



MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting

6:00 PM - Monday, March 6, 2023

Village of Fruitvale Council Chambers and Zoom

The Village of Fruitvale Regular Council held on Monday, March 6, 2023 in the Village of Fruitvale Council Chambers and by Zoom was called to order by Mayor Morissette at 6:08 pm with the following members present:

PRESENT: Mayor Morissette, Councillor Ellison, Councillor Mason, Councillor Startup, and Councillor Wenman

EXCUSED:

STAFF: Chief Administrative Officer Lashar, Public Works Foreman Startup, and Recording Secretary Gallamore

PUBLIC:

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

RES-42-2023

Moved by Wenman

Seconded by Mason

THAT the March 6, 2023 agenda be amended to correct the start time of the meeting to 6:00 pm.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 6, 2023

RES-43-2023

Moved by Startup

Seconded by Ellison

THAT the minutes of the regular Council Meeting held February 6, 2023 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. For Information Only

1. Letter dated February 10, 2023 from the Honourable Anne Kang, Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs regarding the Growing Community Fund for infrastructure and amenities demands.
2. Email from the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy dated February 16, 2023 regarding the new draft forest carbon offset protocol posted to B.C. Offset Program website at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/climate-change/industry/offset-projects/consultation#fcop> and request for written comments or questions.
3. Letter dated February 14, 2023 from Jay Chalke, Ombudsperson of BC introducing the Office of the Ombudsperson and notification of an upcoming webinar on the Fairness by Design guide on March 16, 2023 from 10:00 to 11:00 am.
4. RDKB Building Permit Statistics for January 2023

RES-44-2023

Moved by Wenman

Seconded by Ellison

THAT the For Information Only items be received as presented.

CARRIED

7. STAFF REPORTS

- A. T. Gallamore, Beaver Valley Youth Action Network Coordinator**
- B. J. Startup, Public Works Foreman**
- C. P. Lashar, Chief Administrative Officer**

CAO P. Lashar spoke to her report.

RES-45-2023

Moved by Wenman

Seconded by Mason

THAT the staff reports from T. Gallamore, J. Startup and P. Lashar be accepted as presented and appended to the minutes as available.

CARRIED

D. Action Items from Council meeting List - for information only

RES-46-2023

Moved by Ellison

Seconded by Startup

THAT the action items from Council meeting list be received.

CARRIED

8. COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Reports

Councillor C. Ellison

Councillor Ellison spoke to her report.

Councillor J. Mason

Councillor W. Startup

Councillor Startup spoke to his report regarding the Lower Columbia Community Health Centers.

Councillor B. Wenman

Mayor/RDKB Board Director S. Morissette

Mayor Morissette spoke to his report regarding walking trails, infrastructure housing funding, sewer and the Lower Columbia Affordable Housing meeting.

RES-47-2023

Moved by Ellison

Seconded by Startup

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

CARRIED

Committee of the Whole Recommendations - NIL

9. CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING ACTION

- A.** M. Burgess, Neighbours United - Introduction and request for a staff or council representative on the Renewable Energy Local Government Working Group

RES-48-2023

Moved by Wenman
Seconded by Ellison

THAT Council appoint Mayor Steve Morissette as the Village of Fruitvale's representative to the Renewable Energy Local Government Working Group AND FURTHER THAT Councillor Julia Mason and Councillor Wes Startup be appointed as alternate representatives.

CARRIED

- B.** M. Daines, Manager of Facilities and Recreation - Request to replace electronic sign on the side of the Fruitvale Memorial Centre

RES-49-2023

Moved by Ellison
Seconded by Startup

THAT Council approve the request from M. Daines, Manager of Facilities and Recreation to allow the Beaver Valley Recreation Committee to purchase and install a new electronic sign on the outside of the Fruitvale Memorial Centre.

CARRIED

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A.** 2023 Budget

Finance Specialist M. Stevens presented the 2023 Budget to Council. A discussion ensued. Council asked to see the actuals and a separation of general and capital reserve in two weeks' time.

RES-50-2023

Moved by Wenman
Seconded by Startup

THAT a Special Council Meeting be scheduled for Monday, March 20, 2023 at 5:45 pm to give first and second reading to the Village of Fruitvale 5-Year Financial Plan Bylaw AND FURTHER THAT staff prepare and advertise a Notice of Special Meeting.

