



MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting

4:00 PM - Monday, October 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, October 6, 2025 in the Village of Fruitvale Council Chambers and Zoom Video Conference

PRESENT: Mayor W. Startup, Councillor Guesford, Councillor Halifax, Councillor Mason arrived at 4:57 pm, 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 4:00 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-148-2025

Moved by Wenman

Seconded by Guesford

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

A. Warren Mirko from the Public Land Use Society

Warren Mirko attended the meeting to introduce himself and inform Council on the Public Land Use Society.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on September 8, 2025

RES-149-2025

Moved by Guesford
Seconded by Wenman

THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting held September 8, 2025 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Community Futures South Kootenay Annual Open House
- B. Kootenay Boundary Tax Burden and Income Patterns
- C. Forest Enhancement Society of BC

RES-150-2025

Moved by Wenman
Seconded by Guesford

THAT the Consent Agenda items be received as presented.

CARRIED

7. STAFF REPORTS

- A. K Friesen, Beaver Valley Youth Action Network Coordinator
- B. M. Partridge Chief Financial Officer
- C. J. Startup, Public Works Forman
- D. P. Dehnel Chief Administrative Officer

RES-151-2025

Moved by Wenman
Seconded by Guesford

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

CARRIED

8. COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Council Member Reports

- a. Councillor C. Guesford - spoke to her report
- b. Councillor K. Halifax - No Report
- c. Councillor J. Mason - Absent during reporting
- d. Councillor B. Wenman - spoke to his report
- e. Mayor W. Startup - spoke to his report

RES-152-2025

Moved by Wenman
Seconded by Guesford

THAT the Council reports be received as presented.

CARRIED

2. Committee of the Whole Recommendations

- a. Committee of the Whole October 20th, 2025 6:00 pm. - Budget & Gym

RES-153-2025

Moved by Wenman
Seconded by Guesford

THAT Council to change the time for the Committee of the Whole from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, and Further THAT all Council meeting will start at 6:00 pm for the remainder of 2025.

CARRIED

9. CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING ACTION

- A. UBCM SFP Grant Resolution M. Partridge CFO

RES-154-2025

Moved by Wenman
Seconded by Guesford

THAT Council direct staff to manage the grant with regular updates to Council; AND FURTHER THAT any cost incurred over the received grant amounts will come from Sewer Capital reserves.

CARRIED

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Maggie McMahon - Free roaming cats

Tabled to October 20, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

- B. Creekside Master Plan

Councillor Halifax will send concept drawing to Columbia Basin Trust for further approval.

- C. Terms of Reference for the Inter-municipal Accessibility Committee

RES-155-2025

Moved by Guesford
Seconded by Halifax

THAT Council accept the new terms of reference for the Inter-municipal Accessibility Committee.

CARRIED

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. BYLAWS/POLICIES

- A. Rates and Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 988, 2025.

RES-156-2025

Moved by Halifax
Seconded by Guesford

THAT the Village of Fruitvale Rates, Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 988, 2025 be introduced and read a first, second and third time.

CARRIED

- B. Animal Responsibility Bylaw No. 984, 2025.

RES-157-2025

Moved by Halifax
Seconded by Guesford

THAT the Village of Fruitvale Animal Responsibility Bylaw No. 984, 2025 be reconsidered and adopted.

CARRIED

- C. Council Indemnity Bylaw No. 985, 2025

RES-158-2025

Moved by Halifax
Seconded by Guesford

THAT the Council Indemnity Bylaw No. 985, 2025 be reconsidered and adopted.

CARRIED

- D. PW-2012-01 2022 Snow Management Policy - Deadmarsh Ave

RES-159-2025

Moved by Mason
Seconded by Halifax

THAT the Village of Fruitvale Policy #PW-2012-01 Snow Management & Ice Control be amended to add reference to the Deadmarsh Avenue sidewalk in the policy Sidewalk Snow Removal Priorities.

CARRIED

E. Cemetery Bylaw No. 987, 2025

RES-160-2025

Moved by Wenman

Seconded by Guesford

THAT the Village of Fruitvale Cemetery Bylaw No. 987, 2025 introduced and read a first, second and third 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-161-2025

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 5:25 pm.

CARRIED

Recording Secretary Gallamore and Councillor Mason excused at 5:25 pm.

RES-162-2025

Moved by Guesford

Seconded by Halifax

THAT the regular meeting reconvene at 5:52 pm.

CARRIED

17. ADJOURNMENT

RES-163-2025

Moved by Wenman

Seconded by Halifax

THAT the meeting adjourn at 5:53pm.

CARRIED

Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor