



MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting

6:00 PM - Monday, May 1, 2023

Village of Fruitvale Council Chambers and Zoom

The Village of Fruitvale Regular Council meeting held on Monday, May 1, 2023 in the Village of Fruitvale Council Chambers and via Zoom was called to order by Mayor Morissette at 6:00 pm with the following members present:

PRESENT: Mayor S. Morissette, Councillor C. Ellison, Councillor J. Mason, Councillor W. Startup, and Councillor B. Wenman

EXCUSED:

STAFF: Chief Administrative Officer P. Lashar, Public Works Foreman J. Startup, Recording Secretary K. Halifax

PUBLIC: 3

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-85-2023

Moved by Wenman

Seconded by Startup

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

- A.** Rebecca Richards (Director), Jacomien van Tonder (Director), Morag Carter (LCCDTS President) - Presentation on Q1 2023

Jacomien van Tonder presented to Council an update on the Q1 2023 projects at Metal Tech Alley; Rebecca Richards updated Council on the LCIC (Lower Columbia Initiatives Corporation) Q1 2023 projects; and Morag Carter updated Council on the LCCDTS (Lower Columbia Community Development Team Society) Q1 2023 projects.

B. Morag Carter, Executive Director, Skills Centre

Morag Carter, Executive Director at the Skills Centre updated Council of their purchase and renovation and retrofitting of the building at 1060 Eldorado Street in Trail.

C. Ashley Ruggiero, CPA, CA | Partner, Grant Thornton LLP - 7:30 pm - Allocation of Surplus Funds and the 2022 Financial Statements

Ms. Ruggiero was unable to attend the Council meeting. CAO Lashar updated Council on the unallocated surplus that needs to be allocated.

RES-86-2023

Moved by Wenman
Seconded by Startup

THAT Council approve the allocation of the unallocated surplus.

CARRIED

RES-87-2023

Moved by Ellison
Seconded by Startup

THAT the 2022 Audited Financial Statements for the Village of Fruitvale be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**A.** Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 6, 2023**RES-88-2023**

Moved by Mason
Seconded by Wenman

THAT the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held March 6, 2023 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

B. Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on March 20, 2023**RES-89-2023**

Moved by Startup
Seconded by Ellison

THAT the minutes from the Special Council Meeting held on March 20, 2023 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

C. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 3, 2023

RES-90-2023

Moved by Wenman
Seconded by Mason

THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting held April 3, 2023 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

D. Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on April 17, 2023

RES-91-2023

Moved by Startup
Seconded by Ellison

THAT the minutes from the Special Council Meeting held on April 17, 2023 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

E. Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on April 19, 2023

RES-92-2023

Moved by Wenman
Seconded by Startup

THAT the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held April 19, 2023 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

F. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held April 17, 2023

RES-93-2023

Moved by Ellison
Seconded by Wenman

THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held April 17, 2023 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

G. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held February 27, 2023

RES-94-2023

Moved by Startup

Seconded by Mason

THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held February 27, 2023 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. For Information Only

1. Update on the Columbia River Treaty Local Government Committee Activities from L. Worley, Chair, Columbia River Treaty Local Governments Committee
2. Public Service Announcement from Interior Health regarding vaccines
3. Liquor Licensing for Outdoor Sampling Areas Background Information from the BC Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch
4. Media Advisory from the Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society regarding free events in the Kootenay Region during the month of May for Invasive Species Action Month
5. Building Permit Stats to the end of March 2023 from the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
6. Thank you from the Skills Centre

RES-95-2023

Moved by Wenman

Seconded by Startup

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

RES-96-2023

Moved by Wenman

Seconded by Startup

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

CARRIED

8. COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Reports

- A.** Councillor C. Ellison
- B.** Councillor J. Mason
- C.** Councillor W. Startup
- D.** Councillor B. Wenman
- E.** Mayor/RDKB Board Director S. Morissette