CARRIED

- B.** Haines Park Masterplan Update

Councillor Wenman reported that he is waiting on the last letter of endorsement of the February 2023 updated Haines Park Masterplan. An endorsement for the Village Council is required.

RES-51-2023

Moved by Ellison
Seconded by Startup

THAT the Village of Fruitvale Council endorse the February 2023 updated Haines Park Masterplan.

CARRIED

11. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Request from the owner of 1810 First Street to rezone the property from RM-1 to a zone that permits a business operation of a short-term rental

RES-52-2023

Moved by Startup
Seconded by Ellison

THAT Council deny the application request to rezone the property at 1810 First Street from RM-1 to a zone that permits a business operation of short-term rental accommodation and thus NOT proceed to bylaw preparation and public hearing AND FURTHER THAT the property owner be reminded that rental accommodation for periods of more than 30 days is already permitted in the RM-1 zone.

CARRIED

- B. L. Kenny with Mountain Music Festival booking of Ryder Pavillion

A discussion took place regarding the request from L. Kenny with Mountain Music Festival to book Ryder Pavillion. Before any decision is made, Council would like to explore the idea of the Mountain Music Festival being held at the Ryder Pavillion.

Council instructed staff to produce a simple user agreement for the booking of the Ryder Pavillion prior.

12. BYLAWS/POLICIES**13. OPEN DISCUSSION (10 MINUTE LIMIT)****14. NOTICE OF MOTION****15. QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA/PUBLIC RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS**

16. IN CAMERA SESSION

A. Closed Session

RES-53-2023

Moved by Startup
Seconded by Mason

THAT Council move to a closed meeting pursuant to the *Community Charter* Section 90 (1) (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality at 7:50 pm.

CARRIED

RES-54-2023

Moved by Ellison
Seconded by Mason

THAT the regular meeting reconvene at 8:00 pm.

CARRIED

17. ADJOURNMENT

RES-55-2023

Moved by Startup
Seconded by Wenman

THAT the regular meeting adjourn at 8:00 pm.

CARRIED

Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor



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REPORT:

Date: March 6, 2023

To: Mayor and Councillors

From: Tammy Gallamore, Youth Coordinator

SUBJECT: Beaver Valley Youth Action Network (BVYAN)

The following is a summary report of the BVYAN to the end of February 2023.

February 2022 – Basin Youth Network – Ski Red, Rossland, BC. 16 Youth took part in the month of January.

February 15, 2023 – Beaver Valley Youth Action Network – Basin Youth Network Coordinators Call:

Special Guest: Monica Graham, BFA, RTC of Possibility Counselling to talk about supporting members of the LGBTQAI+ community. The recording of the conversation is available.

BYN Leadership Summit

Reminder the youth application process closed end of day.

February 28th. Youth must apply through the online process to be eligible to attend.

Outdoor Council of Canada Hiking Field Leader Training

This 16-hour Outdoor Council of Canada certification course teaches participants the foundation of outdoor leadership in 3 seasons. The systematic approach enables you to learn industry-accepted practices and implement them in your context.

This course is the prerequisite for other OCC courses (winter travel, overnight, navigation).

February 16, 2022 – JL Crowe

Trail and Warfield YAN – set up information table in mezzanine at JL Crowe. Button maker, snacks and discussed upcoming BYN Leadership Summit, and events.

February 2022 – Beaver Valley Youth Action Network – Basin Network Coordinators Book Club. Two books were selected by Basin Coordinators that would be beneficial, discussion will take place in April and June.

[Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer](#) 4.5

As a botanist, Robin Wall Kimmerer has been trained to ask questions of nature with the tools of science. As a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, she embraces the notion that plants and animals are our oldest teachers. In *Braiding Sweetgrass*, Kimmerer brings these lenses of knowledge together to show that the awakening of a wider ecological

consciousness requires the acknowledgment and celebration of our reciprocal relationship with the rest of the living world. For only when we can hear the languages of other beings are we capable of understanding the generosity of the earth, and learning to give our own gifts in return.

