



# Fruitvale & Area 'A' News



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## SAY NO! TO ELECTIONS CANADA!

A SECOND DRAFT OF THE NEW FEDERAL ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES HAS JUST BEEN RELEASED THAT REMOVES ALL OF THE BEAVER VALLEY (FRUITVALE, MONTROSE AND AREA A) FROM OUR CURRENT RIDING, JOINING US WITH THE RIDING IN THE EAST KOOTENAY/ROCKIES.

THIS IS A RADICAL CHANGE FROM WHAT WAS PRESENTED AT THE ONLY PUBLIC HEARING WITH NO CHANCE FOR PUBLIC INPUT ACCORDING TO THE LEGISLATED PROCESSES.

WE, THE ELECTED PEOPLE OF OUR REGIONAL DISTRICT, STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS CHANGE AND QUESTION WHY WE HAVE NO CHANCE FOR INPUT!?

WE, THE COMMUNITIES OF FRUITVALE, MONTROSE AND AREA A, SHARE A "COMMUNITY OF INTEREST AND IDENTITY" WITH OUR NEIGHBOURS IN THE COMMUNITIES OF TRAIL, WARFIELD, ROSSLAND AND AREA B. HISTORICALLY, WE ARE PART OF THE WEST KOOTENAY, NOT DIVIDED FROM IT.

IN OUR CURRENT REGION WE SHARE OUR MAJOR EMPLOYERS, HEALTH CARE, ACCESSIBLE RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES, AND OF COURSE OUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS – THIS IS OUR COMMUNITY OF INTEREST.

OUR MP, RICHARD CANNINGS WILL FILE HIS OBJECTION WITH THE HOUSE OF COMMONS  
**BUT RICHARD NEEDS YOUR VOICE – OUR VOICE**

**ALL RDKB RESIDENTS: PLEASE OBJECT LOUDLY!**

**IN WRITING  
BY  
6TH MARCH**



**Richard Cannings, MP  
South Okanagan-West Kootenay  
[richard.cannings@parl.gc.ca](mailto:richard.cannings@parl.gc.ca)**

## STATE THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR EMAIL:

**Where you live and that you strongly oppose the proposed change to our Federal Electoral Boundaries as our Community of Interest and Identity have always been with the West Kootenay region. Please stop this change where no opportunity for public input was provided.**





**Electoral Area 'A' Director Ali Grieve**



## Local Government Contact Information

### Village of Fruitvale

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Fruitvale, BC V0G 1L0

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Public Works & After-Hours  
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#### General Email

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#### Web

[www.fruitvale.ca](http://www.fruitvale.ca)

#### Facebook

Village of Fruitvale

### Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

202 - 843 Rossland Ave

Trail, BC V1R 4S8

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#### General Email

RDKB email addresses are  
most often first initial, last  
name@rdkb.com  
(for example Joe Smith  
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#### Web

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**Area 'A' Director Ali Grieve**

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## Almost Spring!

I do enjoy our winters, but when I hear that first bird singing “spring-time”, I start to think about getting the boat and camper ready for that first trip. I plan the garden, wondering how I could make it more productive. I wait and watch for the first tiny crocus. The rains come and slowly, green will emerge. Days will get longer and warmer. Then, we will be outside again.

Each of our seasons have so much outdoor recreation to offer. This year Beaver Valley Recreation will launch our Recreation Master Plan. With your help, we hope to capture and review recreation opportunities in the Valley. The BV Rec. Committee will talk to user groups and residents, asking questions such as, What are your levels of participation? Are the user groups growing or declining? What are the barriers to participation? What incentives might be offered to increase awareness and participation? How can we best communicate the recreational opportunities?

Some desired outcomes:

- Establish community-based priorities for current & future recreational facilities & services, identifying trends, gaps and needs.
- Create a framework for decision-making based on facility status, community needs, regional amenities and financial considerations.
- Use demographic data to assist in determining needs & priorities for residents.
- Review the current local & regional systems to evaluate their utilization & efficiency.

A contract for this master plan has been awarded to Expedition Consulting, who will begin the process with our BV Rec Committee, followed by public consultation beginning in late March or early April. We look forward to your input!

## Beaver Valley Arena - Letter of Thanks

*My name is Paul. The BV Arena recently played host to our U11 Tournament. The tournament was a great success and one of the contributing factors to that was the effort and hard work of the arena attendants. In the years that my kids have been in minor hockey in our area, I have never seen arena attendants be so present and available - keeping up with the housekeeping, engaging with myself and all the tournament organizers, constantly checking in to see if we needed anything. They were quick to respond to any requests or minor issues. I can't remember all their names, but they all did an amazing job!*

**Did you know?** The BV Arena was built in 1974 for \$250,000.

**“If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant.” Anne Bradstreet (poet).**







## Mayor Steve Morissette - March 2023 Update

I hope everyone is enjoying winter or at least are healthy and happy - spring is around the corner! It is a busy winter for our new council. I think our new councilors will agree the learning curve and the work load is high at this time of year as we hold multiple budget meetings in addition to our regular council meetings. The budget is challenging this year for the Village as it is with residents. The prices for everything we need and use have escalated as not seen in decades. We know there must be an increase in taxes to maintain the service levels residents need. I am seeing the same scenario at the Regional District table, and as you know, the Regional District budget is an add-on to our Village tax notices.

We have projects to watch for this spring/summer. Through grant funding we have been able to hire a consultant to assist us in developing an "active transportation plan". This plan identifies where we lack safe and accessible paths, sidewalks, and trails that allow us to walk, cycle, skateboard, use a mobility scooter or wheelchair to and from amenities throughout the community. I'm sure we can all identify some current weaknesses we have in getting from the north side of the Valley to the south side and vice versa. An active transportation plan will provide the safest solutions to issues such as these and identify and offer solutions to other issues with getting safely around our community. We will be reaching out for residents' input while building the plan. Stay tuned.

Two more projects gearing up for this year are our 37-seat daycare breaking ground this spring and tentatively opening in October, 2023 with our 31-unit housing complex following closely behind with a tentative September date to break ground. Exciting times in our town!

A huge shout out to the volunteers that put on a super fun "Up to Snow Good" winter celebration on a sunny day at Mazzochi Park on Saturday February 18! I saw a lot of families and smiles, it was a wonderful event, thank you! Volunteers add so much to our community; they add the colour and flavour that gives life and character to our Valley. Please find some time in your life to commit to even one thing in our community. Every organization is in need of volunteers. If you have an interest in anything from seniors to bowling, curling, x-country skiing, Special Olympics, junior hockey, thrift store, food bank, May Days or anything else that appeals to you...volunteer - these groups need your help.



### LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

#### Village Meeting Dates

<https://fruitvale.ca/council/council-information/>

#### RDKB Meeting Dates

<https://rdkb.com/Regional-Government/Meetings>



## Upgrade Project: McKelvey Creek Regional Landfill

**CHANGE** February to  
**IS COMING!** July 2023

[jointheconversation.rdkb.com](https://jointheconversation.rdkb.com)



Environmental  
Services

Change is coming to the McKelvey Creek Regional Landfill in Trail due to the upgrade of the facility.

The primary driver for these upgrades is to allow for necessary space for the upcoming Organics Diversion project. RDKB Areas A and B, and the municipalities of Rossland, Warfield, Trail, Montrose, and Fruitvale will have residential curbside green bin food waste collection starting in October 2023.

To find out more, including what changes to expect and how you can help minimize delays and disruptions, scan the QR code or visit: <https://jointheconversation.rdkb.com/>

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Regional District of Kootenay Boundary is seeking a qualified operator for the Beaver Valley Family Park Campground for the 2023 operating season.

This is a seasonal position from May Long Weekend to the Labour Day Weekend. The operator must be able to live on-site with the own travel trailer/camper/rv.

For inquiries please contact Mark, Manager of Facilities and Recreation at 250-368-1333 or [mdaines@rdkb.com](mailto:mdaines@rdkb.com)

## BEAVER VALLEY FOOD BANK

The Beaver Valley Food Bank is located in the rear of the Beaver Valley Thrift Store at First Street, across from the Beaver Valley Public Library. In order to access the BV Food Bank, an appointment must be made at least one day before the respective Thursday. To make an appointment for the respective Thursday, please call:

**1st Thursday of the month call Theresa at 250-367-9791**

**2nd Thursday of the month call Marcella at 250-231-8009**

**3rd Thursday of the month call Elaine at 250-367-9983**

**4th Thursday of the month call George at 250-367-9983**

For other BV Food Bank enquiries or in case of an emergency, please contact Maddy at 250-367-6549.