RES-97-2023

Moved by Wenman
Seconded by Ellison

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

CARRIED

Committee of the Whole Recommendations

9. CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING ACTION

- A.** A. Arnot, Fruitvale Elementary School PAC requesting Council support of their fundraising dance on May 27, 2023 by waiving the rental fee for the Fruitvale Memorial Centre

RES-98-2023

Moved by Startup
Seconded by Mason

THAT the Village of Fruitvale Council support the Fruitvale Elementary School PAC fundraising dance on Saturday, May 27, 2023 by waiving the rental fee for the Fruitvale Memorial Centre only AND FURTHER THAT the damage deposit, liability insurance and special event permit is the responsibility of the PAC.

CARRIED

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. Deadmarsh Lane – renaming

FYI - Village streets running north to south are known as Avenues, streets running east to west are known as Streets, cul d'sacs are Drives and streets that are in both the Village and RDKB are known as Roads. Lanes in the Village are named after long-time residents and residents who have achieved success. Avenues are named after trees.

Deadmarsh Lane was named for Adam Deadmarsh who grew up in Fruitvale and played hockey in the NHL from 1994 - 2003 with the Quebec Nordiques, Colorado Avalanche and the Los Angeles Kings.

RES-99-2023

Moved by Wenman
Seconded by Startup

THAT Council authorize the renaming of Deadmarsh Lane to Deadmarsh Avenue AND FURTHER THAT staff be authorized to order and install new street signs when the road construction has been completed.

CARRIED

B. Rezoning Application from C. MacAskill

RES-100-2023

Moved by Startup
Seconded by Ellison

THAT Council direct staff to prepare the zoning amendment bylaw to allow for a site-specific exemption in the RU1 zone to permit a maximum of 3 residential units in the configuration of

- one single dwelling
- one secondary suite within a single dwelling house
- one accessory suite within an accessory building

CARRIED

C. Invitation to Stakeholders Meeting from M. Daines, Manager of Facilities and Recreation on June 21, 2023 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Five representatives from the Village of Fruitvale will attend.

D. Village of Fruitvale Gym

RES-101-2023

Moved by Ellison
Seconded by Wenman

THAT the GYM hours for non-seniors be changed to 11:00 am to 10:00 pm.

CARRIED

E. Beaver Valley Arena Parking Lease Request

RES-102-2023

Moved by Wenman
Seconded by Startup

THAT staff be authorized to engage with Beaver Valley Recreation to prepare a lease agreement for parking on Village owned land for Beaver Valley Arena and Mazzochi Park with a 60-day opt out clause by either party.

CARRIED

F. User Group Request for WIFI at Fruitvale Memorial Park

RES-103-2023

Moved by Wenman
Seconded by Ellison

THAT staff be instructed to have internet installed at the Fruitvale Memorial Park concession building as soon as possible.

CARRIED

G. Request from the Beaver Valley Bowling Club to amend their lease to allow liquor licensing

RES-104-2023

Moved by Wenman
Seconded by Ellison

THAT staff be authorized to amend the lease with the Beaver Valley Bowling Club to allow for the sale of alcohol on the premises with the proper Provincial permit to allow alcohol sales.

CARRIED

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. Recess regular meeting to move to a closed session

RES-105-2023

Moved by Wenman
Seconded by Ellison

THAT, pursuant to 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, the regular meeting be recessed for a closed session at 8:22 pm.

CARRIED

RES-106-2023

Moved by Startup
Seconded by Ellison

THAT the Regular Council meeting reconvene at 8:47 pm.

CARRIED

17. ADJOURNMENT

RES-107-2023

Moved by Mason

THAT the meeting adjourn at 8:48 pm.

CARRIED

Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor



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REPORT TO COUNCIL:

Date: May 1, 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 April 2023.

April 3 – 30th, 2023– Basin Youth Network – Summit Registration Packages.

April 13, 2023, – Basin Youth Network – Coordinator Call – BYN Updates
Our Trust Our Future

April 18, 2023 - Networks planning to join the OTOF youth input session: Nakusp, Salmo, Golden, Warfield, Stoke, Sparwood, Columbia Valley, Nelson, Kimberley, New Denver, maybe East Shore. Fernie is going to the community session that night. A reminder email with the zoom link will be sent to you on Monday.

Community Events - youth can also attend these in person events. Find the date of the events closest to you at <https://future.ourtrust.org/community-conversations/>

Symposia - there are 3 planned in the Basin: Cranbrook, Trail & Golden. Attendance is free but you must register. For more information: [https://future.ourtrust.org/symposia/BYN Leadership Summit](https://future.ourtrust.org/symposia/BYN_Leadership_Summit). If you have not uploaded your registration information, please do so as soon as possible.

For networks who may want additional spots at the summit, we are unable to offer these until all registrations are in and we know how many spots have been filled. Reminder: transportation has been arranged for the majority of networks. Mike will contact your network to confirm pick up times and locations once the final logistics have been set after all registrations have come in.

BYN Book Review - Dare to Lead

Reminder The date for our review of Dare to Lead by Brene Brown is next Wednesday April 19th, 6pm PT, 7pm MT. The conversation will be moderated by our very own avid reader, bibliophile & coordinator of the Fernie Youth Action Network, Alana Rybar.

April 18, 2023 – Basin Network Youth Action Summit - Youth were invited to take part in "Our Trust Our Future Youth Input Session" via zoom.

April 19, 2023 - Basin Youth Network coordinators – BYN Book Review – Dare to Lead.

Daring leadership is a collection of four skill sets that are teachable, observable, and measurable: Rumbling with Vulnerability, living into our Values, Braving Trust, and Learning to Rise.

The Daring Leadership Assessment will help you gauge your strengths and your opportunities for growth as a daring leader. On average, the assessment takes less than ten minutes, and you will be able to print or email the results to yourself.

April 25, 2023 – Working with a former Beaver Valley Youth member, now a young adult, interested in helping co-facilitate Beaver Valley Youth Action Network.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Gallamore
BVYAN Coordinator



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Public Works Report

Date: April 28, 2023
To: Mayor and Council
From: Public Works Foreman J. Startup
Subject: **Public Works Report**

Mayor and Council,

The following is a brief report on important items Public Works has been dealing to April 27, 2023:

1. Kootenay Ave Storm Project

- a. An EOC Level I was activated to assist with site management, materials sourcing and coordinating repairs.

2. Haines Park Enhancements

- a. The Columbia Gardens Rd parking improvements project is almost complete. The fence was removed, area excavated and graded, posts installed and finally compacted. We are waiting for the delivery of the chain to connect the posts and some large rocks and signage to finish off the space.
- b. All 4 diamonds are undergoing significant improvements. Varying amounts of the infield playing surfaces have been removed and is being replaced with a more suitable sub-base and finishing product. Poor weather has slowed progress however we anticipate opening all 4 field by mid-next week.
- c. Turf management and improvements will be taking place shortly. Levelling, packing, over-seeding, and fertilizing/weed control is scheduled for the coming weeks.
- d. Interior Health has been contacted to assess our concession building for use by renters.

3. Fruitvale Childcare Centre

- a. Water, sewer, and storm services are planned for installation soon. We will be contracting this work to a local firm that is familiar with the existing utilities.
- b. This project is on schedule and all works appear to be acceptable.

4. Affordable Housing

- a. Working with FortisBC Electric on servicing to the site in conjunction with the civil works planed for Deadmarsh Rd.
- b. Fencing along Deadmarsh Lane has been removed.

5. Sewer

- a. High influent flows due to freshet conditions are having an impact on our STP. We have been diverting flows to storage for a few weeks now and are preparing for a heavier than normal freshet period this year.
- b. The Grit management project is still on hold pending delivery of a few critical items from the manufacturer.
- c. The I&I Remediation project is ongoing. Design and planning are currently underway, and we are hoping to have a draft contract for review by the end of May. We re still on track to have this completed by winter of 2023.
- d. A brief from Urban Systems Ltd was received highlighting 3 very important items at our STP needing attention. These items were identified in 2018 as high importance:
 - i. Pond Weed Screening
 - ii. Lift Station Overflow containment
 - iii. Effluent Storage upgrades

6. FMC

- a. Maintenance shutdown scheduled for June 19- July 28 to complete the following:
 - i. Lighting and electrical upgrades
 - ii. Chair rail and counter tops replaced.
 - iii. Paint interior and entrance
 - iv. Acoustic improvements
 - v. Floor refinishing
 - vi. Other??
- b. Seasonal inspections of mechanical items are underway.

Thank you and please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason



SUBJECT/TITLE

CAO Report to May 1, 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 May 1, 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

4 enforcement files open:

- 1 historic file for unsightly property is near compliance.
- 3 new files are currently under investigation.

In the past month:

- 2 new files were investigated and closed after obtaining voluntary compliance.
- 2 new files were closed because the complainant was anonymous.

Proactive work includes monitoring school zone speed limits and parking restrictions along Columbia Gardens Road.

To date, no ticket has been issued.

2. Water Works – from Jeff

- WSP has come back with proposed genset buildings for the wells. Hiterland survey is coming to survey the well sites. The genset building's footprints are 3m by 5m. I'll know more when the surveying is done.
- Half the dangerous trees at the old UV Building have been removed. The other half will be taken down shortly.

- Kelly Creek is starting to get higher NTU levels, which means backwashing every day. Which may end up being twice a day sooner than later, meaning after hours work. Which is normal for this time of year.
- Hydrant maintenance should start soon, depending on manpower from public works.

3. Public Works

See separate report from Public Works foreman.

4. Corporate Services

- a. Auditor has a draft report for council on May 1st, 2023
- b. Successful in obtaining the Charge up grant from CBT for energy efficiency.
- c. Mayor and CAO attended BC Housing Conference
- d. Active Transportation Planning meeting with Trish, Mayor, CAO and consultant
- e. Washout at Creekside, working with RDKB leading project
- f. CAO and Jason met with Mark Stephens from RDKB
- g. Mayor, Councilors and CAO attended AKBLG
- h. All documents for union negotiations sent to CUPE as required.
- i. Summer public works people started April 25th.
- j. Budget: public meeting held at the Memorial Hall with council and taxpayers
- k. Site visits for Childcare building and affordable housing
- l. Engaging with bylaw officer on dispute resolution with neighbors with planner
- m. Assisting with the energy stakeholder's engagement

5. Former Middle School Project Master Planning

- a. **Childcare project:** updates to childcare site
- b. **Affordable Housing Lease:** ongoing meetings with BC housing LCAHS

Current Priorities

- 1. Level one emergency issued due to washout with assistance of RDKB
- 2. FMC – updates and refresh this summer
- 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 May 1, 2023.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON APPOINTMENTS:

Personnel/Bargaining/HR Committee

- Nothing to report

Council Spirit Events

BV May Days Liaison

- A May Days Executive Meetings were held April 11th and April 25, 2023
 - Reports were given by the Executive, sponsors have been secured however are looking for additional sponsors.
 - There will be a parade this year, slow registration so far. The director in charge of the Parade will reach out further.
 - Security has been arranged.
 - There will be a movie played on Friday Night prior to the fireworks.
 - A tour of the park was the venue for the April 25th meeting.
 - Positioning of the music stage, food vendors was made.
 - Discussion of where to have the market was had.
 - Discussion of where the reefer truck would be located. Catherine will contact Jason to see if the area on the west side of the pavilion could be leveled.
 - Catherine will contact Jason to see if hooks could be affixed to the pavilion to hold the Beer Gardens sign.

OTHER

- A Meeting for the Gym was held on April 13, 2023.
 - The meeting was a great success! There were Senior's and Non-Senior's that participated in the meeting.
 - The minutes and other documents pertaining to the meeting were circulated to Council on April 16, 2023.
 - [..\GYM COMMITTEE\2023-04-13 MINUTES BV GYM COMMITTEE.doc](#)
 - [..\GYM COMMITTEE\GYM COSTS.docx](#)
 - [..\GYM COMMITTEE\DATE & TIME OF USERS.xlsx](#)
 - Consensus of all involved in the meeting was hours for Non-Senior participants will be extended to 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
 - Senior participants would be allowed to use the Gym anytime during the day
 - The Ross Spur resident would be allowed to purchase a Gym membership.

- I attended the Village of Fruitvale’s budget meeting on April 17, 2023.
- I attended the AKBLG Conference and AGM in Cranbrook – April 21- 23, 2023.
 - This was a very beneficial event to attend as the speakers were very knowledgeable.
 - There was concurrent Presentations that had a lot of merit.
 - One of the concurrent presentations that I attended was “Can Homelessness be solved” presented by James Yardley, Lidstone & Company, Barristers and Solicitors.
 - One of the aspects of his message was Section 7 of the Charter of Rights is why most cases fail in the court system.

Respectfully submitted,
Councilor Catherine Ellison



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COUNCILLOR MASON REPORT

Council Report for Council Meeting held on Monday May 1st, 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

Nothing to report

BV Blooming Society

A detailed report was sent to CAO, Mayor and Foreman regarding the BV Blooming societies role and the need for Council support. A big thank you to Jason for the support. The communication with the "BV Blooming" members and Council has brought excitement back to the group. Please like and share the BV Blooming Facebook page with the new logo created by Lauren Quantz.

DayCare Committee

I reviewed the Day care leasing agreement which is in draft form.

Respectfully submitted,
Councillor Julia Mason



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COUNCILLOR STARTUP REPORT

Council Report for Council Meeting held on May 1st, 2023.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON APPOINTMENTS:

Lower Columbia Community Development Team Society (LCCDT): No meeting in April. AGM is coming up in May.

Lower Columbia Community Health Centre Network:

1. Inaugural Board meeting held in early April.
2. Our working group has had two meetings with Ministry of Health and been given conditional approval to move to next steps in solidifying the Community Health Centre model and concept.
3. Ministry of Health has provided \$100,000 in seed funding.
4. Activity around this organization is ramping up significantly with information and updates arriving almost daily. The next few months will be a busy time.
5. The Board is expecting to have the first Community Health Centre operational by late fall.

Other:

1. Attended Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Government annual meeting in Cranbrook.
2. Councillor Wenman and I met with the Village Financial Specialist and the Village Foreman to discuss the linkages between Reserve funding, asset management, and long-range planning.

Respectfully submitted,
Councillor Wes Startup



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COUNCILLOR WENMAN REPORT

Council Report for Council Meeting held on Mon 01 May 2023

MEETINGS:

Special Council Meeting Mon 17 – Budget

3rd reading of 5-year financial plan.

Special Council Meeting Wed 19 Apr – Budget

Final Adoption of 5-year financial plan.

COMMITTEES:

Committee of the Whole Meeting Mon 17 Apr

- Budget review and FMC maintenance review
- Fortis
- Green consultant

Committee – Finance Committee Wed 19 Apr

- Surplus allocation 2022
- Capital plans in general.

RDKB

Committee – WKRHD – Nothing to Report.

RDKB Utilities Committee – Nothing to Report.

PORTFOLIOS/LIAISONS:

Spirit Events - Nothing to report.

Downtown Businesses - Nothing to Report

Public Works

- Discussions with Jason Capital Reserve Plan for Equipment, Roads, buildings,

Finance

- Various meetings with Misti to arrive at a 3% budget increase.

Selkirk Mountain Music Society

- Nothing to report.

OTHER – Open House Budget Meeting – Mon 17 Apr.

- Key issues on water & sewer
- Affordable Housing
- Water Supply
- Middle School and Water.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Bill Wenman



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MAYOR/RDKB DIRECTOR MORISSETTE REPORT

Council Report for Council Meeting held on May 1st, 2023.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON APPOINTMENTS:

Personnel and Bargaining Committee:

No Meetings held this month.

Lower Columbia Affordable Housing Society Fruitvale Construction Committee:

CAO will update us as I was unable to attend the past meeting.

South Kootenay Green Link Committee:

Initial start-up meeting was held on April 24th. We went over the process, baseline conditions, and a high level look at potential route segment alignment options: Rossland/Trail, Trail/Montrose/Fruitvale. We also went over public and stakeholder engagement, data collection (speeds, # of vehicles on various options) and the timeline for the whole process (aiming to complete the plan by April 2024).

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

Next meeting is May 9th.

Highway 3 Mayor's Coalition:

We held a meeting in Castlegar on April 12th. Hugh Eberle, Hilary Burton, and Erik Lashmuth from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure presented on this year's projects which in our area includes preliminary work on the Brilliant Bluffs (widening, straightening, passing lane) and completion of straightening the S Curves just south of Ymir. Another local priority is the replacement of the narrow Erie Creek Bridge west of Salmo.

Projects on the books for this year include: shifting to the new Elko Bridge this year, clearing for a new alignment to be built next year in Jaffray, Nelson to Balfour re-paving, and Rock Creek to Christina Lake they are doing the planning this year for adding passing opportunities next year.

We also had a presentation from the Highway 3 twinning Development Association Alberta. They are working on twinning Hwy 3 in Alberta from Fort MacLeod to Crowsnest Pass. They expect shovels in the ground in three years and completion in ten years.

South Columbia Mayor's and Area Director's Coalition:

We meet twice annually, more if there are any big issues in our area. Our two regular annual meetings are normally lunch meetings with the CEO of Columbia Basin Trust Johnny Strilaeff to share how CBT is working for us and suggested tweaks to funding, Johnny shares new initiatives from CBT with us. Next meeting TBA.

Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

Board of Directors:

In our two meetings of the BOD in April we had a presentation from the ILMA (The Interior Lumber Manufacturers Association) and multiple zoning and variance applications in the Boundary and Big White area, nothing that impacts us in the East End of the RDKB.

East End Services:

We had a presentation from Tim O'Doherty who heads the Investment Arm of Columbia Basin Trust. We also had a presentation from Watt Consulting. RDKB GM James Chandler, Nathan Carswell of Watt Consulting, Ali Grieve and I did a drive about and looked at the bus stops in Beaver Valley earmarked for new shelters this year. We will have new nice looking timber frame shelters at Bluebird Corner, downtown in the Poleyard, beside Milano's Pizza, on Beaver Street across from the Village Office, in front of the new daycare facility on Columbia Gardens Road, on Grieve road across from ATCO, on Green Road in front of the Redwood Apartments, and at the corner of Tamarac and Green Road in front of the Tamarac Mobile Home Park.

East End Curbside Collection:

The McKelvey Creek Landfill is undergoing a fairly large upgrade which is disrupting traffic to the landfill and people are being asked to limit their trips to the landfill in the next six months. Curbside collection of compost and garbage by the RDKB is scheduled to begin in October. As soon as the Collection Contract is signed we will be planning the transition from our own forces pickup to RDKB pickup. We will need to make some decisions around commercial garbage pickup (will we keep our garbage truck to do that or will we forgo commercial pickup like other communities and leave it to the private sector). As the changeover date draws near, we will need to do a robust information campaign to let people know the changes.

Compost pick-up will start at the same time as the garbage pickup transition, everyone will receive a critter resistant bin at no charge to put out weekly. If residents choose a bear proof bin it will cost them \$200 to upgrade.

BV Recreation:

Our April Meeting is April 27th after this report has been submitted so I will update next month.

Regional Advisory Committee to ETSI-BC (Economic Trust of the Southern Interior) and a member of the Board of Directors of ETSI-BC and elected from the directors as a member of the executive committee:

No meeting this month

Other:

The ETSI-BC management of the BC Gov't FIR program which funds a business advisor for one year for Salmo and Fruitvale to support and attract businesses in the current forestry slowdown is still a potential for us, we are waiting for a response from ETSI-BC.

UBCM Old Growth Strategy Meeting with BC Government

April 13th I attended the UBCM on-line meeting with BC Gov't Forestry Officials regarding their Old Growth Strategy. It was a comprehensive three-hour meeting that went into all the details of the strategy. What I heard from them is they are doing a paradigm shift in the way forests are managed and are moving to a more holistic management of forests which takes into account all the values of the forest, Industry, Indigenous, Ecological, Municipal, etc. This shift will reduce the annual allowable cut, the amount of fibre that is harvested from our forests which will reduce forestry jobs.

There was a question period. I asked the question "Is the gov't considering prioritizing getting the right log to the right mill to optimize the value of the logging we do" and the second part was "are they looking at prioritizing getting logs to the value-added mills such as ATCO?" These value-added mills statistically provide 2 to 3 jobs per cubic unit of fibre vs traditional dimensional lumber mills which provide 1 job per cubic metre. The minister answered that yes that is an important consideration going forward.

UBCM Housing Summit

The first morning of the Summit started with a session that didn't have much application to small municipalities "accommodating rapid growth" which was geared to larger municipalities in the lower mainland. This was followed by "Working Together to Boost Supply" which in smaller communities we can help the situation by providing some of the 40,000 housing units per year that are required in BC. The huge numbers required across Canada annually were shared by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Prime Minister/Finance Minister Ravi Kahlon, and Burnaby MP Terry Beech.

The session "Labour shortages and Supply Chain Disruptions" delved into the path forward with policy options for fix supply chains and labour shortages as well as opportunities for innovation.

Tackling Homelessness which interestingly we heard from the Fraser Valley Regional District on. The chair spoke of an issue that never occurred to me as homelessness, people camping in rundown RV's on Crown land or anywhere else they can. This typically creates an ecological mess of garbage and black water being discharged into streams or wherever. We have this RV issue sprinkled throughout our area.

The second day began with a media panel and their perspectives on homelessness and the most promising policies to help address it.

The following session "Speculation - Progress and Challenges". In this session they spoke of housing being different things to different people. They spoke of the need to make policies that focused housing on being housing, and less about a commodity to make money on.

The next session was on "Rural and Northern Challenges & Opportunities". Panelists spoke of issues such as attracting developers, Step code challenges, and staff capacity constraints.

I then attended the session on "Immigration and the Demand for Housing". I heard that the vast majority of immigrants migrate to the larger centres but there is the beginning of a shift happening as the affordability of housing is such a struggle in the larger centres.

Overall, there was a voice from everyone at the conference around the need for higher levels of government to fund infrastructure to support more housing.

Throughout the Conference we heard from the Opposition Leader Kevin Falcon, Green Leader Sonia Furstenau, and the Conference closed with an address from Premier Eby.

Fruitvale's Active Transportation Plan

We had an initial meeting with Watt Consulting on our Active Transportation Plan April 12th. They asked us what outcomes we are interested in from this process.

I shared we need a plan that we can work toward as funding (grants) are available to build paths/lanes throughout Fruitvale to enable people to get across and around the Valley to amenities safely. We would start with identifying and building easy wins and work toward the more challenging routes. They spoke about engaging our residents in person and on-line and identifying and meeting with stakeholders such as Ministry of Highways, Transit, Police, Seniors, Youth, PAC, ICBC, etc. More to come.

Respectfully submitted,
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