[Dare to Lead by Brene Brown](#) 4.2

When we dare to lead, we don't pretend to have the right answers; we stay curious and ask the right questions. We don't see power as finite and hoard it; we know that power becomes infinite when we share it with others. We don't avoid difficult conversations and situations; we lean into vulnerability when it's necessary to do good work. But daring leadership in a culture defined by scarcity, fear, and uncertainty requires skill-building around traits that are deeply and uniquely human. The irony is that we're choosing not to invest in developing the hearts and minds of leaders at the exact same time as we're scrambling to figure out what we have to offer that machines and AI can't do better and faster. What can we do better? Empathy, connection, and courage, to start.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Gallamore
BVYAN Coordinator

"PRACTISE RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS"



SUBJECT/TITLE

CAO Report to March 6, 2023

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 6, 2023

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. Bylaw officer report from Mauro:
Since the last report there has been few complaints filed with the Village Office. To date there are only 4 enforcement files open:

- 1 historic file for unsightly property is still open and near compliance.
- 1 new file is being monitored for further infractions.
- 2 new files are currently under investigation.

In the past month,

- 1 new file was investigated and closed after obtaining voluntary compliance,
- 1 new file were referred to external agency (SPCA), and
- 1 new file was closed as it was not a Bylaw infraction.

Proactive work is still focus on minimizing snow removal interference by vehicles stored on road and boulevards. In collaboration with the road maintenance department, the officer issued verbal and written warnings. To date, no ticket has been issued.

2. Water Works – from Jeff

UV # 2 reference sensor procedure was done on Feb.1st and passed. UV #1 has not run this month, so the sensor procedure was not done. # 1 is failing to start due to wiper motor issues. I've been told the new wiper motors have been shipped. I'm waiting to hear back from Ramtech about the installation date. Reactor # 2 meets dose requirements, anywhere from 3.5 log to 3.8 log. The UVT monitor has been rewired so it works on the genset when the power goes out.

Water Treatment / Screen House

The new heater for the Treatment plant is about a month away. The PAC tank and tubes have been cleaned and flushed. A leak on the backwash pipe has been repaired. The Treatment Plant and Screen House have no issues currently.

Intake Building

The ice is being broken and removed from the creek trough as needed. The screens have been cleaned and are ready for installation when they are required.

3. Public Works

See separate report from Public Works foreman.

4. Corporate Services

- a. Auditor in office last week of February
- b. Grants being announced in Spring for Fruitvale
- c. Mayor and Prab meeting with Affordable Housing Developer
- d. Zoom meeting with developer answering questions on school site
- e. Active Transportation Planning meeting with Trish
- f. Meeting on vacant land with developers
- g. Childcare contract signed by Mayor and contractor
- h. HR Committee met regarding the upcoming union negotiations
- i. Conversations with union on upcoming negotiations
- j. Subdivision and development meetings
- k. Prab attended CAO forum and met with various CAO's
- l. Prab attended zoom call with Ministry of Finance
- m. Prab had meeting with union negotiator
- n. Councilor Wenman and Prab met with Regional District regarding the water budget

5. Former Middle School Project Master Planning.

- a. **Childcare project:** RFP awarded; lease agreement signed
- b. **Affordable Housing Lease:** Lawyers say they're almost done the lease

Current Priorities

1. Urban Systems IN&I work to commence
2. 2023 budgeted projects.
3. Next steps in the software system upgrades – Purchase orders, Tangible Capital Assets, Workorders

CONCLUSION

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



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COUNCILOR ELLISON REPORT

Council Report for Council Meeting held on March 6, 2023.

