



**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE
BYLAW 953, 2023**

A Bylaw Establishing a Financial Plan Program
to be Undertaken During the Years 2023 to 2027

WHEREAS under the requirements of the *Community Charter Act*, Part 6, Division 1, Section 165, a municipality must adopt by bylaw a Five Year Financial Plan;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Fruitvale, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. THAT Schedule "A", being part of the Five-Year Financial Plan for the Years 2023 to 2027 inclusive, attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw, is hereby adopted and will come into force and effect as of January 1, 2023;
2. THAT Schedule "B", being part of the Five-Year Financial Plan for the Years 2023 to 2027 inclusive, attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw, is hereby adopted and will come into force and effect as of January 1, 2023;
3. THAT Bylaw No. 941 entitled "Village of Fruitvale Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 941, 2022", is hereby repealed; and
4. THAT this Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "Village of Fruitvale Five-Year Financial Plan 2023-2027 Bylaw 953, 2023".

READ a first time this 20th day of March, 2023.

READ a second time this 20th day of March, 2023.

READ a third time this 17th day of April, 2023.

RECONSIDERED, FINALLY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of April, 2023.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

CERTIFIED a true copy of Bylaw 953, 2023, entitled "Village of Fruitvale Five Year Financial Plan 2023-2027 Bylaw 953, 2023".

DATED this 19th day of April, 2023.

Chief Administrative Officer

**SCHEDULE "A" to
FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN BYLAW 953, 2023**

	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET
REVENUES					
Property Taxes	-1,128,802	-1,207,818	-1,292,365	-1,382,831	-1,479,629
Grants in Lieu of Taxes	-35,278	-36,336	-37,426	-38,549	-39,705
Franchise Fees	-26,092	-26,875	-27,681	-28,511	-29,367
Collections for Other Agencies	-2,081,177	-2,143,613	-2,207,921	-2,274,159	-2,342,383
Grants from Prov & Local Gov't	-710,643	-731,962	-753,921	-776,539	-799,835
Sales of Goods and Services	-22,675	-23,355	-24,056	-24,778	-25,521
User Fees	-153,710	-158,321	-163,071	-167,963	-173,002
Internal Transfers	-81,149	-83,583	-86,091	-88,674	-91,334
Cost Recoveries, Permits, Donations	-91,380	-94,121	-96,945	-99,853	-102,849
Reserve Transfers	-2,970	-3,059	-3,151	-3,245	-3,343
Wastewater Parcel Tax	-342,900	-353,187	-363,783	-374,696	-385,937
Wastewater User Fees	-447,142	-460,556	-474,373	-488,604	-503,262
Wastewater Grants from Prov & Local Gov't		0	0	0	0
Wastewater Reserve Transfers		0	0	0	0
Water Grants from Prov & Local Gov't	-484,515	-499,050	-514,022	-529,443	-545,326
TOTAL REVENUE	-5,608,432	-5,821,837	-6,044,805	-6,277,844	-6,521,492

EXPENDITURES					
General	2,081,177	2,143,613	2,207,921	2,274,159	2,342,383
Council	85,338	87,898	90,535	93,251	96,049
Finance and Corporate Services	820,230	844,837	870,182	896,288	923,176
Facilities	34,960	36,009	37,089	38,202	39,348
Protective Services	17,041	17,552	18,079	18,621	19,180
Public Works	483,987	498,506	513,461	528,865	544,731
Storm Drains	37,915	39,052	40,224	41,430	42,673
Solid Waste	94,305	47,134	48,548	50,005	51,505
Cemetery	57,983	59,722	61,514	63,360	65,260
Community Services	36,520	37,615	38,744	39,906	41,103
Planning & Development	61,400	63,242	65,139	67,094	69,106
Parks & Recreation	311,634	320,983	330,612	340,531	350,746
Interest on Long-Term Debt	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
Long-Term Debt Repayment	52,548	52,548	52,548	52,548	52,548
Transfer to Reserves	108,143	210,215	268,510	280,242	292,326
Wastewater	436,921	450,029	463,530	529,131	600,318
Wastewater Transfer to Reserves	333,816	343,830	354,145	364,770	375,713
Water	484,515	499,050	514,021	529,442	545,325
TOTAL EXPENSE	5,608,432	5,821,837	6,044,805	6,277,843	6,521,492
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**SCHEDULE "B" to
FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN BYLAW 953, 2023**

In accordance with Section 165(3.1) of the *Community Charter*, the Village of Fruitvale (Village) is required to include in the Five-Year Financial Plan, objectives and policies regarding each of the following:

1. The proportion of total revenue that comes from each of the funding sources described in Section 165(7) of the *Community Charter*,
2. The distribution of property taxes among the property classes, and
3. The use of permissive tax exemptions.

1. **Funding Sources**

Table 1 shows the proportion of total revenue proposed to be raised for general municipal purposes from each funding source in 2023. Residential property taxes form the greatest proportion of revenue while government grants provide a large portion of funding to ensure capital projects and many operational services are provided.

Representing 58.33% of overall revenue, property taxation offers a number of advantages, for example, it is simple to administer, and it is relatively easy for residents to understand. It offers a stable and reliable source of revenue for services that are difficult or undesirable to fund on a user pay basis. These include services such as general administration, planning services, fire protection, police services, bylaw enforcement, building inspection, roads and streets maintenance and street lighting.

User fees and charges form another significant portion of discretionary revenue. Many services can be measured and charged on a user pay basis. Services where fees and charges may be easily administered include sewer usage, building permits, business licenses, and sale of specific services and therefore, are charged on a user pay basis. User fees attempt to allocate the value of a service to those who use the service.

Table 1: Sources of Revenue

Revenue Sources	% of Total Revenue	Dollar Value
Property Taxes	58.33%	3,271,349
Parcel Taxes	6.11%	342,900
User Fees and Charges	10.71%	600,851
Transfer from Reserves	0.05%	2,970
Other Sources	2.03%	114,055
Accumulated Surplus and Own Sources	1.45%	81,149
Proceed from Long-Term Borrowing	0.00%	0
Government Grants	21.31%	1,195,158
Total	100.00%	5,608,432

Objective

Ensure utilities are self-sustaining. Utilities include solid waste collection and disposal (garbage) and wastewater collection and treatment (sewer). Currently solid waste is self-sustaining through user fees funding both capital and operating costs. Wastewater operational services are funded through user fees and supplemented by transferring a portion of parcel tax collections to operational costs. The objective is to slowly move the funding model to fully cover operational costs from user fees with parcel tax collections solely designated to the high costs of current and future capital improvements and replacements.

Plan for the long-term sustainability of the Village. A fitness gym user fee will ensure maintenance, repair and replacement of the current gym facility and equipment is funded by those using the facility and equipment. The fees ensure sustainability of the fitness gym and meeting user needs without a tax burden to all Village residents and taxpayers.

Ensure strategic use of our resources by proactively applying for public sector funding, pursuing sponsorships and seeking efficiencies. The Village of Fruitvale is applying for public sector funding and seeking partnerships whenever possible to more efficiently provide and use our resources to supplement investment into aging assets.

Policies

The Village will review user fee and parcel tax levels annually to ensure they adequately meet both the capital and delivery costs of the service.

Where possible, the Village will endeavor to supplement revenues from user fees and charges rather than taxation in order to lessen the burden on the residential property tax base.

2. Distribution of Property Tax Rates

Table 2 outlines the distribution of municipal property taxes among the property classes. The residential property class provides the largest proportion of property tax revenue. This is appropriate as this class also forms the largest portion of the assessment base and consumes the majority of Village services.

Table 2: Distribution of Municipal Property Taxes

Property Class	% of Taxation	Dollar Value
CLASS 1 Residential	91.35%	1,031,182
CLASS 2 Utilities	0.55%	6,180
CLASS 3 Supportive Housing		
CLASS 4 Major Industry		
CLASS 5 Light Industry	0.09%	1,060
CLASS 6 Business & Other	8.01%	90,379
CLASS 7 Managed Forest Land		
CLASS 8 Recreation/Non-profit		
CLASS 9 Farm		
Total	100.00%	1,128,802

Objective

The residential assessment base is 91.35% of all Village assessments. Businesses, while 8.00% of the total assessment base, receive a slightly elevated level of service. The objective is to correspond the proportionate percentage of tax collections to the level of service relative to the use of services.

Policies

Create financial sustainability of the Village by increasing awareness of Asset Management. Funding services appropriately to include a capital cost charge which represents the use of assets today while also ensuring proper maintenance, operation and replacement of assets. Relate the use of services to the use of assets which provide those services and proportionately allocate the costs to those using the services.

3. Permissive Tax Exemptions

The Village has an existing permissive tax exemption policy which guides the administration and approval of permissive tax exemptions. Eligibility criteria for permissive tax exemptions that are outlined in the policy include the following:

- The tax exemption must demonstrate benefit to the community and residents of the Village by enhancing the quality of life, economically, socially or culturally within the community.
- The goals, policies and principles of the organization receiving the exemption must not be inconsistent or in conflict with those of the Village.
- The organization receiving the exemption must be a registered non-profit society, as the support of the municipality will not be used for commercial or private gain.
- Permissive tax exemptions will be considered in conjunction with:
 - other assistance being provided by the Village;
 - the potential demands for Village services or infrastructure arising from the property; and
 - the amount of revenue that the Village will forego if the exemption is granted.

Objective

The Village will continue to provide permissive tax exemptions to non-profit societies who provide a benefit to the community.

Policies

Review the tax exemption policy annually to assess activities that will be targeted in compliance with the Official Community Plan guidelines.

Table 3: Use of Permissive Tax Exemptions

BYLAW	NAME	ROLL #	CLASS	2022 ASSESSED VALUE	2022 ASSESSED VALUE TOTAL	2022 MUNICIPAL RATE	2022 VILLAGE GENERAL TAXES	WATER & SEWER PARCEL TAXES	2022 TOTALS
946, 2022	Beaver Valley Manor Society	521-00032.050	Land - 1	220,000		2.9769	\$ 654.92		
			Buildings - 1	1,629,000	1,849,000	2.9769	\$ 4,849.37	\$ 850.00	\$ 6,354.29

946, 2022	Scouts Properties	521- 00267.000	Land - 8 Buildings - 6	206,000 26,600		2.9769 7.1446	\$ 613.24 \$ 190.05	\$ 850.00	\$ 1,653.29
946, 2022	Scouts Properties	521- 00268.000	Land - 8 Buildings - 6	251,000 135,000		2.9769 7.1446	\$ 747.20 \$ 964.52	\$ 850.00	\$ 2,561.72
946, 2022	Beaver Valley Curling Club	521- 00288.000	Land - 8 Land - 6 Buildings - 6	74,300 74,300 936,000		2.9769 7.1446 7.1446	\$ 221.18 \$ 530.84 \$ 6,687.35	\$ 850.00	\$ 8,289.37
945, 2022	St. Rita's Catholic Church (hall)	521- 00055.012	Land - 8 Buildings - 8	80,600 306,300		2.9769 2.9769	\$ 239.94 \$ 911.82	\$ 850.00	\$ 2,001.76
945, 2022	Beaver Valley Christian Fellowship	521- 00337.000	Land - 8 Buildings - 8	81,900 180,000		2.9769 2.9769	\$ 243.81 \$ 535.84	\$ 850.00	\$ 1,629.65
946, 2022	South Columbia Search & Rescue	521- 00371.110	Land - 6 Buildings - 6	69,800 180,000		7.1446 7.1446	\$ 498.69 \$ 1,286.03	\$ 850.00	\$ 2,634.72
947, 2022	Lower Columbia Affordable Housing Society	521- 00304.240	Land - 1 Buildings - 1	N/A	N/A	2.9769 2.9769	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
GRAND TOTAL							\$ 19,174.81	\$ 5,950.00	\$ 25,124.81