan

**2021-03-08-09**

MOVED Wenman / SECONDED Fitzpatrick

THAT Council commits an investment of \$10,000 to the West Kootenay Boundary Community Investment Co-op.

MOTION DEFEATED

**NEW BUSINESS**

a. 100% Renewable Energy Plan

**2021-03-08-10**

MOVED Wenman / SECONDED Fitzpatrick

THAT the Village of Fruitvale aims to transition to 100 percent renewable energy in all energy use sectors in the Village including heating and cooling, transportation, electricity, and waste management no later than 2050;

AND FURTHER THAT Council of the village of Fruitvale request staff assist Council to collaborate with experts and residents, as well as consult the West Kootenay 100% Renewable Energy plan, to develop a plan by June 1, 2022 for the village's transition.

CARRIED

**BYLAWS/POLICIES**

a. Animal Responsibility Bylaw No. 921, 2020

**2021-03-08-11**

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kenny

THAT the Village of Fruitvale Animal Responsibility Bylaw No. 921, 2020 be reconsidered and finally adopted.

CARRIED

**OPEN DISCUSSION (10 MINUTE LIMIT)**

Councillor Fitzpatrick inquired about the paving on Columbia Gardens Road vs. Pine Avenue. It will be put out for public review and discussed at council.

**NOTICE OF MOTION - NIL**

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

**IN CAMERA SESSION - NIL**

**ADJOURNMENT**

***2021-03-08-12***

MOVED Fitzpatrick / SECONDED Kenny

THAT the meeting adjourn at 5:04 pm.

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer



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## REPORT:

**Date:** February 2021  
**To:** Councillor Youth Liaison Portfolio  
**From:** Tammy Gallamore, Youth Coordinator  
**SUBJECT:** Beaver Valley Youth Club (BVYC)

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**The following is a summary report of the BVYC events for end of February 2021.**

**February 4, 2021** – Professional Development Workshops A) Prevent It! workshop: Developed by researchers at the University of Alberta, this revolutionary Canadian prevention workshop will educate adults to TAKE ACTION through gaining knowledge to help prevent and respond to child sexual abuse. Facilitated by Little Warriors.

Feedback on this has been mixed. Some thought excellent, some that it was too long and a bit basic. For those who think others in your community would benefit in taking this training, you can set up your own training date for free (or by donation) by contacting Jane Waldron at [jane@littlewarriors.ca](mailto:jane@littlewarriors.ca)

Alternatively, if you do not want to organize your own date, Little Warriors provides this live training online for free (or by donation) and open to self-registration on a regular basis. Your community members can find a course that hopefully works in their schedules at <https://register.littlewarriors.ca/prevention-program/training.html>

Finally, there is the option of registering for their 90-minute online workshop that you complete at your own pace. I did this over Christmas break before booking the in-person opportunities and it is good. You can register at <https://littlewarriors.ca/prevent-it/>

**February 6 & 7, 2021** – Red Ski Day Youth are fully participating and enjoying the fee ski passes. Beaver Valley YAN has a list of 27 youth that have already participated and are currently enrolled in the program.

**February 8, 2021** – Council Meeting

**February 8, 2021** – Beaver Valley Youth Action Network created a mental health survey, it will be distrusted in March.

**February 11, 2021** – Salmo Night Ski

**February 14, 2021** – Valentines Youth Ski Day Salmo Ski Hill - 17 BV Youth

**February 20, 2021** – Red Ski Day - 15 BV Youth

**February 9, 2021** – Basin Youth Network Coordinator Call. Attached is a brief description regarding the content that was shared. Highly informative.

- 1) Sexting, Sextortion & Consent special guest Scott Rothermel, Manager Safe Schools School District #8. Scott is the resource to all networks, [safe.schools@sd8.bc.ca](mailto:safe.schools@sd8.bc.ca) Sexting Sextortion Consent.mp4

A few notes:

- Sexting is sending pictures; Sextortion is blackmail using sexting.
- Consent - should be understandable, voluntary, hopefully enjoyable - should not be confusing, forced, unpleasant. Maybe is no, body language may mean no, if impaired there is no consent. Age of consent 16+. Anyone over 16 can have consensual sex with anyone older than them. Younger than 16, there are

timeframes. For 12 & 13 years it is 2 years age difference, for example, a 12 yr old and 14 yr old can date. For 14 & 15 years old, the age difference is 5 years. 18 in a case of the older person being in a position of power (boss, police officer, clergy, etc.)

- Snapchat is used lots. Users think it disappears but can be screen shot. Snap map will show people where you live, where you go. Youth have been stalked using this aspect of the app.
- Sexting is about power. Nude pictures are easily accessible on the internet. Yours are not. If you send something you give up your power.
- Conversations to have - difference between healthy and unhealthy. Discuss types of problems with sharing private and intimate information, including images and videos electronically. Anyone and everyone are looking online and oversharing can be dangerous. Check out this website- [dontgetsextorted.ca](https://dontgetsextorted.ca)

After the presentation there was discussion about providing a Basin wide parent workshop. Mike is looking into this. There was also discussion about whether further pro-d is desired and about presentations for youth. If you want to provide presentations for youth, or parents/adults who support youth in your network there are several qualified sexual health educators you can contact who can provide fee for service education opportunities. Examples of educators who have provided service in the Basin (there may be more):

Kerri Isham, Sexual Health Educator - (Nanaimo based) <https://www.powerupeducation.com>

Teresa Weatherhead, Sexual Health Educator - (Nakusp based) <https://www.linkedin.com/in/teresa-weatherhead-51126a56/>

Deirdre McLaughlin, Sexual Health Educator - (Nelson based) <https://deirdremclaughlin.ca/sexual-health-educator/>

Kristen Gilbert, Education Director, Options for Sexual Health (Province wide) <https://www.optionsforsexualhealth.org/what-we-do/about-the-people/about-the-staff/>

**February 17, 2021 – Completed** Job Readiness Train the Trainer workshop.

YOUTH JOB READINESS WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION EXPLORE FIND SHINE is a three-session workshop designed for youth who may have limited work experience and prefer multiple ways of getting information. Each session provides employment readiness content through clearly defined group activities, personal reflection time, engaging audiovisual presentations and accompanying resources.

**February 22, 2018** – Preparation for Mental Health Workplace is scheduled for March Youth Action Network coordinator call.

**February 24, 2021** – Basin Youth Network Coordinator Book Club. Nudge by Richard Thaler and Cass Sunstein.

**February 28, 2021** – Continuing to work with Beaver Valley Youth Action Network on Winter/Spring Job Readiness pilot project.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Gallamore  
BV Youth Club Coordinator

*“PRACTISE RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS”*





**SUBJECT/TITLE**

CAO Report to March 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 March 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 February 2021 amount to \$158,760 out of total collections of \$3,142,935 or 5.0% of total taxation revenue. Of the outstanding balance, \$32,555 are delinquent tax payments resulting from 2019 taxation and \$126,204 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	15,000	January 2021	Reduce scope to 4 duplex lots only.
11.	Discussions re: terms of long term lease w/ LCAHS	0.00	January 2021	Meeting w/ City Spaces & LCAHS Completed
12.	Discussions re: Rezoning site or portions of site	0.00	February 2021	Meeting to be setup
13.	Development Cost Charge Bylaw Update		March 2021	In progress

### 3. Public Works

- a. Office remodel is nearing completion with a new front counter, paint, and wall separating the front public area from the file room.
- b. The Cemetery fence project has been completed.
- c. Assisted Montrose with hydrovac.
- d. Winter pothole maintenance has begun.
- e. Ministry of Environment sewer inspection will be performed in the next few weeks. The inspection is related to past non-compliance issues. In the past exceedances and non-compliance reports were extensive. In 2019 non-compliance issues were reduced significantly and in 2020 the Village had no non-compliance issues.
- f. Gym ventilation upgrades have begun.
- g. Post winter sander repairs have been completed.