February 2023 Report

COMMITTEE/LIAISON APPOINTMENTS:

Personnel/Bargaining/HR Committee

- There was an in-camera meeting on January 31, 2023 and February 27, 2023

Council Spirit Events

BV May Days Liaison

- May Days Meeting was held January 31, 2023.
 - Mike has placed May Days information on Google Suite based platform. The information that has been gathered is concise and has been well thought out. I was impressed with the layout.
 - Donation letters are ready to be distributed. Most will be hand delivered in order to touch base with donators.
 - Bylaws and procedures are being updated.
 - Jason will be contacted as dedicated power will be required for the beer gardens.
 - Unsure if the kiddie cars will be available this year.
 - May Days is in a much better financial position than last year with \$8,500 in the bank.
 - Times: *Friday 3:00 – 1000 *Saturday 10:00 to 10:00 *Sunday 11:00 – 3:00
- The AGM is was held on February 23, 2023 at the Christian Fellowship Church on Columbia Gardens Road.
 - Ali Grieve and I represented The Haines Park Masterplan Committee. We acknowledged concerns and asked if they would meet with Fruitvale Council to try and rectify concerns with the Masterplan. The goal is to obtain a Letter of Endorsement from BV May Days Executive.
 - There are funds of \$200,000 from CBT that are depending on their endorsement.
- A business meeting was held then the election of Officers.
- A Directors Meeting was held on for February 28, 2023.
 - Councilor Wenman presented the Haines Park Masterplan in detail.
 - Councilor Wenman will revise the Masterplan as per discussion.
 - The BV May Days Executive will provide a Letter of Endorsement after the revised Masterplan has been circulated.

OTHER

- I will be Council's liaison for the Gym. Meetings have yet to be organized.
- I Attended a Zoom meeting for Integrating Social and Economic Objectives within a Modernized Columbia River Treaty: Kootenay River Interests.



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COUNCILOR ELLISON REPORT

- I attended the Lower Columbia Community Health Centre Network (LCCHCN) via Zoom on February 7, 2023 and February 21, 2023.
 - These meetings have been very interesting and I must provide kudos as this group has done a lot of work over the past 2 years.
 - The approval for the proposal for the development CHCs for the Lower Columbia is pending with MoH.
- I attended the Public Forum for the Haines Park Masterplan at Mazzocchi Park on February 11, 2023 with Councilor Wenman.
 - I presented the Haines Park Masterplan to the Beaver Lions Club. The BV Lions provide support to BV May Days by serving the Pancake Breakfast, thus Councilor Wenman asked for a Letter of Endorsement as the BV Lions are users of the Concession at Haines Park.
 - I presented the Haines Park Masterplan to the BV Lions Club and they were happy with the plan and were pleased to provide a Letter of Endorsement, which I wrote and forwarded to Councilor Wenman.
- I met with Mike Hudson February 16, 2023 from Big Mike Catering:
 - Mike would like to rent the kitchen at Fruitvale Memorial Hall.
 - Mike would like to pay per use of the hall.
 - He would need to use the kitchen possibly once per month or every 2 weeks depending on his event bookings.
 - Mike will accommodate all other bookings that are made through the Village of Fruitvale Office.
 - Mike will provide a schedule to the Village of Fruitvale office as far in advance as possible.
 - Catherine asked Mike to create a document that incorporated his wants and needs and provide it to her at his earliest convenience.
 - Catherine will present the document at the Committee of the Whole on February 27, 2023 for consideration.
- I did not attend the Co-op meeting on February 22, 2023 as I had a conflict in my schedule.
 - I felt and the Fruitvale Board of Directors felt it was a Conflict of Interest for me to be involved in the discussions surrounding this venture.
 - The Fruitvale Co-op President did forward an email stating the Fruitvale Co-op was not interested in being involved with the development of the Land at this time.
- I attended the Community Economic Development Presentation (CED) via Zoom February 23, 2023 at 12:00-1:30.
- I read the reports that Councilor Wenman forwarded:
 - Beaver Valley Service Long Term Water Strategy Update – December 2016
 - Beaver Valley Water Service 2021 Annual Report – June 2022
- I read the Report of the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for the Province of British Columbia – 2023.



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COUNCILOR ELLISON REPORT

- Dawn Ewings lost her son to a drug overdose and has spent numerous hours advocating for this cause and the homeless.
 - I have a video of how Lee, Dawn's son, and friends benefited the homeless in the City of Nelson if you would like to view it.
 - Dawn would be interested in speaking to Council on this subject.

Respectfully submitted,
Councilor Catherine Ellison



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COUNCILLOR MASON REPORT

Council Report for Council Meeting held on Monday March 6th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m..

COMMITTEE/LIAISON APPOINTMENTS:

Council Spirit Events:

Nothing to report.