## 2023 VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE WATER, SEWER AND GARBAGE USER FEES

The 2023 water, sewer and garbage utility bills were sent out March 1. A 5% discount is offered until March 31 on utilities and extra packages of garbage bags. If you have not received your utility bill by March 13, please contact the Village Office.

### Payment options are as follows:

- \* Cheques, bank drafts and/or money orders hand delivered, mailed to or placed in the drop box at the Village Office;
  - \* Online banking through your financial institution (Royal Bank and TD Bank excluded);
  - \* E-transfers sent to: [finance@village.fruitvale.bc.ca](mailto:finance@village.fruitvale.bc.ca) - **It is very important that you reference your account number, property address and what you are paying so your payment is applied to the correct account.**
- The Village is set up as an automatic deposit.

The Village of Fruitvale has a monthly preauthorized prepayment plan for utilities and property taxes. This is a prepayment plan for next year's utilities and property taxes. Current charges must be paid before the prepayment plan can begin. For more information and details on the preauthorized prepayment plan, please contact Misti at the Village Office.

The package of garbage bags included with the utility billing can be picked-up beginning March 1.

If you forgot to pick up last year's package you can still do so.

The utility fees need not to be paid prior to picking up this package of bags.



### DOG LICENSES

Now is the time to purchase your dog license (tag) if you haven't already done so. Cost is \$25 for an altered dog or \$75 for an unaltered dog.

Dog Owners: please pick up your dog's feces when outside. If you are on a walk, please use the doggie-doo stations, located at Mazzochi Park, alongside the sidewalk at the bridge on Columbia Gardens Road, at the sidewalk on Main Street, at the Columbia Gardens Road entrance to Haines Park, on the corner of Hillcrest Avenue and First Street and in the Vale Park to keep our community's sidewalks and parks clean. Thank you for being responsible pet owners!

**There is NO poop fairy!**  
**Please pick up**  
**after your dog.**



No Open Burning



### REMINDER TO VILLAGE RESIDENTS

**The Village of Fruitvale does not allow open burning.**

Only small backyard campfires, 0.5m X 0.5m in size, are permitted; and only seasoned firewood is to be burned.

Burning garbage and/or recyclable materials, leaves, branches, etc., is not permitted.

### STREETLIGHTS

Report non-working streetlights to the Village Office, 250-367-7551 or [info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca](mailto:info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca). Be sure to include the location of the pole, and if possible the number on the pole, and the problem with the light. The Village will report it to FortisBC, who will repair as time permits.







## BEAVER VALLEY YOUTH ACTION NETWORK For Beaver Valley Youth ages 12-18

**SKI RED** A limited quantity of **spring ski passes to Red Mountain** are available for Beaver Valley youths. Contact Tammy to get yours today - First Come, First Served.

For more information on the Beaver Valley Youth Action Network and its programs, and for information on the **Basin Youth Network Leadership Summit** in Kimberley, BC, please contact Tammy. BVYAN Coordinator at [beavervalleyyan@gmail.com](mailto:beavervalleyyan@gmail.com). Be sure to follow us on Facebook.



## BEAVER VALLEY BOWLING CLUB

### March Open Bowling

**Saturday, March 9  
6:00 - 9:00 pm**



**Saturday, March 25  
1:00 - 4:00 pm  
6:00 - 9:00 pm**

## BEAVER VALLEY RECREATION NEWS

The next Beaver Valley Seniors Lunch is on Tuesday, March 28 at 12:30 pm at the Fruitvale Memorial Hall. RSVP to Kelly by March 21 at [kwalker@rdkb.com](mailto:kwalker@rdkb.com) or call/text 250-231-5172.