### 4. Corporate Services:

- a. Financial year end preparations are the priority at this time.
- b. Utility Bills have been sent to homeowners.
- c. A meeting was held regarding the newsletter. We will be adding two new sections – Send us a picture of how you are staying active in the Beaver Valley during COVID and Public Event Announcements. The Mayor’s and Director’s Message will run on page two and three while the front page will be reserved for the most important messages for the month. When possible we will try to coordinate and combine messages from the Mayor and Director. A Communications Policy will be drafted for Council’s review in the near future to assist with guidance to staff.
- d. The RFP for an Economic Development Workplan consultant closed Friday March 5, 2021. The RFP subcommittee will be reviewing the proposals very soon.
- e. VADIM software upgrades have begun with the migration to the VADIM Cloud server. This will allow the Village to decommission the old physical server which has been failing over the past year. We are hopeful the work will be completed before the physical server runs to its total failure point.
- f. Over the past three weeks the Village has been experiencing problems with its internet and phone connections. This has been creating a barrier to providing quality customer service. Virtual meetings have been interrupted, not all emails are being sent and received appropriately and phone callers are not able to hear us when the phones are answered. Office staff are trying to capture in coming phone numbers to return calls, but are very sorry if some of the calls are being missed.

**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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Council Report for Council Meeting held on March 8, 2021.

**COMMITTEES:**

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

**Personnel Committee** (with Mayor Morissette and Councillor Kniss) - Working on CAO evaluation report.

**PORTFOLIOS/LIAISONS:**

**Seniors' Engagement** - Age Friendly served 122 lunches in February. Katrine Conroy wanted to come and give out our lunches however due to her busy schedule Katrine could not make it. Katrine sent 122 gift bags to be given to our seniors!

**Spirit Events** (with all Council) - our Connecting Generation thru Letter Links is a great success. The students as well as the seniors are enjoying this more than words can describe.

The Pay it Forward contest will start March 15, 2021 end April 15, 2021.

**Special Events** (with Councillor Kenny) - no report

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

**OTHER**

I would like to thank our CAO Kelli for the hard work she put into the Community Garden grant and the Seniors New Horizon grant! Both of these grants will make a huge impact on our community.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Councillor Vickie Fitzpatrick**

**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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**Council Report for Council Meeting held on March 8, 2021.**

**COMMITTEES:**

**Finance and Budget Committee** (with Councillor Wenman) - Nothing to report

**Personnel Committee** (with Mayor Morissette and Councillor Fitzpatrick) - Nothing to report

**PORTFOLIOS/LIAISONS:**

**Spirit Events** – nothing to report

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

I have advised the board that I will not be seeking a position on the board for the coming term.

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

I am not a member of the committee this year but will be volunteering during any future events as they arise. COVID determined.

**Heritage, Culture, Arts & Literacy** (with Councillor Kenny) – nothing to report

Respectfully submitted,  
**Councillor Bert Kniss**



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**COUNCILLOR KENNY REPORT**

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Council Report for Council Meeting held on March 8, 2021.

**COMMITTEES:**

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

**PORTFOLIOS/LIAISONS:**

**Public Safety** – Nothing to report

**Spirit Events** - Nothing to report

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

**BV May Days**

BV May Days has a brand new board of directors. This year, 2021, Beaver Valley May Days would be celebrating 110 years, unfortunately May Days this year is canceled. There are also concerns over the ball field and May Days would like to discuss these issues at our Committee of the Whole meeting.

**Fruitvale Elementary School PAC**

FES Breakfast Program Bottle Drive:

Take your refundable recycling beverage containers to Liberty Foods for the month of March to contribute to the Breakfast Program that helps feed the developing minds of FES students. Volunteers needed. Anyone who volunteers will receive 2 entries Photoshoot Giveaway with Photography by Larissa to be drawn in May for \$200 Family Short Session.