Fruitvale PAC Liaison

Nothing to report at this time.

Trail & District Chamber of Commerce

Nothing to report

Ktunaxa Kinbasket Treaty Advisory Committee

I attended the Committee meeting by zoom on March 1st. This position is new to me, so I have little to report. I have saved minutes if anyone is interested in reviewing.

Communities in Bloom

I will be attending the meeting for Communities in Bloom which will take place on March 7th at the Village Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,
Councillor Julia Mason



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COUNCILLOR STARTUP REPORT

Council Report for Council Meeting held on Jan 23

COMMITTEE/LIAISON APPOINTMENTS:

Lower Columbia Community Development Team Society (LCCDT):

1. LCIC Director of Metal Tech Alley will be meeting with Federal Ministerial senior staff regarding potential opportunities to move along the Battery Hub initiative.
2. Talks continue, LCCDTS and LCIC are exploring structures and organizational models that will alleviate existing barriers and reduce overall costs.
3. Tourism –promotion of the Columbia River as a tourist destination is ramping up. Check out this link for more info: wesportfish.com
4. The Lower Columbia Initiatives Corporation:
 - a. Local contractor DHC has been commissioned to undertake a Connectivity Assessment of the area.
 - b. A land survey is underway to catalog industrial and commercial real estate that would be available for economic activity.

Council Spirit Events: No report

Lower Columbia Community Health Centre Network:

Continuing to stay connected to the working group and have completing the on-boarding process. Inaugural Board Meeting will be sometime in April, date TBD.

Childcare Centre Lease:

No updates.

Other:

Viewed the Community Economic Development webinar.

Respectfully submitted,
Councillor Wes Startup



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COUNCILLOR WENMAN REPORT

Council Report for Council Meeting held on Mon 06 Mar 2023

MEETINGS:

Special Council Meeting Mon 27 Feb 2023 – In Camera

COMMITTEES:

Committee – HR Tues 10 Jan 2023 10am – In Camera

Committee – Haines Park Masterplan - Public Forum Sat 11 Feb 2023

Set up a tent at the Family Snow Day at Mazzochi Park to present the new Haines Park Masterplan. There were no objections. A few suggestions with lighting, etc.

Committee – Haines Park Masterplan – Meeting CBT – 22 Feb 2023

Met with Pat about BV Mays Society problems. He thanked me for the update and provided some suggestions on how to work with May Days.

Committee – Haines Park Masterplan – Meeting BV May Days – 22 Feb 2023 – 10am

Met with Pat about BV Mays Society problems. He thanked me for the update and provided some suggestions on how to work with May Days

Committee – Haines Park Masterplan – Brief to BV Rec Comm – Thurs 23 Feb 2023

BV Recreation Commission supported the Masterplan with a few changes.

Committee – Haines Park Masterplan – BV May Days AGM – Thurs 23 Feb 2023 – 7pm

I could not attend so Catherine attended as Acting Chair. Ali Grieve also attended and made a presentation.

Committee of the Whole Mon 27 Feb 2023 – 6:00 pm

Budget Review – Haines Park Masterplan Update – catering contract review.

Committee – Haines Park Masterplan – Meeting BV May Days – 28 Feb 2023 – 6 pm

Met with Mike Hudson and May Days Directors. We reviewed the Masterplan. Some deletions and additions were considered and approved by May Days. They endorsed the new revised plan.

RDKB

Committee – Utilities Thurs 16 Feb 2023 11am

Reviewed various budget. Budget was deferred to another review.

Committee – Utilities Tues 28 Feb 2023 1pm

Reviewed budget. Budget was revised to reflect concerns of both Directors.



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COUNCILLOR WENMAN REPORT

PORTFOLIOS/LIAISONS:

Spirit Events - Nothing to report.

Downtown Businesses - Nothing to report.

Public Works – Nothing to report.

Finance – Discussion with Misti presentation on budget for Council.

OTHER – Nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted,
Councillor Bill Wenman



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MAYOR/RDKB DIRECTOR MORISSETTE REPORT

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COMMITTEE/LIAISON APPOINTMENTS:

Personnel and Bargaining Committee:

- Discussion re: CUPE bargaining held in -camera Feb 27th.