Please visit [rdkb.com](http://rdkb.com) and click on Recreation & Culture, Beaver Valley to find information of the following programs:

Babysitting Course, Stay Safe Home Alone, Resorative Yoga, Evening Gentle Yoga, Morning Gentle Yoga, Body Weight/Bands/Balls, Senior Line Dance, ACT Fitness, 18 Lohan Quigong, Zumba, Public Skating, Parent & Tot Skating, Ages 4-8 Drop-in Hockey, Ages 9-14 Drop-in Hockey, and Ladies Drop-in Hockey.

To register for any of the above programs, please email Kelly at [kwalker@rdkb.com](mailto:kwalker@rdkb.com) or text/call 250-231-5172

## BEAVER VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY IS OPEN!

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays  
10:00 am - 7:00 pm

Thursdays and Fridays  
10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturdays  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

### Spring Break Kids Drop-in Crafting Afternoon

March 22, 1:00 - 4:00 pm  
Birds! Wild birds and Farm birds!  
Everyone welcome.







## BEAVER VALLEY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2023

Nominations are being accepted for the 2023 Beaver Valley Citizen of the Year.

Nomination forms may be picked up at the Village Offices in Fruitvale and Montrose. Completed forms may be returned to either office.

Deadline for nominations is April 20.



## HARVEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY GARDEN GARDEN PLOTS

The Village of Fruitvale is taking applications from Village and Area A residents for the garden plots at the Harvest Central Community Garden for the 2023 growing season. Priority is given to residents who do not have space for a garden.

Application forms can be picked up at the Village Office and must be returned to the Village by April 5. Successful applicants will be contacted by mid-April.

## EARTH HOUR 2023 LIGHTS OUT FOR EARTH HOUR

Join us in creating the Biggest Hour for Earth on March 25 - switch off your lights from 8:30 - 9:30 pm and spend 60 minutes doing something positive for our planet!

Don't know where to start? Visit

<https://www.earthhour.org/take-part/give-an-hour>



## BEAVER VALLEY BLOOMING SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, March 7

**Time:** 7:00 pm

**Location:** Village of Fruitvale Council Chambers Meeting Room (1947 Beaver Street, lower floor)



## WOULD YOU PREFER TO RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL?

The Village of Fruitvale is compiling a data base to begin electronically distributing newsletters in 2024. If you'd like to be included on our email list, please email your request to [newsletter@village.fruitvale.bc.ca](mailto:newsletter@village.fruitvale.bc.ca)

Please note: This will not start happening until 2024. For those residents who do not have access to email, we will continue to send newsletter through Canada Post.





## BEAVER VALLEY SENIOR CITIZENS BRANCH 44

Becoming a member for \$15/year allows you to take part in any of Branch 44 Seniors' activities and events.

**Bingo - Mondays 1:00 pm**

**Carpet Bowling - Tuesdays 10:00 am**

**Wellness Wednesdays (activity and lunch for \$2) - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Cards - Thursdays 1:00 pm**

**Monthly Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:30 pm**

**Income Tax Preparation for income qualified  
Thursdays from March 2 to April 27, 9:00 - 11:00 am**

**For information on Carpet Bowling please contact Judy at 250-367-9035.**

**For membership/activities information please call  
Brenda 250-367-3839 or Kris 250-367-9685.**



## COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PREPARATION (CVITP)

CVITP volunteers are available every Thursday morning from 9:00-11:00am at the Beaver Valley Manor from March 1 to April 27. Last interview is April 20; last day for pick-up April 27.

Volunteers from this program assist ELIGIBLE taxpayers who have low income and simple tax situations to prepare their income tax and benefit return. ELIGIBLE taxpayers may include low-income individuals and social assistance recipients, newcomers to Canada, seniors and students.

Eligibility for low-income is determined as follows: Single - up to \$35,000; Two persons in family - up to \$45,000, More than two persons - \$2,500 for each additional person.

Persons with investment/interest income in excess of \$1,000, capital gains/losses, partnership income, rental income, business or professional income, farming or fishing income, bankruptcy, or anyone with complex deductions may be deemed ineligible for this service. Also, they are unable to prepare final returns for deceased persons. Other limitations may apply.

If you have a cold, flu or other transmittable infection or disease, please wait to come until you have recovered for the protection of volunteers and other clients.

For more information contact Trail FAIR Society, 250-364-2326 or [cvitp.trail@gmail.com](mailto:cvitp.trail@gmail.com)