<https://www.photographybylarissa.ca/>

**Special Events** - Nothing to report

**Public Works** - Nothing to report

**OTHER**

Kiddie Cars:

An application for a CIP/APP has been received regarding the Kiddie Cars. The project will complete the engineering portion, so that Technically Safety will allow us to resume operation of the ride at public events. Hopefully, we will be successful.

Respectfully submitted,  
Councilor Lindsay Kenny



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*MAYOR STEVE MORISSETTE REPORT*

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Report to Council for meeting dated March 8, 2021.

**COMMITTEES**

**Personnel:** In process of an evaluation.

**South Columbia Mayors and Regional District Directors Coalition:**

- No meeting to update.

**Highway 3 Mayors Coalition:**

- No meeting until Spring.

**GENERAL UPDATE**

- Attended regional active transportation meeting with our partners in our local municipalities and Area A & B. The meeting was focused on the proposed "Green Link" a primarily off highway commuter/recreational trail from Red Mountain through to Fruitvale. We talked about strategies to start moving it forward and everyone was tasked with thinking about how they each could move the plan forward within their communities.
- We held a meeting with staff and Area A around updating our newsletter and reviewing content guidelines.
- I attended a meeting "Circular Economy in Everyday Life", that was about solutions to reduce, repair, and share. This meeting was in partnership with Sitra, a Finnish circular innovation leader and put on by the LCIC to support and build on our local circular economy. They gave examples of how municipalities can support and encourage this behaviour through activities like our "trash to treasures" or small appliance, bicycle, furniture or other repair classes, a re-use/recycle garage sale, or whatever else promotes extended or additional use of items.
- I have also attended an IHA vaccine rollout roundtable and our CAO attended another that I had a conflict with; not a lot to report yet other than they are keeping us posted on when/where etc.
- CAO and I also attended another teleconference with Minister of Municipal Affairs Josie Osborne, the focus of which was around mental health and addictions.

**RDKB DIRECTOR UPDATE**

- Board of Directors – The development of greatest impact on the Beaver Valley is that BV Recreation including Ali Grieve, Mike Walsh, and myself decided and planned to propose that because Area A and our Valley receive the greatest negative impact from the Waneta and 7-Mile Dam's (power lines criss crossing the valley, a giant



substation built on a beautiful wetland, and the environmental impact of the dams themselves) that we should receive ongoing annual compensation from the Dam revenues. We lobbied the East End board of Directors and had unanimous support from the East end, we also had unanimous opposition from the Boundary area but we did get our resolution passed that BV Rec will receive \$200,000 annually from the Dam revenues which is about 10% of the total revenues from the two dams'.

- The RDKB is bringing forward a similar resolution to ours around committing to 100% renewable energy by 2050.

## **BV RECREATION**

- Unfortunately, BV Rec was unsuccessful with a \$600,000 grant application towards setting up the replica train station due to applications for five times as much money as was available, so they chose to give more smaller projects funding. While this is disappointing, we are forging ahead with plans as we will have about \$900,000 already earmarked for the project.
- As previously stated, we now have an additional \$200,000 annually to support BV Rec. Our focus right now is the replica train station and moving the Park Siding schoolhouse into town. Following that work we plan to focus on the BV Arena. The arena is technically beyond its service life as it is 47 years old, but it has been well maintained and all mechanical/electrical systems have been updated so it is worth saving and updating. We want to explore upgrading many of the built-in shortcomings of the building such as small players benches, small changerooms, cramped concourse and we will look into adding new features such as an interior walkway around the building for people to walk in inclement weather, a gym, a meeting room, and any other ideas user groups bring forward. We'd like to increase the use of this asset beyond figure skating and hockey to the benefit of more residents for all 12 months of the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mayor Steve Morissette