Lower Columbia Affordable Housing Society Fruitvale Construction Committee

- Continuation of discussion of construction schedule and completing civil works prior to completion of BV Childcare site.

South Kootenay Green Link Committee

- No meeting in February.

Neighbours' United member of the 100% Renewable by 2050 Group of Communities

- Meeting held Feb 7th. Communities shared where they are at on their 100% Renewable by 2050 plan. Discussion about the lack of availability of Electric Vehicles and there was some discussion about the potential to group purchase to maybe leverage availability of vehicles. There is an action item to compile a list of electric equipment we may be looking to purchase this year.

Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

- **Board of Directors**

Board meetings were held February 1st, 16th, 22nd, and 23rd as we went through multiple budgets, nearing completion now. We also held a full day strategic planning session on the 15th and morning of the 16th with Tracey Lorenson.

- **East End Services**

Incredible Farmers Market presented on their work in 2022. Fruitvale's Market attracted an average of 20 vendors with 7 new vendors that never attended in Trail.

BC Transit presented on Bus stop shelter improvements for our area, we chose a wood frame style for Fruitvale/Area A and should see the new shelters this year across from ATCO Wood products, Green Road near the Redwood apartments, Green Road at Tamarac Ave, Green Road at Old Mill, and Old Salmo road.

- **Curbside collection**

At the McKelvey Creek Landfill, construction is currently underway until September. There will be temporary closures to the public but they will endeavor to keep it open for commercial/municipalities. The scales will be down for March thru April, we will be charged by historical value and error will be toward charging us less.

- **Solid Waste Management steering committee**

- **Beaver Valley Parks & Trails**



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MAYOR/RDKB DIRECTOR MORISSETTE REPORT

Planning for an evening BV Recreation 101 for Fruitvale and Montrose Council's in late spring, Mark Daines will go through what BV Rec is responsible for and answer any questions. We will follow with Council consultation on the BV Recreation & Culture Masterplan.

A consultant (Expedition Consulting) has been hired to build us a BV Recreation Masterplan, following extensive consultation with the public and every user group, society and including Clubs such as Bowling, Curling, X-Country, Golf, Senior's, Council's, etc a masterplan for recreation going forward will be drawn up.

An events coordinator position has been posted at 16hrs/week to manage the seniors program and help with other events such as Candy Cane Lane as time allows.

BV Recreation would like to work with us on a consistent budget for the FMC for the past few years the budget ask from Fruitvale has varied widely.

This year a hiking extension to the Webster Trail will be completed as well as a new downhill mountain bike trail from the top.

BV Rec is working on replacing the electronic sign on the side of the FMS at a cost of \$23,000 as well as providing sandwich board signs for user groups to put outside Montrose and Fruitvale Halls for events.

- **West Kootenay Transit Committee**

No meeting this month

Highway 3 Mayors' Coalition

- No meeting this month

South Columbia Mayors' Coalition

- No Meeting this month

Council Spirit Events:

- No events this month

OTHER

Prab and I met with a Developer from Southern Alberta around re-developing the Middle School, as well as a Developer from Nelson who has put us in contact with a larger developer from Kelowna we have yet to follow up on.

We have also met twice with a local developer regarding the 100'x200' lot adjoining Columbia Gardens Road and have a proposal from him.



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MAYOR/RDKB DIRECTOR MORISSETTE REPORT

I met with our MP Richard Cannings on February 21st, Jan Morton from the Lower Columbia Affordable Housing Society joined us at the beginning to discuss the moving target financing through CMHC has been for our affordable housing complex.

Following that presentation from Jan I spoke to him of infrastructure challenges especially toward adding housing on our site, Water, sewer, and streets.

I also advocated support for residents in older homes that could use improved insulation, HVAC systems, and solar energy to reduce the cost of owning their homes.

We also spoke about the potential of building a clean, green, net-zero newighbourhood incorporating things such as solar power, xeriscape landscaping, a neighbourhood garden, and active transportation tie in that could be replicated throughout the province and beyond...why not in Fruitvale? It was great discussion that he committed to bring to his caucus.

Respectfully submitted,
Mayor Steve Moris