



MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting

6:00 PM - Monday, January 6, 2025

Village of Fruitvale Council Chambers and Zoom Video Conference

Minutes of the Regular Council of the Village of Fruitvale Council held on Monday, January 6, 2025 in the Village of Fruitvale Council Chambers and Zoom Video Conference.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Councillor Ellison, Councillor Mason 6:08pm, Councillor W. Startup, and Councillor Wenman

EXCUSED:

STAFF: Chief Administrative Officer P. Lashar (via zoom), Public Works Foreman
J. Startup, Recording Secretary T. Gallamore, and Chief Financial Officer Partridge

PUBLIC:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor C. Guesford (Ellison), called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
6:08PM Councillor Mason arrived.

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-1-2025

Moved by Wenman

Seconded by Startup

Add to unfinished business 1946 Main Street.

THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on December 2, 2024.

RES-2-2025

Moved by Wenman
Seconded by Startup

THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting held December 2, 2024 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. For Information Only

7. STAFF REPORTS

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

Startup Delegation Presentation

- B. J. Startup, Public Works Foreman

No Report

- C. P. Lashar, Chief Administrative Officer

No Report

RES-3-2025

Moved by Wenman
Seconded by Startup

THAT the staff report from K. Friesen be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

8. COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Reports

Councillor J. Mason

Councillor W. Startup

Councillor B. Wenman

RDKB – updates.

Deputy Mayor C. Guesford (Ellison)

RES-4-2025

Moved by Startup
Seconded by Wenman

THAT the Council reports be received as presented.

CARRIED

Committee of the Whole Recommendations

9. CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING ACTION

- A. Beaver Valley Thriving Communities Society for the free family winter event, "Up to Snow Good", request to use the concession and Haines Park February 8, 2025.

RES-5-2025

Moved by Wenman
Seconded by Startup

THAT Council approve staff to sent a letter to let Beaver Valley Thriving Communities Society free family winter event "Up to Snow Good", to use the concession stand, but they must provide insurance documents to the Village of Fruitvale.

CARRIED

- B. Update from the Columbia River Treaty Local Governments Committee - **December 16th to December 19th, from 6-7:30pm PT/7-8:30pm MT.** - Past due date dismiss as correspondence requiring action.

- C. Bylaw ticket 81 Elm Ave.

RES-6-2025

Moved by Wenman
Seconded by Startup

THAT Council requested staff to correspond with owner to enforce bylaw and ticket.

CARRIED

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. 2025 Operating Budget – Updates tabled to January 20, 2025 Committee of the Whole.
- B. 2025 Capital Plan – Discussion
- C. Village of Fruitvale Council appoint an Election Officer.

RES-7-2025

Moved by Wenman
Seconded by Startup

THAT Council appoint Trish Denhel effective January 15th, 2025 as the Chief Election Officer, and that Prab Lashar be the Deputy Chief Election Officer.

CARRIED

- D. AKBLG submission of resolutions deadline February 28, 2025 for consideration at the AKBLG Annual Convention & AGM to be held in Kimberly (April 25-27, 2025).due February 28, 2025.

Confirm rooms are booked for AKBLG.

- E. Main Street - discussion

Tabled until February 3, 2025. Staff attach letters of businesses that have sent concerns for 1946 Main Street.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- A. RDKB Emergency Program 2025 CRI FireSmart Community Funding & Supports grant to continue the delivery of our Regional FireSmart program.

RES-8-2025

Moved by Wenman
Seconded by Startup

THAT the Village of Fruitvale Council supports the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary's application to undertake further FireSmart work as outlined in its 2025 CRI Firesmart Community Funding & Supports grant application.

CARRIED

RES-9-2025

Moved by Startup
Seconded by Mason

THAT Council requests that RDKB Firesmart review the OCP Village of Fruitvale fire hazarded areas.

CARRIED

B. Accessibility Committee - Marcus Partridge

Final Accessibility Plan - M. Partridge will review and send to council for approval for February 3rd, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

12. BYLAWS/POLICIES

A. 2025 Bylaw Enforcement Contract

RES-10-2025

Moved by Wenman
Seconded by Startup

THAT Council approve Deputy Mayor C. Ellison and Chief Administrative Officer Lashar to sign the Bylaw enforcement contract for 2025 with the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary.

CARRIED

13. OPEN DISCUSSION (10 MINUTE LIMIT)

14. NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Mason - Blooming Society to present to Council on their request to maintain the Community Garden.

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

16. IN CAMERA SESSION

THAT Council recess the regular meeting and move to a closed session pursuant to Community Charter Section 90 (1) (e), the acquisition,

disposition or expropriation of land or improvements; and Section 90 (1) (c) labour relations or other employee relations; at 7:39 pm.

THAT the regular meeting reconvene at 8:30 pm.

17. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

18. ADJOURNMENT

RES-11-2025

Moved by Mason

Seconded by Startup

THAT the regular meeting adjourn at 8:31 pm.

Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor