

Beaver Valley Bulletin

FEBRUARY 2025

BASIN CHARGE UP GRANT Office Upgrades

From February 5th to 20th, 2025, the Village office will be undergoing upgrades to the exterior windows on the main floor, as well as improvements to our front door for better accessibility. We are grateful to have received grant funding from Columbia Basin Trust to help make these enhancements possible.

While we will remain open during this period, please be aware of alternate access to the building. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to improve our space.

GARBAGE TAGS AVAILABLE AT
LIBERTY
CANADIAN TIRE
NO FRILLS
FERRARO FOODS

CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE
2025 BY-ELECTION - NOTICE OF NOMINATION

See last page of February Beaver Valley Bulletin

BEAVER VALLEY BULLETIN
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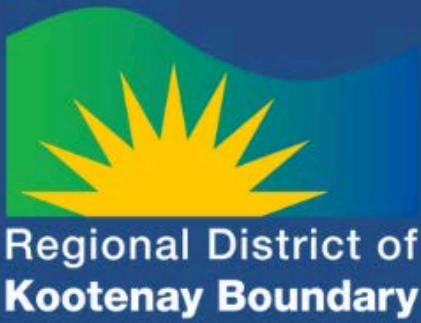
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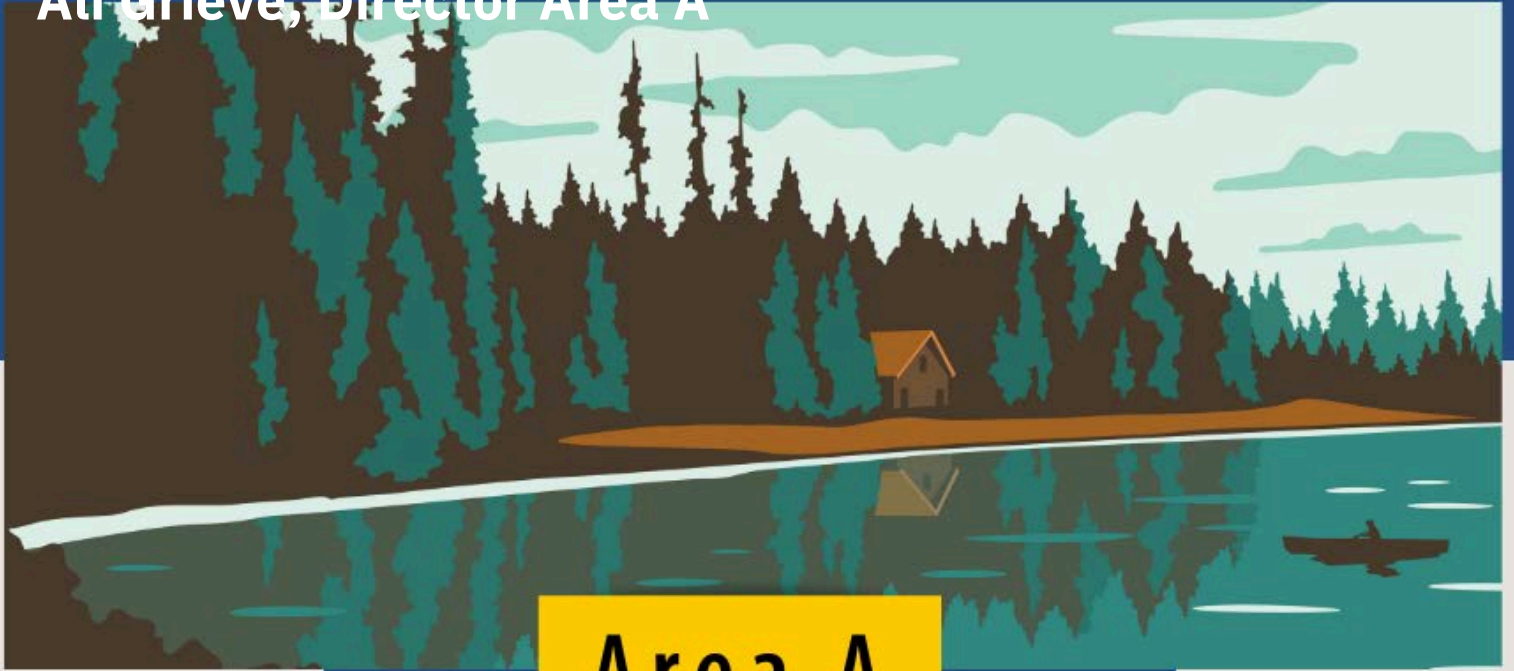


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Join us! For **YOUR** Town Hall Meeting

Ali Grieve, Director Area A



Area A

Tuesday, February 11
Fruitvale Memorial Hall, 6pm

STREETLIGHTS

Darkness comes earlier in the winter so now is the time to report any non-working street-lights to the Village Office, info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca

Be sure to include the location of the pole, the number on the pole and the problem with the light.

The Village will report it to FortisBC, who will repair as time permits.



Welcome FEBRUARY

New month, New Intentions, New Goals, New Beginnings

Catherine Guesford, Deputy Mayor

As we move into February 2025, we start off with election news. The formal information about the upcoming election is attached to this newsletter, as well it will be published in the Trail Times as per Elections BC protocols. There will be two positions open in this election, one for Mayor and one for Councillor. The mayor's position became open when Steve Morrisette resigned and became the Kootenay-Monashee MLA. The Councillor position opened when Wes Startup stated he was running for Mayor. Wes' resignation is effective January 29, 2025.

The BC Elections Act states that a Councilor who runs for Mayor during a By-Election must resign from Council.

Information about how to run for office will be available at the Village of Fruitvale Office on Thursday, February 6, 2025. The elections will be held Saturday, April 05, 2025.

Council will be business as usual, but with reduced numbers. I will be your Deputy Mayor with Councillor Julia Mason and Councillor Bill Wenman, we will continue with Village business until there is a new Mayor and one new Councillor in place.

Some of the [Major Projects](#) that are ongoing or will start are as follows:

Lower Columbian Affordable Housing Society (LCAHS) Projects estimated completion date is the Fall of 2025. Bookings for space are through the LCAHS. They will advise everyone when they are ready to accept applications, for now please be patient.

The Middle School Demolition (Old Gym & Library) will be starting in the late spring. The Village will be using funds from the BC Government Community Grants for the demolition. The demolition will only be the part of the building, which is the Gym and the Library areas. Please stay out the collapsed site as it is very dangerous.

McHale Lane Wastewater Upgrades will start the Summer 2025. The downtown area lane between Rossland Collision and the Medical Centre will have construction detours. This is a very important sewer line upgrade as we are literally processing rainwater by using old pipes whenever it rains.

Green Road Water Line Replacement will be starting in the summer 2025. The RDKB water system covers parts of Area A and most of Fruitvale. We will be replacing approximately 2,000 meters of water line.

Sometime in the Spring, Council will invite everyone to the official opening of the Astro Turf Field at McInnis Park. At this time, I feel it is important to recognize the entire team for their efforts on this project.

Without mentioning any names, we need to give special kudos to:

- ✚ The Village Staff for the astro turf idea and writing up the funding grants for this amazing project, such as the Jays Care Foundation Grants (@JaysCare) along with Columbia Basin Trust;
- ✚ The Village Office staff, Public Works Staff and Beaver Valley Little League for putting it all together for the design and contract award;
- ✚ The amazing work crew who along with the contractors, got it all done.

Throughout this endeavor, we had the support Regional District Kootenay Boundary Beaver Valley Recreation Commission (Director Ali Grieve, Mayor Mike Walsh, Councillor Bill Wenman and Mark Daines,).

For more news about the grand opening, keep reading future newsletters for details.



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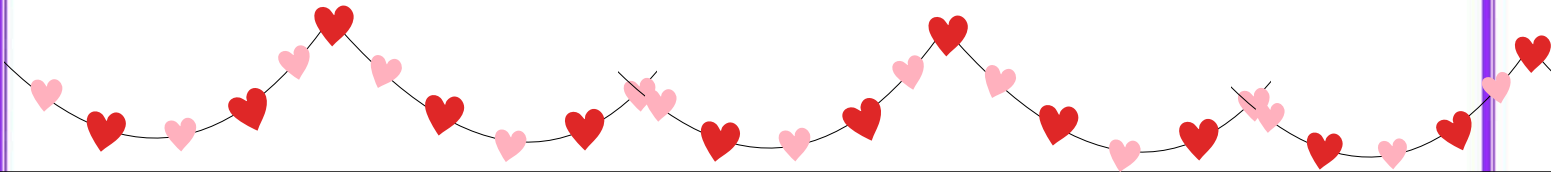
On a personal note, it has been my honour to hold the role of Deputy Mayor, getting the opportunity to interact with diverse groups of people from our community. I am enjoying the extra responsibilities of working with Council, Staff, Residents of Fruitvale and the Beaver Valley Communities.

The Village of Fruitvale will be 73 years old this year and we have come a long way from the original families that built this community with every new resident that decides to settle in the valley this will add to the growth of Fruitvale and the Beaver Valley.

In closing, if you like or are concerned about something that we are doing, feel free to drop me an email, text or call.

A thought - When you look back at how things change over the course of one's life and the many stories we tell about the adventures we have had, you wonder where the time has gone!

"Never impose on others what you would not choose for yourself." Confucius



Village of Montrose

Office Hours - Monday to Friday 8:30 –noon -
1:00 – 4:30 p.m. 367-7234

admin@montrose.ca

www.montrose.ca



WE ARE ON FACEBOOK & DOWNLOAD THE NEW CITIZEN

MONTROSE RECREATION WILL BE CELEBRATING FAMILY DAY ON FEBRUARY 17th FROM 11:00AM – 1:00PM AT MONTROSE PARK & COMMUNITY HALL. TONS OF FREE FUN FOR EVERYONE!

**FACE PAINTING BY YARNIA
COOKIE DECORATING
NITEHAWKS SHINNEY
CRAFTS & GAMES IN THE HALL
HOT DOGS & HOT CHOCOLATE**

2025 UTILITY INVOICES

2025 Utility invoices for water and sewer were mailed out in early January. In order to receive the 10% discount, payment needs to be carried out on or before February 28, 2025.

Payment options are cash, cheque, debit, e-transfer or on-line through Kootenay Savings Credit Union. If you have not received an invoice, please call the office and a duplicate copy will be made.

DOG & CAT TAGS

It's time to renew your dog or cat license. Every dog and cat in the Village is required to be registered and licensed. Every license is valid from January 1 to December 31.



BOULEVARD PARKING



Residents are reminded that during the winter months snow is plowed onto the Village boulevard.

From Policy PW-2012-01 Snow Management & Ice Control:

1. Anyone parked on the boulevard could be towed.
2. Boulevards are the property of the Village of Fruitvale.
3. Know where your property lines are.
4. No tolerance or exceptions due to safety and liability issues.

The Village of Fruitvale’s Bylaw Officer will be patrolling the Village and enforcing our bylaws.



BEAVER VALLEY SENIOR CITIZENS BRANCH #44



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

Bingo-Mondays 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Wellness Wednesdays 10:00 am - 1:00 pm(activities and lunch \$2)

Cards - Thursdays 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Carpet Bowling every Tuesday

No monthly general meeting in December.



For membership information

contact Brenda 250-367-3839 or Kris 250-367-9685



Beaver Valley Cross-Country Ski Club

Sunday Social Soup at the Shack

@ the main lake cabin

Sunday

Feb 2,

11-1

Suggested

donation:

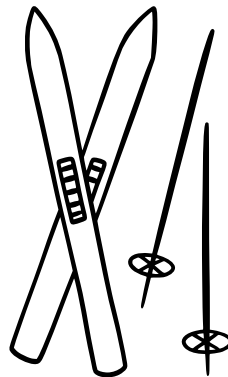
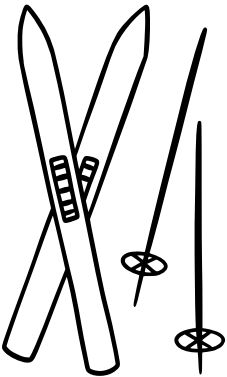
\$5



Locally grown Buttercup Pumpkin Soup with
Salmo Forest Farm Feta, Home-Baked Bread,
Hot Chocolate & Home-Made Cookies

bvskiclubbc@gmail.com

All Welcome!!



BEAVER VALLEY LIONS CLUB

FRUITVALE MEMORIAL HALL 1968 Main Street, Fruitvale, BC V0G 1L1



Bingo Wednesday's at the Fruitvale Memorial Centre





Beaver Valley

SENIORS' LUNCH

Tuesday, February 18

FRUITVALE MEMORIAL HALL

SERVED BUFFET

DRAW PRIZES

12:30PM



United Way
British Columbia

Working with communities in
BC's North, Interior, Lower Mainland,
Central & Northern Vancouver Island

Ticket Cost: \$10.00

For individual or group bookings(6+)
RSVP to Jayme Fowler by Tuesday, February 11:
T: 250-231-7260 E: bvevents@rdkb.com



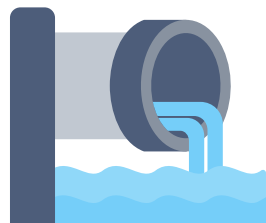
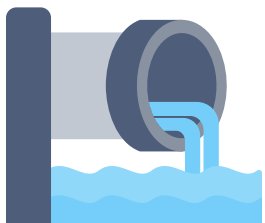
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Kootenay Boundary

2025 WATER AND SEWER USER FEES

The 2025 water and sewer invoices will be sent out by the end of February. A 5% discount will be offered until March 31.

If you have any questions or if you do not receive your invoice, please contact Misti at the

Village Office at 250-367-7551 ext. 3 or email finance@village.fruitvale.bc.ca.





Regional District of
Kootenay Boundary

Beaver Valley Recreation

Follow us on Instagram & Facebook under Beaver Valley Recreation
www.rdkb.com Click on Recreation & Culture, Beaver Valley

SENIOR'S LUNCHES

Tuesdays at 12:30 pm
February 18, March 18,
April 15, May 20
Fruitvale Hall
\$10 admission at the door
Please rsvp to Jayme at 231-7260
bvevents@rdkb.com

STAY SAFE Ages 9+

Instructor: Nicole Morrison
This Canadian Red Cross Course teaches applicable and age appropriate skills to improve your child's own safety. Bring a lunch.
March 29, 2025
9 am – 1:30 pm
\$40
Montrose Hall
Call BV Recreation at 231-5172



BABYSITTING COURSE

Instructor: Nicole Morrison
Ages 11+
This Canadian Red Cross Course provides knowledge for feeding, bedtime, first aid, creating a safe environment and how to handle emergencies. Bring a lunch.
March 15, 2025
9 am – 4:30 pm
\$65
Montrose Hall
Call BV Recreation at 231-5172

PM GENTLE YOGA

Instructor: Jodi Ihas
Thursdays
(Omit Feb 20, Mar 20, Apr 24)
7 - 8:15 pm
\$75 - 6x, \$120 - 12x
\$14 drop in
(Pass can be used at all regular Yoga classes and BWB&B)
Fruitvale Hall
To pay over the phone, call BV Recreation at 231-5172 or bring cash or cheque to Jodi at class

A.C.T. FITNESS CLASS

Instructor: Violet Richtsfeld
Aerobic + Chair + Tone. Bring a set of 1 or 2 lbs hand held weights and water bottle.
Tuesdays & Thursdays
Running until March 27, 2025
(omit February 13)
9:30 - 10:30 am
Montrose Hall
\$110 - 10 punch pass
\$13 drop in
Call Violet at 367-6448 for more info.

BODY WEIGHT, BANDS & BALLS

Instructor: Wendy Robertsen
Fitness bands and 2-5 lb weights are required. For all fitness levels.
Mondays & Thursdays
(Omit April 24)
Noon – 1 pm at Fruitvale Hall
\$75 - 6x, \$120 - 12x, \$14 drop in
(Pass can be used at all regular Yoga classes)
To pay over the phone, call BV Recreation at 231-5172 or bring cash or cheque to Wendy at class

AM GENTLE YOGA

Instructor: Wendy Robertsen
Wednesdays
Running until June 25, 2025
9 – 10:15 am
\$75 - 6x, \$120 - 12x, \$14 drop in
(Pass can be used at all regular Yoga classes and BWB&B)
Montrose Hall
To pay over the phone, call BV Recreation at 231-5172 or bring cash or cheque to Wendy at class

ZUMBA ages 12+

Instructor: April Arnot
Mondays at Fruitvale Hall
Thursdays at Montrose Hall
(Thursday's cancelled for May & June)
(omit Feb 13, 17, 24, Apr 21, May 19, June 30)
6:30 - 7:30 pm
\$50 - 5x, \$92 - 10x, \$172 - 20x,
\$12 drop in
To pay over the phone, call BV Recreation at 231-5172 or bring cash or cheque to April at class

ZUMBA GOLD

Instructor: April Arnot
A low-impact modified Zumba® dance fitness class perfect for beginners of all fitness levels.
Wednesdays
Running until June 25, 2025
(omit April 30)
9:30 - 10:30 am \$12 drop in
\$50 - 5x, \$92 - 10x, \$172 - 20x,
Tae Kwon Do Gym
To pay over the phone, call BV Recreation at 231-5172 or bring cash or cheque to April at class

CHAIR YOGA

Instructor: Abby Verigin
 Tuesdays from 10 - 11 am
 Fridays from noon - 1 pm
 (omit Feb 18, Mar 18,
 Apr 15, 25, May 16 & 20)
 A gentle, seated style of yoga made
 for all bodies & abilities
 \$75 - 6x, \$120 - 12x
 \$14 drop in
 (Pass can be used at all regular
 Yoga classes and BWB&B)
 Fruitvale Hall
 To pay over the phone, call BV
 Recreation at 231-5172 or bring
 cash or cheque to Abby at class

NEW YOGA SERIES!

With Abby Verigin
 Payment only through Abby
 Not part of punch pass option

Series #2 Yoga for Stress Relief
 Wednesdays, Feb 19 - March 26
 6 - 7:15 pm at Montrose Hall
 \$110 for the series, \$20 drop in
 This practice is designed to help
 individuals manage and reduce
 stress through mindful yoga
 practices. Abby combines gentle
 movements, breathing exercises,
 and relaxation techniques to create
 a calming experience for your
 nervous system. Each session
 focuses on easing physical and
 mental tension, fostering a sense of
 peace and balance within.

Spring Break Public Skate

Monday - Friday

March 17 - 21
March 24 - 28

12:30 - 2:00 pm

Regular Admission Applies
 Child \$3.00
 Adult \$4.00
 Family \$10.00
 Skate Rentals \$2.00
 Skate Sharpening \$5.00



SENIOR LINE DANCE

Instructor: April Biscaro
 Learn the basic steps of Country &
 Western Line Dancing. You do not
 need a partner. Everyone welcome!
 Fridays
 Running until April 11, 2025
 10 - 11 am
 Fruitvale Hall
 For more information,
 call April at 921-9733

ZUMBA KIDS

Instructor: April Arnot
 Kids Jr. (ages 4-6) and Zumba Kids
 (7-11) are great classes to get the
 kids moving!
 Mondays
 January 20 - March 10, 2025
 (omit February 17, 24)
 3:30 - 4 pm Kids Jr. \$35
 4:15 - 5 pm Kids \$45
 Fruitvale Hall
 Call BV Recreation at 231-5172



GLOW SKATE

Fridays
 February 28
 March 21

8:00 - 10:00 pm

All BV Youth ages 12-16
 are welcome to attend
 for FREE!

TOONIE SKATES

Tuesdays & Thursdays
 Last day is March 13
 10 - 11 am

GLOW SKATES

Fridays & Sundays
 During public skating sessions

Shoot with the Nitehawks!



February 23
 3 - 4:30 pm

At the BV Arena.
 Please bring your stick and helmet
 \$3 youth, \$4 adult, \$10 family

Helmet is required
 *A few helmets are available at the
 skate shop to borrow*

FEB PUBLIC SKATING

February 2 3 - 4:30 pm
 February 14 12:30 - 2 pm
 February 16 3 - 4:30 pm
 February 28 6 - 7:30 pm

MAR PUBLIC SKATING

March 7 6 - 7:30 pm
 March 9 3 - 4:30 pm
 March 14 6 - 7:30 pm

COME TO THE BV ARENA!

FEBRUARY 14

AGES 2-6 DROP IN HOCKEY
 10 - 11 AM

AGES 7-11 DROP IN HOCKEY
 11 AM - NOON

PUBLIC SKATING
 12:30 - 2 PM

AGES 12-16
 DROP IN HOCKEY
 2:30 - 3:30 PM

For more information,
 please text or call
 250-231-5172
 kwalkie@rdkb.com



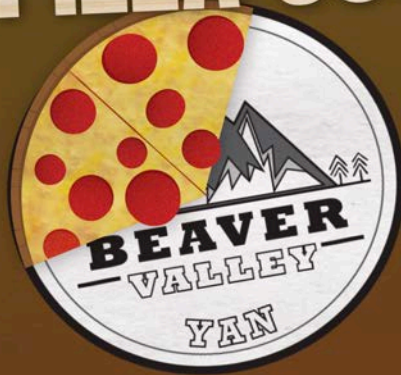
DROP IN HOCKEY

Full hockey gear required for
 ages 7+. Ages 2-6 requires helmet.
 \$5 admission at the skate shop.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 *Registration Required	3 Needlework Drop-in 1:00-3:00 Tween night 5-6:30pm	4 Mother Goose 11:45-12:30* Tech Help Drop-in 1:00-3:00	5 Afterschool Drop in 2:30-4:00	6 Cursive Writing Workshop 3:45-4:45*	7	8
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16	17 Family Day Library Closed	18 Mother Goose 11:45-12:30* Tech Help Drop-in 1:00-3:00	19 Afterschool Drop in 2:30-4:00	20 Cursive Writing Workshop 3:45-4:45*	21	22
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BV YOUTH PIZZA COOKING NIGHT! W/ ROSSLAND YAN



FREE
AGES 12-18

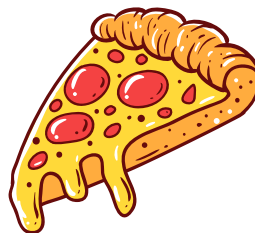
LEARN HOW TO MAKE PIZZA!
GAIN VALUABLE SKILLS!
MEET NEW PEOPLE!

FEB 11, 4-6:30PM
Located at the Rossland YAN Center
(2385 Washington St, Rossland)

check out our socials for
upcoming events!

QUESTIONS?

Email us at beavervalleyyan@gmail.com





BV YOUTH SKI NIGHT

WEDNESDAY FEB 5TH
6-9PM
SALMO SKI HILL

ONLY COVERING A NIGHT TICKET
YOU HAVE TO COVER RENTALS!
(YOUTH 12-18)

Come find Kate and we'll cover your ticket!

WANT TO REGISTER? HAVE QUESTIONS?

Email us at beavervalleyyan@gmail.com

BV YOUTH GLOW SKATE

Feb 28, 8-10pm

Beaver Valley Arena
(1777 Green Rd, Fruitvale)

FREE
(Ages 12-18)



Check out our socials
for upcoming events, or
join our newsletter!



QUESTIONS?

Email us at beavervalleyyan@gmail.com



A LEADERSHIP JOURNEY

THE FIRST STEPS

Take the first steps of leadership with this fast-paced and engaging journey.

Participate in activities that develop your leadership skills, enhance your communication skills and get you actively thinking about making change in your community.

REGISTER TODAY!

Network: Beaver Valley Youth Action Network

Contact: Kate Friesen

Phone: 250-512-2077

Email: beavervalleyyan@gmail.com

Location: The Village of Fruitvale Office

Dates: 6x 90min Sessions Exact Dates TBA

End of March ----> End of April



Celebrating One Year of RDKB HomeSmart

As RDKB HomeSmart reaches its first anniversary, the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary is celebrating the free program's success in supporting homeowners across the region. Since its launch in January 2024, RDKB HomeSmart has built strong, positive relationships with participants, collaborated with many local programs, and recently launched a first-of-its-kind guidance document.

RDKB HomeSmart was created to simplify the home retrofit process for residents by offering personalized guidance, support with hiring professional contractors and energy advisors and resources for navigating rebates and loans. Funded by the Columbia Basin Trust, FortisBC, and RDKB, and managed by RDKB's HomeSmart team, the program has quickly gained momentum, with over 200 residents participating in its first year.

“Our community has embraced the RDKB HomeSmart program, reflecting a shared commitment to building an energy efficient and resilient future, which is great to see,” says Andy Morel, Chair of the RDKB Board.

One of the most popular improvements this past year has been upgrading windows and doors, a choice that appeals to residents looking to boost both comfort and efficiency. Freya Phillips, RDKB's Senior Energy Specialist, noted the enthusiastic participation from the community: “Residents have responded so positively to the program’s simplicity and ease. RDKB HomeSmart has provided a clear pathway to meaningful home improvements, and it’s exciting to see the positive impact it’s making in our community. The first year of the program has shown encouraging results and we look forward to continually improving the program to supporting even more residents in the future.”

Feedback from participants has been highly positive, with residents praising the program’s personalized support and clear guidance. Raven Atherton, RDKB's Retrofit Program Coordinator, shared: “The highlight of this first year has been speaking with the residents of the Kootenay Boundary who are eager to learn about available retrofit options and are open to new approaches for implementing them. It’s been gratifying to see participants successfully start and complete their projects, big or small. Our team is there at every step, ensuring they feel supported and have access to the available benefits.

One participating resident said, “Thanks to RDKB HomeSmart, I now have a solid plan for improving my home’s efficiency and reducing our energy costs. The support I received—from discussing options to finding the right rebates—has been invaluable.” Another noted the convenience, adding, “The guidance from RDKB staff made all the difference; I felt equipped with the right knowledge and confident throughout the entire process.”

Freya Phillips commented, “Our residents are at the heart of RDKB HomeSmart. It’s incredibly rewarding to see the program’s positive impact on homes in our region and to know we’re building a more resilient, climate-ready community.”

Residents interested in learning more about RDKB HomeSmart and exploring energy-efficient and resilient upgrades for their homes are encouraged to reach out to the team via phone at 250.368.0284 or by email at homesmart@rdkb.com. They are also encouraged to head to <https://homesmart.rdkb.com/> to explore RDKB’s new HomeSmart Guide and enter the ‘Read to Win’ RDKB HomeSmart Challenge for their chance to get their hands on a pre- and post- EnerGuide Assessment Prize worth approximately \$1,000.

About RDKB HomeSmart

The RDKB HomeSmart program, launched in January 2024, provides a free, personalized service designed to guide residents in the Kootenay Boundary region towards energy-efficient, climate-resilient home improvements. By simplifying the process and connecting residents with rebates, assessments, and local contractors, RDKB HomeSmart promotes long-term sustainability and energy savings across the region.



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE 2025 BY-ELECTION - NOTICE OF NOMINATION

Public Notice is given to the electors of the Corporation of the Village of Fruitvale that a by-election will be held on Saturday April 5th, 2025 to elect one (1) Mayor and one (1) Councillor for a term ending in November 2026. Nominations will be received by the Chief Elections Officer (CEO) or a designated person as follows:

By hand, mail or other delivery service to: Village of Fruitvale 1947 Beaver Street Box 370, Fruitvale, BC V0G 1L0	From 9:00 am Tuesday, February 18, 2025 To 4:00 pm Friday, February 28, 2025 Excluding statutory holidays and weekends
By fax to: 250-367-9267 By email to: patricia@dehnel.com	From 9:00 am Tuesday, February 18, 2025 To 4:00 pm Friday, February 28, 2025 Excluding statutory holidays and weekends Originals of faxed or emailed nomination documents must be received by the Chief Election Officer by 4:00 pm on March 7, 2025.

Nomination packages are available for pick-up at the Village of Fruitvale Office, 1947 Beaver Street, Fruitvale, BC during regular office hours (closed weekends and statutory holidays) starting on February 6, 2025 and until the close of the nomination period at 4:00 pm on February 28, 2025.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

A person is qualified to be nominated, elected, and to hold office as a member of local government if they meet the following criteria:

- Canadian citizen;
- 18 years of age or older on general voting day (April 5, 2025);
- Resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day nomination papers are filed;
- Not disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from being nominated for, being elected to or holding the office, or be otherwise disqualified by law.

FURTHER INFORMATION

In accordance with the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, (LECFA) for the 2025 by-election:

- the following expense limits for candidates during the campaign period apply for the offices of:
 - o Mayor: \$10,797.83
 - o Councillor: \$5,398.92
- the following third-party advertising limits apply:
 - o directed advertising expense limits: \$809.84 (LECFA s.41.4)

For further information on **campaign financing, period expense limits and third-party advertising limits**, please contact Elections BC directly: Toll-free at **1-855-952-0280** ; Email lcef@elections.bc.ca ; or visit www.elections.bc.ca

For further information on the **nomination process**, please contact Patricia Dehnel, Chief Election Officer at Village Office: 250-367-7551 or Direct: 250-505-3246, email patricia@dehnel.com or visit www.fruitvale.ca

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