



# MINUTES

## Regular Council Meeting

6:00 PM - Monday, March 3, 2025

Village of Fruitvale Council Chambers and Zoom Video Conference

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Fruitvale Council held on Monday, March 3, 2025 in the Village of Fruitvale Council Chambers and Zoom Video Conference

**PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor C. Guesford (Ellison), Councillor Mason, and Councillor Wenman

**EXCUSED:**

**STAFF:** Chief Administrative Officer Lashar, Chief Financial Officer M. Partridge, Public Works Foreman J. Startup, and Recording Secretary T. Gallamore

**PUBLIC:** 4 Via Zoom, 11 in attendance

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor C. Guesford (Ellison) 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-36-2025

Moved by Wenman  
Seconded by Mason

THAT the agenda be amended by moving New Business 11A – Gym Hours to Unfinished Business 10C, removing 11B – BVWS connection on McHale Lane, moving 11D – By-Election to 11B, and 11E – Communications Policy to 11C, AND FURTHER THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

### 4. DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

#### A. Kyla Crockett - Gym Hours for Non-Seniors

Ms. Crockett attended the meeting to request Council to change the hours of access to the Gym for non-senior users.

### 5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

**A.** Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 3, 2025

**RES-37-2025**

Moved by Wenman  
Seconded by Mason

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

**CARRIED**

**B.** Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held February 24, 2025

**RES-38-2025**

Moved by Wenman  
Seconded by Mason

THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held February 24, 2025 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A.** For Information Only

Open letter to Premier David Eby and Spencer Chandra Herbert, BC Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture & Sport.

**RES-39-2025**

Moved by Wenman  
Seconded by Mason

THAT the For Information Only items be received as presented.

**CARRIED**

**7. STAFF REPORTS**

**A.** K. Friesen, Beaver Valley Youth Action Network Coordinator

**B.** J. Startup, Public Works Foreman

Public Works Foreman Startup verbally reported on the traffic on Columbia Gardens Road.

**RES-40-2025**

Moved by Wenman  
Seconded by Mason

THAT staff be directed to ask RCMP to have more of a presence on Columbia Gardens Road.

**CARRIED**

**C.** P. Lashar, Chief Administrative Officer

**RES-41-2025**

Moved by Wenman  
Seconded by Mason

THAT staff investigate the RDKB Building Inspection Budget and report back to Council.

**CARRIED**

**RES-42-2025**

Moved by Wenman  
Seconded by Mason

THAT the staff reports from K. Friesen, J. Startup and P. Lashar be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**8. COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

- A. Councillor J. Mason
- B. Councillor B. Wenman
- C. Deputy Mayor C. Guesford (Ellison)

**RES-43-2025**

Moved by Mason  
Seconded by Wenman

THAT the Council reports be received as presented.

**CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**RES-44-2025**

Moved by Wenman  
Seconded by Mason

THAT the March 17, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting be moved to March 24, 2025 due to the auditors presentation of the 2025 draft audited financial statement.

**CARRIED**

**9. CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING ACTION**

- A. Fruitvale Christian Fellowship, African Children's Choir - Waive of Hall Fee

**RES-45-2025**

Moved by Wenman

Seconded by Mason

THAT Council approve the request from the Fruitvale Christian Fellowship, African Children's Choir to waive the Fruitvale Memorial Centre rental fee for their event.

**CARRIED**

**B.** Memorial Center Policy # PW-20213-09 - Fruitvale Memorial Centre

**RES-46-2025**

Moved by Wenman  
Seconded by Mason

THAT staff review Memorial Center Policy # PW-20213-09 - Fruitvale Memorial Centre and present to Council.

**CARRIED**

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A.** Chief Financial Officer M. Partridge – 5-Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 980, 2025

CFO Partridge gave Council an overview of the Village of Fruitvale 5-Year (2025-2029) Financial Plan Bylaw No. 980, 2025.

**B.** May Days Fireworks

**RES-47-2025**

Moved by Mason  
Seconded by Wenman

THAT Council directs staff to enforce the Village of Fruitvale Park Regulation Bylaw 829, 2011.

**CARRIED**

**C.** GYM Hours

**RES-48-2025**

Moved by Mason  
Seconded by Wenman

THAT Council approves the change to the operating hours of the gym for all ages 19 and over to 5:00 am to 10:00 pm, AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to inform the public through social media and local bulletin.

**CARRIED**

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

**A.** Annual Budget Presentation Open House

**RES-49-2025**

Moved by Wenman

Seconded by Mason

THAT a Budget Presentation Open House be scheduled for Tuesday April 15, 2025 from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm.

**CARRIED**

**B. By-Election Update**

CAO Lashar gave Council an update on the By-Election.

**C. Social Media Policy # COM-2014-01**

**RES-50-2025**

Moved by Wenman  
Seconded by Mason

THAT staff review and update policy Social Media Policy # COM-2014-01 Communications Policy and bring it back to Council at the next meeting.

**CARRIED**

**12. BYLAWS/POLICIES**

**A. 5-Year (2025-2029) Financial Plan Bylaw No. 980, 2025 – Second Reading**

**RES-51-2025**

Moved by Wenman  
Seconded by Mason

THAT the Village of Fruitvale 5-Year (2025-2029) Financial Plan Bylaw No. 980, 2025 be read a second time.

**CARRIED**

**B. Business License Bylaw No. 981, 2025 – Second Reading**

**RES-52-2025**

Moved by Wenman  
Seconded by Mason

THAT the Village of Fruitvale Business License Bylaw No. 981, 2025 be read a second time.

**CARRIED**

**C. Rates, Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 982, 2025 – Second Reading**

**RES-53-2025**

Moved by Wenman  
Seconded by Mason

THAT the Village of Fruitvale Rates, Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 982, 2025 be read a second time.

**CARRIED**

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

**14. NOTICE OF MOTION**

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

**16. IN CAMERA SESSION**

**RES-54-2025**

Moved by Wenman  
Seconded by Mason

THAT Council recess the regular meeting and move to a closed session pursuant to *Community Charter* Section 90 (1) (c) labour relations or other employee relations at 7:41 pm.

**CARRIED**

**RES-55-2025**

Moved by Wenman  
Seconded by Mason

THAT the regular meeting reconvene at 7:55 pm.

**CARRIED**

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

**RES-56-2025**

Moved by Wenman  
Seconded by Mason

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:56 pm.

**CARRIED**

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Chief Administrative Officer

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Mayor