



MINUTES

Committee of the Whole Meeting

6:00 PM - Monday, April 28, 2025

Village of Fruitvale Council Chambers and Zoom Video Conference

Minutes of the Village of Fruitvale Council Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Monday, April 28, 2025 in the Village of Fruitvale Council Chambers and Zoom Video Conference

PRESENT: Mayor Startup, Councillor Guesford (Ellison), Councillor Halifax, Councillor Mason, and Councillor Wenman

EXCUSED:

STAFF: Chief Administrative Officer P. Lashar, Chief Financial Officer Patridge, Recording Secretary Gallamore, and Public Works Foreman J. Startup

PUBLIC:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor W. Startup called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In the spirit of respect, truth and reconciliation, we honour and thank the Indigenous Peoples on whose traditional and unceded lands we operate.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

4. DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Rain Garden discussion

Public Works Foreman J. Startup reported on a request he received from the BV Blooming Society regarding the removal of the Rain Garden at the Fruitvale Memorial Centre. Staff was instructed to add this to the May 5, 2025 Regular Council Meeting agenda.

B. Deputy Mayor Position discussion

A discussion took place regarding having a Deputy Mayor versus rotating Acting Mayors. Staff was instructed to add the Deputy Mayor position to the May 5, 2025 Regular Council Meeting agenda.

C. Service Pamphlet discussion

CAO Lashar updated Council on the Service Pamphlet.

D. New Hours for Regular Council Meeting

A discussion took place regarding changing the time of the regular Council meetings. Staff was instructed to add this to the May 5, 2025 Regular Council Meeting agenda.

E. 749 Fire Safety & Prevention Bylaw No. 749, 2006.

The Fire Safety & Prevention Bylaw No. 749, 2006 was tabled to the June meeting.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. COM-2014-01 Social Media - Facebook Policy

Staff was instructed to update the COM-2014-01 Social Media-Facebook Policy and bring the changed policy to the Regular Council Meeting on May 5, 2025 for approval.

B. PW-2013-09 Fruitvale Memorial Centre Policy

Due to the updates being made to the wrong policy, Staff was instructed to move the changes that were made to the PW-2013-09 Fruitvale Memorial Centre Policy to the Rates, Fees, and Charges Bylaw No. 982, 2025, Appendix XX – Fruitvale Memorial Centre rental rates, and to ensure the PW-2013-09 reads as it did before the changes were made to it.

C. Animal Responsibility Bylaw No. 922, 2020

Staff was instructed to prepare a new Animal Responsibility Bylaw that includes the definition of Bylaw Officer and remove any references to the SPCA and to bring the new bylaw to the next regular Council meeting for three readings.

D. Watershed

The discussion on the Watershed to be tabled to the Regular Council Meeting agenda on May 5, 2025.

E. BV Water System Budget

CFO Partridge informed Council that the water parcel taxes are allocated to the Capital Reserve to fund the water system. A detailed spreadsheet was supplied to Council.

F. Communication Protocol

Mayor Startup spoke about the communication protocol. He asked Council to review the Code of Conduct before the May 5, 2025 Council meeting. Staff will provide a copy of the Code of Conduct for Council members to sign at the May 5, 2025 meeting.

7. EMERGENT CORRESPONDENCE

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor