



MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting

4:00 PM - Monday, September 8, 2025

Village of Fruitvale Council Chambers and Zoom Video Conference

Minutes of the Regular Council of the Village of Fruitvale Council held on Monday, September 8, 2025 in the Village of Fruitvale Council Chambers and Zoom Video Conference.

PRESENT: Mayor W. Startup, Councillor Guesford, Councillor Mason arrived at 4:35 pm., and Councillor Wenman

EXCUSED: Councillor Halifax

STAFF: Chief Administrative Officer P. Dehnel, Chief Financial Officer M. Partridge, Public Works Foreman J. Startup, Recording Secretary T. Gallamore

PUBLIC:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Startup called the meeting to order at 4:03 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-135-2025

Moved by Wenman

Seconded by Guesford

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

A. Family Action Network of the Lower Columbia

B. Columbia Seniors Wellness Society

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 7, 2025.

RES-136-2025

Moved by Guesford
Seconded by Wenman

THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting held July 7, 2025 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Canada Community-Building Fund

- B. Pacific Sport

RES-137-2025

Moved by Guesford
Seconded by Wenman

THAT September 15 to September 21, 2025 be proclaimed as *National Coaches Week* in the Village of Fruitvale.

CARRIED

- C. Fortis BC Community Giving Day

- D. City of Prince George UBCM Resolution

RES-138-2025

Moved by Wenman
Seconded by Guesford

THAT the For Information Only items be received as presented.

CARRIED

7. STAFF REPORTS

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

Beaver Valley Youth Action Coordinator K. Friesen has been working on the upcoming schedule of activities and has completed the required reporting for the 2024/2025 final report for Columbia Basin Trust grant funds.

- B. J. Startup, Public Works Foreman

Public Works Foreman Startup spoke to his printed report.

C. M. Partridge, Chief Financial Officer

CFO Partridge spoke to his updated budget report.

D. Chief Administrative Officer P Dehnel

Chief Administrative Officer P. Dehnel spoke to her report.

RES-139-2025

Moved by Wenman

Seconded by Guesford

THAT the Staff reports be received as presented.

CARRIED

8. COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

A. Councillor C. Guesford

Councillor C. Guesford spoke to her Deputy Mayor report.

B. Councillor K. Halifax - Absent

C. Councillor J. Mason – No report

D. Councillor B. Wenman - Verbal Report

E. Mayor W. Startup – Report attached

RES-140-2025

Moved by Mason

Seconded by Guesford

THAT the Council reports be received as presented.

CARRIED

9. CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING ACTION

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Committee of the Whole September 2025

RES-141-2025

Moved by Wenman
Seconded by Guesford

THAT the September 22, 2025 Committee of the Whole be cancelled due to conflict with the UBCM convention.

CARRIED

- B. Invasive Species RDKB

RES-142-2025

Moved by Mason
Seconded by Guesford

THAT the Village of Fruitvale not participate in the RDKB Invasive Species program; AND Further staff be directed to investigate remediation efforts concerning invasive species.

CARRIED

- C. Mayor Startup convened the meeting for a break at 5:01 pm and reconvened the meeting at 5:10 pm.

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. BYLAWS/POLICIES

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

RES-143-2025

Moved by Wenman
Seconded by Mason

THAT the Village of Fruitvale Animal Responsibility Bylaw No 984, 2025 be read a third time.

CARRIED

- B. Council Indemnity Bylaw No. 985, 2025

RES-144-2025

Moved by Guesford
Seconded by Mason

THAT the Village of Fruitvale Council Indemnity Bylaw No. 985, 2025 be introduced and read a first, second and third time.

13. OPEN DISCUSSION (10 MINUTE LIMIT)

A. Maggie McMahon – Free roaming cats

Staff is instructed to add to unfinished business M. McMahon correspondence regarding roaming cats to October 6, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

B. Micro – Jill Prince

Staff is instructed to add to new business J. Prince correspondence on Micro Businesses on the October 6, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

C. Creekside Master Plan

Staff is instructed to add to unfinished business the Creekside Master Plan to the October 6, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

14. NOTICE OF MOTION

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

16. IN CAMERA SESSION

Legal and Municipal Objectives

RES-145-2025

Moved by Wenman
Seconded by Guesford

THAT Council recess the regular meeting and move to a closed session pursuant to Community Charter Section 90 (1) (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and Section 90 (1) (l) discussions with municipal officers and employees respecting municipal objectives, measures and progress reports for the purposes of preparing an annual report under section 98; at 5:19 pm.

CARRIED

RES-146-2025

Moved by Guesford
Seconded by Wenman

THAT the regular meeting reconvene at 6:12 pm.

CARRIED

17. ADJOURNMENT

RES-147-2025

Moved by Wenman
Seconded by Mason

THAT the meeting adjourn at 6:15 pm.

CARRIED

Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor