



# MINUTES

## Regular Council Meeting

6:00 PM - Monday, December 1, 2025

Village of Fruitvale Council Chambers and Zoom Video Conference

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Minutes of the Regular Council of the Village of Fruitvale Council held on Monday, December 1, 2025 in the Village of Fruitvale Council Chambers and Zoom Video Conference

**PRESENT:** Mayor W. Startup, Councillor Guesford, Councillor Halifax, Councillor Mason, and Councillor Wenman

**EXCUSED:**

**STAFF:** Chief Administrative Officer P. Dehnel, Chief Financial Officer M. Partridge, and Recording Secretary T. Gallamore

**PUBLIC:** None

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor 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 AGENDA

**RES-183-2025**

Moved by Guesford

Seconded by Wenman

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

### 4. DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

## 5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

### A. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 3, 2025

#### **RES-184-2025**

Moved by Wenman  
Seconded by Guesford

THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting held November 3, 2025 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

### B. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held November 17, 2025

#### **RES-185-2025**

Moved by Guesford  
Seconded by Wenman

THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held November 17, 2025 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

### C. Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on November 17, 2025

#### **RES-186-2025**

Moved by Guesford  
Seconded by Wenman

*THAT the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on November 17, 2025 be adopted as presented.*

**CARRIED**

## 6. CONSENT AGENDA

### A. For Information Only

- a) AKBLG – Call for resolution – 2026
- b) Bill M 216 – 2025 Professional Reliance Act

#### **RES-187-2025**

Moved by Halifax  
Seconded by Mason

THAT the Village of Fruitvale send a letter to the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs expressing concerns on the proposed Bill M 216 – 2025 Professional Reliance Act

**CARRIED**

**RES-188-2025**

Moved by Halifax  
Seconded by Mason

THAT the For Information Only items be receive as presented.

**CARRIED**

**B. Resolutions from In Camera November 3, 2025**

**IC-RES-11-2025**

Moved by Halifax  
Seconded by Guesford

That Councillor Wenman be appointed the Village of Fruitvale representative RDKB Director for 2026.

**CARRIED**

**IC-RES-12-2025**

Moved by Wenman  
Seconded by Halifax

That Councillor Guesford be appointed the Village of Fruitvale alternate representative RDKB Director for 2026.

**CARRIED**

**IC-RES-13-2025**

Moved by Wenman  
Seconded by Halifax

That Resolutions IC-RES-12-2025 and IC-RES-13-2025 be moved to open meeting.

**CARRIED**

**7. STAFF REPORTS**

- A.** K Friesen, Beaver Valley Youth Action Network Coordinator
- B.** P. Dehnel, Chief Administrative Officer

**RES-189-2025**

Moved by Halifax  
Seconded by Guesford

THAT the staff reports from K. Friesen, and P. Dehnel be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

## **8. COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Council Member Reports**

Councillor C. Guesford – spoke to her report

Councillor K. Halifax – spoke to her report

Councillor J. Mason – no report

Councillor B. Wenman – spoke to his report

Mayor W. Startup – spoke to his report

#### **RES-190-2025**

Moved by Wenman  
Seconded by Halifax

THAT the Council reports be received as presented.

**CARRIED**

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING ACTION**

## **10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **11. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Water System Operating Agreement

#### **RES-191-2025**

Moved by Wenman  
Seconded by Guesford

THAT the Village of Fruitvale approve the Water System Operating Agreement for the 2026-2030 term.

**CARRIED**

## **12. BYLAWS/POLICIES**

- A.**     Five Year Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 989, 2025

**RES-192-2025**

Moved by Halifax

Seconded by Guesford

THAT the Village of Fruitvale Five Year Financial Plan (2025-2029) Amendment Bylaw No. 989, 2025 be reconsidered and adopted.

**CARRIED**

- B.**     Rates and Fees, Charges Bylaw No. 991, 2025

**RES-193-2025**

Moved by Wenman

Seconded by Guesford

THAT the Village of Fruitvale Rates, Fees and Charges (sewer, garbage) Amendment Bylaw No. 991, 2025 be introduced and read a first, and second reading.

**CARRIED**

- C.**     Council Procedures Amendment Bylaw No. 990, 2025

**RES-194-2025**

Moved by Wenman

Seconded by Halifax

THAT the Village of Fruitvale Council Procedures Amendment Bylaw No. 990, 2025 be reconsidered and adopted.

**CARRIED**

## **13. OPEN DISCUSSION (10 MINUTE LIMIT)**

CFO Partridge discussed Water Capital, Sewer Treatment Plant and garbage.

## **14. NOTICE OF MOTION**

## **15. QUESTIONS FROM THE MEDIA/PUBLIC RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS**

## 16. IN CAMERA SESSION

### A. Land

#### **RES-195-2025**

Moved by Wenman  
Seconded by Halifax

THAT Council recess the regular meeting and move to a closed session pursuant to Community Charter Section 90(1) (k) negotiation and related discussion respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public; at 6:46 pm

**CARRIED**

Recording Secretary Gallamore excused at 6:46 pm.

#### **RES-196-2025**

Moved by Wenman  
Seconded by Mason

THAT the regular meeting reconvene at 7:25 pm.

**CARRIED**

#### **RES-197-2025**

Moved by Wenman  
Seconded by Mason

That staff be directed to review the Zoning Bylaw and Official Community Plan concerning future development of Creekside North Park.

**CARRIED**

#### **RES-198-2025**

Moved by Wenman  
Seconded by Mason

That staff be directed to prepare to update the Official Community Plan in 2026 with the goal to adopt a new OCP in 2027.

**CARRIED**

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

### **RES-199-2025**

Moved by Wenman

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:27 pm.

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Chief Administrative Officer

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Mayor