



# AGENDA

## Regular Council Meeting

6:00 PM - Monday, February 9, 2026

Village of Fruitvale Council Chambers and Zoom Video Conference

Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3353726693>

Meeting ID: 335 372 6693

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### 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

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

### 4. DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

### 5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 12, 2026

THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting held January 12, 2026 be adopted as presented.

### 6. CONSENT AGENDA

a) WKBHD Appointments 2026

b) Council Information Summary 2026-02-05

THAT the Consent Agenda Information be received as presented.

### 7. STAFF REPORTS REQUIRING ACTION

a) K. Friesen, Beaver Valley Youth Action Network Coordinator

b) Public Works - Report attached

c) M. Partridge, Chief Financial Officer - Report attached

d) P. Dehnel, Chief Administrative Officer - Report attached

THAT the staff reports be accepted as presented.

**8. COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS (ACTION OR INFORMATION)**

- a) Councillor Guesford – Report attached
- b) Councillor Halifax – Absent
- c) Councillor Mason
- d) Councillor Wenman
- e) Mayor W. Startup - Report attached

THAT the Council reports be received as presented.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING ACTION**

- a) JL Crowe Grad 2026 Fruitvale Memorial Hall Request
- b) Business After Business

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

**12. BYLAWS/POLICIES**

- a) Rates and Fees, Charges Bylaw No. 991, 2025 - (sewer, garbage)

THAT the Village of Fruitvale Rates, Fees and Charges (sewer, garbage) Amendment Bylaw No. 991 2025 be reconsidered and adopted.

**13. OPEN DISCUSSION**

**14. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS (1-MINUTE MAX)**

15. ADJOURNMENT AND RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE PUBLIC FROM THE CLOSED SESSION

a) RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE PUBLIC, ADJOURN THE PUBLIC MEETING AT X: XX P.M., AND IMMEDIATELY CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION:

THAT pursuant to Section 90 of the *Community Charter*, the public be excluded from this portion of the meeting as the subject matter being considered relates to the following:

*Community Charter* Section 90(1)(c) – labour relations or other employee relations;

*Community Charter* Section 90(1)(k) – negotiations and related discussions 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;

AND FURTHER;

THAT following the Regular Meeting, Council reconvene into a closed meeting.

AND FURTHER;

THAT the Regular Meeting be adjourned at xx p.m.



## **MINUTES** **Regular Council Meeting**

**6:00 PM - Monday, January 12, 2026**

Village of Fruitvale Council Chambers and Zoom Video Conference

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Fruitvale Council held on Monday, January 12, 2026 in the Village of Fruitvale Council Chambers and Zoom Video Conference

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

**EXCUSED:**

**STAFF:** Chief Administrative Officer Dehnel, CFO Partridge, and Recording Secretary Gallamore

**PUBLIC:**

### **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-1-2026**

Moved by Guesford  
Seconded by Mason

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

### **4. DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITIONS**

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## 5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on December 1, 2025

**RES-2-2026**

Moved by Halifax  
Seconded by Mason

THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting held December 1st, 2025 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

## 6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Proposed Bill M-216 - Village of Fruitvale response  
B. City of Quesnel - letter of support PG - North Van Railway Engagement and Assessment  
C. Beaver Valley Thriving Communities Society - Up To Snow Good

**RES-3-2026**

Moved by Halifax  
Seconded by Wenman

THAT the Village approve the Beaver Valley Thriving Communities Society use of the Haines Park concession for Up To Snow Good on February 7, 2026.

**CARRIED**

D. BC Communities in Bloom registration and invitation  
E. Canada Community Building Fund - Community works fund payment 2025/2026 \$76,283  
F. Sierra Club Defend the North Coast Tanker Ban and Protect Coast

**RES-4-2026**

Moved by Halifax  
Seconded by Wenman

THAT the For Information Only items be received as presented.

**CARRIED**

## 7. STAFF REPORTS

A. Public Works - Report attached  
B. P. Dehnel, Chief Administrative Officer - Report attached  
C. Chief Financial Officer - Report attached

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- D.** K. Friesen, Beaver Valley Youth Action Network Coordinator - Report attached
- E.** M. Stevens Financial Specialist - 2025 Building Permits

**RES-5-2026**

Moved by Halifax  
Seconded by Guesford

THAT the staff reports from the Public Works, Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Beaver Valley Youth Action Network Coordinator and Financial Specialist be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**8. COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A.** Councillor Guesford – No Report
- B.** Councillor Halifax – Verbal Report
- C.** Councillor Mason - Verbal Report
- D.** Councillor Wenman - Report received
- E.** Mayor W. Startup - Verbal Report

**RES-6-2026**

Moved by Guesford  
Seconded by Halifax

THAT the Council reports be received as presented.

**CARRIED**

**9. CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING ACTION**

- A.** Oath of Offices / Signing authority - CAO and CFO

**RES-7-2026**

Moved by Guesford  
Seconded by Halifax

THAT upon signing the Oath of Office to become the Village of Fruitvale Chief Administrative Officer/Corporate Officer, Patricia Dehnel be added as signing authority for the Village of Fruitvale.

**CARRIED**

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A.** Creekside North Proposal - Discussion took place

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**11. NEW BUSINESS**

**12. BYLAWS/POLICIES**

A. Rates and Fees, Charges Bylaw No. 991, 2025 - (sewer, garbage)

**RES-8-2026**

Moved by Halifax

Seconded by Guesford

Opposed Councillor Mason

THAT the Village of Fruitvale Rates, Fees and Charges (sewer, garbage)  
Amendment Bylaw No. 991, 2025 be read a third time.

**CARRIED**

**13. OPEN DISCUSSION**

**14. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC RELATED TO AGENDA  
ITEMS (10-MINUTE MAX)**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

**RES-9-2026**

Moved by Wenman

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:18 pm.

**CARRIED**

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Chief Administrative Officer

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Mayor

**From:** CAO  
**Sent:** January 23, 2026 10:26 AM  
**Subject:** RE: 2026 WKBRHD Appointments

Hi Christine

We confirm the appointments remain the same with Bill Wenman as director and Catherine Guesford as alternative director.

Thanks  
Trish

**Patricia (Trish) Dehnel, RPP MCIP**  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Village of Fruitvale  
[cao@village.fruitvale.bc.ca](mailto:cao@village.fruitvale.bc.ca)  
office 250-367-7551



*Gratefully living and working on the traditional, converging and unceded territory of the Syilx, Secwepemc, Sinixt and Ktunaxa peoples.*

**From:** Christine Hopkyns  
**To: Subject:** 2026 WKBRHD Appointments

Good morning,

With many municipalities making their portfolio and committee appointments over the next couple months, please let me know your West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District (WKBRHD) appointments for 2026. Additionally, please confirm who in your organization should be receiving the WKBRHD agenda.

***NOTE: With regard to hospital board appointments, the Hospital District Act requires all RHD Directors to also be either a Director or Alternate Director for their regional district. Municipalities cannot appoint a councillor who is not also serving the regional district in one of these capacities.***

Best regards,

**Christine Hopkyns | Corporate Administration Coordinator**

**Regional District of Central Kootenay**  
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**UPCOMING MEETINGS & IMPORTANT DATES**

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Regular Council Meeting	Monday, February 9, 2026	Village Office Council Chambers 6:00 p.m.
Budget Meeting(s)	Committee of the Whole February 23, 2026	Village Office Council Chambers <b>6:00 p.m.</b>
Regular Council Meeting	Monday, March 9, 2026	Village Office Council Chambers 6:00 p.m.
Budget Meeting(s)	Committee of the Whole March 23, 2026	Village Office Council Chambers <b>6:00 p.m.</b>
Regular Council Meeting	Monday, April 13, 2026	Village Office Council Chambers 6:00 p.m.
Public Town Hall	<b>Public Town Hall</b> April 21, 2026	Fruitvale Memorial Hall <b>Time To Be Confirmed</b>

**VILLAGE CORRESPONDENCE**

#	ITEM	SUBJECT MATTER	RECOMMENDATION	RESPONSE REQUIRED
1	<b>Beaver Valley Bulletin</b> February 2026 edition	The link will take you to the Village of Fruitvale's website where you can find all the newsletters/bulletins. <a href="http://fruitvale.ca/residents/newsletters/">fruitvale.ca/residents/newsletters/</a>	For Information	No

**OTHER GOVERNMENT, NEWSLETTERS AND MISCELLANEOUS**

	ITEM	SUBJECT MATTER	RECOMMENDATION	RESPONSE REQUIRED
<b>2</b>	RDKB Board Highlights	<a href="#">RDKB Board Highlights Jan 14, 2026</a>	Receive & file	No
<b>3</b>	RDKB Board Highlights	<a href="#">RDKB Board Highlights Jan 28, 2026</a>	Receive & file	No
<b>4</b>	RDKB Consolidated 2026-2030 Five Year Financial Plan – First Draft	2026-01-22 Consolidated Five Year Financial Plan 2026-2030	Review with Budget	No
<b>5</b>	Trail & District Chamber of Commerce	<a href="https://www.trailchamber.bc.ca/news/">https://www.trailchamber.bc.ca/news/</a> Jan. 27 newsletter: What's New: Chamber Learning Series, Grants & Community Connections	Receive & file	No
<b>6</b>	Selkirk Innovates Jan 22, 2026 State of Basin Focus	<a href="https://stateofthebasin.ca/">https://stateofthebasin.ca/</a> State of Basin Focus - Selkirk College Selkirk Innovates Jan 22, 2026	Receive & file	No
<b>7</b>	FCM Voice Jan 26, 2026 FCM Voice Feb 2, 2026	<a href="https://email.fcm.ca/m/1/47806714/02-b26026-a8d80394bcb646ce881f3a3e82cfdf28/1/281/f90ae">https://email.fcm.ca/m/1/47806714/02-b26026-a8d80394bcb646ce881f3a3e82cfdf28/1/281/f90ae</a> <a href="https://email.fcm.ca/m/1/47806714/02-b26033-404516616412409f96da47187ec1be27/2/282/0a9f">https://email.fcm.ca/m/1/47806714/02-b26033-404516616412409f96da47187ec1be27/2/282/0a9f</a> <a href="https://email.fcm.ca/m/1/47806714/02-b26034-77b40a03924e42eefbc789172e1cee96c/4/146/4b76">https://email.fcm.ca/m/1/47806714/02-b26034-77b40a03924e42eefbc789172e1cee96c/4/146/4b76</a> <a href="https://email.fcm.ca/m/1/47806714/02-b26035-9dfe-b998-4c9b-b969-27c1434229b9">https://email.fcm.ca/m/1/47806714/02-b26035-9dfe-b998-4c9b-b969-27c1434229b9</a>	Receive & file	No
<b>8</b>	FCM Connect Jan 27, 2026 FCM Connect Feb 3, 2026	<a href="https://email.fcm.ca/m/1/47806714/02-b26027-f3dd9b0219644c55af4334a6be5ede19/4/442/fd7183c5-d3d1-4c6f-bb19-b5b02c2d71e1">https://email.fcm.ca/m/1/47806714/02-b26027-f3dd9b0219644c55af4334a6be5ede19/4/442/fd7183c5-d3d1-4c6f-bb19-b5b02c2d71e1</a> <a href="https://email.fcm.ca/m/1/47806714/02-b26034-77b40a03924e42eefbc789172e1cee96c/4/146/4b76">https://email.fcm.ca/m/1/47806714/02-b26034-77b40a03924e42eefbc789172e1cee96c/4/146/4b76</a> <a href="https://email.fcm.ca/m/1/47806714/02-b26035-9dfe-b998-4c9b-b969-27c1434229b9">https://email.fcm.ca/m/1/47806714/02-b26035-9dfe-b998-4c9b-b969-27c1434229b9</a>	Receive & file	No
<b>9</b>	AKBLG Call for Resolutions Deadline Feb 17	<a href="https://akblg.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/AKBLG-CALL-FOR-RESOLUTIONS-1st-call-2026.pdf">https://akblg.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/AKBLG-CALL-FOR-RESOLUTIONS-1st-call-2026.pdf</a>	Receive & file	No
<b>10</b>	UBCM – The Compass Jan 28, 2026	<a href="https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Changes-coming-to-FireSmart-program--Decriminalization-chronology.html?soid=1110936526726&amp;aid=N3z5GbFwhHk">https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Changes-coming-to-FireSmart-program--Decriminalization-chronology.html?soid=1110936526726&amp;aid=N3z5GbFwhHk</a>	Receive & file	No

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11	UBCM – The Compass Feb 4, 2026	<a href="https://myemail.constantcontact.com/February-funding---resources--RCMP-settlement-.html?soi=1110936526726&amp;aid=kil2N2PdO0c">https://myemail.constantcontact.com/February-funding---resources--RCMP-settlement-.html?soi=1110936526726&amp;aid=kil2N2PdO0c</a>	Receive & file	No
12	Kootenay-Monashee Steve Morissette MLA Newsletter Jan 30, 2026	<a href="https://mailchi.mp/23818a87d580/kootenay-monashee-mla-newsletter-19881277?e=2f6fa44ba7">https://mailchi.mp/23818a87d580/kootenay-monashee-mla-newsletter-19881277?e=2f6fa44ba7</a>	Receive & file	No
13	Interior Health News Release Feb 2, 2026	Construction Begins on new MRI suite at KBRH	Receive & file	No
14	Our Trust Columbia Basin Trust February 2026	Monthly Newsletter - February	Receive & file	No

### CONFERENCES, SEMINARS & WEBINARS

	ITEM	SUBJECT MATTER	RECOMMENDATION	WEblink & Registration
15	AKBLG in Trail BC <b>April 17-19, 2026</b>	Registration Opens Feb 10	All Council members are budgeted to Attend AKBLG. If you plan to register, please advise Misti directly with your preference / options for registration.	<a href="https://akblg.ca/agm-convention/2026-agm-convention/2025-akblg-agm/">https://akblg.ca/agm-convention/2026-agm-convention/2025-akblg-agm/</a>
16	<b>2026 LGIA Local Government Leadership Academy Annual Forum March 11-13, 2026 Richmond BC</b>	Room Block closes Feb 9	Receive & File  If a Council member is interested in participating, please bring to Council's attention for further discussion.	<a href="https://lgia.ca/lgia-forum/">https://lgia.ca/lgia-forum/</a>

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**CAO**

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**From:** Selkirk Innovates <jjones1@selkirk.ca>  
**Sent:** January 22, 2026 8:00 AM  
**To:** CAO  
**Subject:** State of the Basin Focus - Beyond Recreation: What Park Use Signals About Life in the Columbia Basin-Boundary Region

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed



## State of the Basin **Focus**

*Stories of well-being in our region*

2026 - Issue 1



## **Beyond Recreation: What Park Use Signals About Life in the Columbia Basin-Boundary Region**

The Columbia Basin-Boundary Region is rich with protected natural spaces—from quiet lakeside day-use areas to iconic national parks. These places are central to how

residents connect with nature, but they also reflect broader trends in tourism, recreation, and regional well-being.

Visitation to parks is shaped by a wide range of external factors. Weather conditions, transportation infrastructure, tourism patterns, and economic conditions all influence when and how people get outdoors. Because of this, trends in park attendance can signal the overall health of the region. When visitation rises or falls, it can reflect broader shifts in social, economic, and environmental conditions.

### **Park Revenue: A Signal of Activity Within Our Region**

In 2023/24, provincial parks in the Kootenay Okanagan region [generated \\$9.4 million](#) in recreation user-fee revenue, representing nearly one-third of BC Parks' total province-wide revenue.

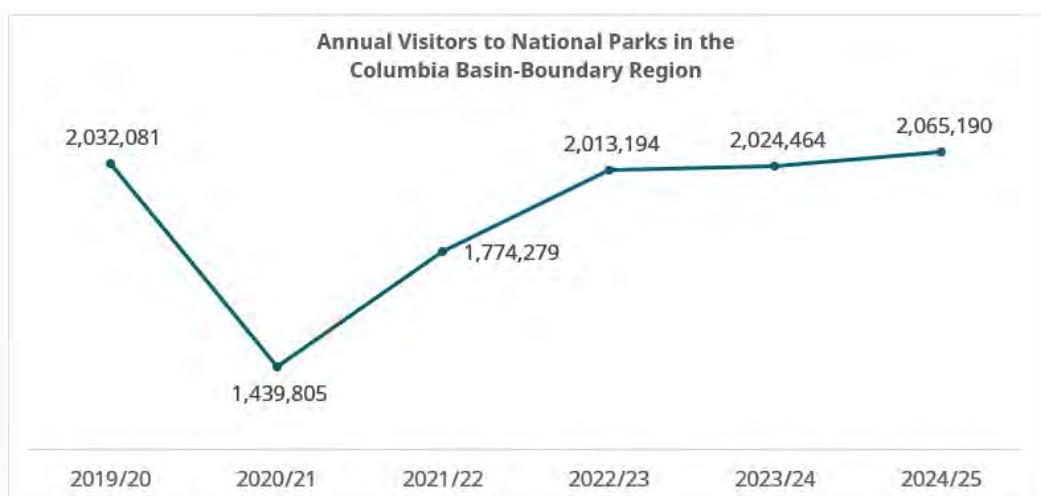
While this revenue reflects only the fees collected within parks, not the full economic impact, it provides insight into the scale and intensity of outdoor recreation in our region's parks.

These [provincial findings](#) offer insights into the importance of outdoor recreation in BC:

- Outdoor recreation contributed \$4.8 billion to B.C.'s economy in 2023.
- The sector supported \$17 billion in consumer spending and \$3.2 billion in wages and salaries.
- 79% of British Columbians participated in outdoor recreation during summer 2022, and 69% during winter.
- 50% of British Columbians report parks, hikes, and beaches as the top activities.
- Many residents report that access to nature influences where they choose to live.

### **Visitation Trends in the Columbia Basin-Boundary Region**

Across the four [national parks](#) in our region—Kootenay, Yoho, Mount Revelstoke, and Glacier—visitation has returned to pre-pandemic levels. In 2024/25, these national parks welcomed over 2 million visitors combined.



[Provincial parks](#) also show strong, sustained use. In 2023/24, parks in the Kootenay Okanagan region recorded 6.1 million visits, up 8% compared to five years prior. Day-use is the main type of visitation, with camping and boating also contributing to overall activity.

### **What May Influence Visitation Next: Free National Park Access**

The federal [Canada Strong Pass](#), introduced in 2025, offered free admission to national parks and discounts on camping and rail transportation for Canadians. The program will return in summer 2026. As new data become available, we may see how this initiative influences regional visitation and access.

Visit the [Parks Visitation](#) indicator for more information.

To learn more about other indicators of well-being please visit the State of the Basin website [stateofthebasin.ca](http://stateofthebasin.ca).

### **Have Your Say - Share Your Insights on Rural Development**

Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED) Canada has an open survey seeking input from those living in rural Canada. They are looking to better understand opportunities in rural communities to help develop a Rural Development Action Plan and policies to support rural development in Canada. They are looking for ideas to move from strategy to action. For rural regions like the Columbia Basin-Boundary, it's important we make our voices heard.

Consultation closes February 6, 2026.

**Take the Rural Development Survey**

## **2026 Property Values: Municipal Summary Data Now Available**

BC Assessment has published its [2026 property value](#) summaries, offering a first look at residential assessments for municipalities in our region. These preliminary results provide helpful early context ahead of the full data release.

The full dataset will be released in the spring, at which point the [Residential Property Value](#) indicator will be updated.

**Read More**

## **StrongerBC Future Skills Grant**

Get up to \$3,500 towards flexible, short-term training through the StrongerBC Future Skills grant. Selkirk College has eligible programs and courses in innovation, trades, leadership, first aid, business, and more.

**Learn More**

**Your feedback matters to us.**

**Take our short 2-minute survey!**



*Selkirk Innovates gratefully acknowledges the support of Columbia Basin Trust.*

State of the Basin Focus is a monthly e-newsletter highlighting stories of well-being in our region. You are receiving this email because you have attended a Selkirk College event, are a Selkirk College stakeholder, or have subscribed to receive updates on the State of the Basin.

*Selkirk College acknowledges the First Nations of the West Kootenay and Boundary regions on whose traditional territories we are honoured to operate: the Sinixt (Lakes), the Sylix (Okanagan), the Ktunaxa, and the Secwépemc (Shuswap). The State of the Basin initiative also extends to the traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation. We are grateful to these Nations as keepers of the lands and value their efforts to enhance resilience and well-being across the region.*



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## CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS - 2026

The main forum for UBCM policy making is the **annual resolutions cycle** and this is an opportunity for local governments of all sizes and from all areas to express concerns, share their experiences and take a united position. This is a call for resolutions from AKBLG members. Resolutions must be submitted to AKBLG by **Tuesday, February 17th, 2026 (4:30pm PT)** to have them included for debate at the **2026 AKBLG Convention in Trail**.

It is time to formulate, have them endorsed by your local government and submit them to AKBLG.

AKBLG members are reminded that an extraordinary resolution to amend the UBCM Bylaws to streamline the resolutions process was endorsed at the 2025 UBCM Convention. These changes provide the resolution committee the authority to determine which annual resolutions will be included for consideration at the UBCM Convention and specifies that resolutions that are outside the scope of the BC local governments, do not meet UBCM criteria for format or clarity or are regional in focus will be excluded from consideration by the committee. A more detailed summary of these changes is included as [Appendix A](#) to this document.

Please remember:

- Resolutions are only accepted from AKBLG member local governments and **must have been endorsed by the board or council**.
- Resolutions **must be relevant to other local governments within AKBLG** rather than specific to a single member government.
- Resolution sponsors should be prepared to introduce their resolutions at the AKBLG Resolutions session (2 minutes).
- Each resolution must include a separate backgrounder that is a maximum of 3 pages and specific to a **single** resolution. The backgrounder may include links to other information sources and reports.
- Resolutions may be combined with other, similar resolutions from other local governments if each local government agrees to co-sponsorship.
- All resolutions, along with supportive background information, shall be sent as a **WORD DOCUMENT** to the AKBLG office by **Tuesday, FEBRUARY 17th, 2026 (4:30pm PT)**.
- Resolutions should be forwarded by email to [admin@akblg.ca](mailto:admin@akblg.ca); receipt of emailed resolutions will be confirmed by return email.
- Resolutions should be written in accordance with the AKBLG and UBCM Writing Guidelines which are outlined in [Appendix B](#).
- A Resolution which focuses on an issue specific to the AKBLG region will not be forwarded to UBCM for debate should it be endorsed at the AKBLG Convention. Such

resolutions which are not relevant to the rest of the province will remain with the AKBLG Board for further action and advocacy.

**Resolutions Preparation Assistance:**

If you have questions regarding resolution preparation, please contact the Executive Director at [admin@akblg.ca](mailto:admin@akblg.ca) or by phone 250-551-5215. We hope to have well-written and impactful resolutions in 2026 and are happy to assist you to draft them.

Thank you,  
Your AKBLG resolutions committee,  
Kyle Hamilton (Chair), Wesley Routley, Tina Knoohuizen, Aidan McLaren-Caux, Susan Clovechok  
Linda Tynan, Executive Director

cc      [Appendix A: Changes to UBCM Bylaws – Streamlining the Resolution Process](#)  
[Appendix B: Drafting Your Resolutions & Template](#)

**APPENDIX A****UBCM Extraordinary Resolution to Amend the UBCM Bylaws to Streamline the Resolutions Process – passed by 2/3 of UBCM Membership at the 2025 UBCM Convention**

The Resolutions Committee:

- shall examine all Annual Resolutions regularly submitted to the Convention;
- shall determine which Annual Resolutions will be included for consideration by the membership at Convention;
- shall recommend in favour of or against the Annual Resolutions respectively;
- may correlate Annual Resolutions; and
- may recommend amendments.

Any Annual Resolution may be referred by the Convention to the Resolutions Committee either alone or with new resolutions for study and report to the Convention.

Any Annual Resolution that falls under one or more of the following criteria, as determined by the Resolutions Committee, will be excluded from consideration by the membership at Convention:

- Resolution is existing UBCM policy (as set by the membership endorsing or not endorsing a previous resolution or policy paper);
- Resolution is outside of the scope of BC local governments and member First Nations;
- Resolution is within the scope of BC local governments and member First Nations, but does not meet UBCM criteria for format or clarity; or
- Resolution is regional in focus.

**APPENDIX B****DRAFTING YOUR RESOLUTIONS (including a Template)****1. Address one specific subject in the text of the resolution.**

Because your community seeks to influence attitudes and inspire action, limit the scope of a resolution to one specific subject or issue. If there are multiple topics in a resolution, the resolution may be sent back to the sponsor to rework and resubmit.

**2. For resolutions to be debated at UBCM, focus on issues that are province wide.**

The issue identified in the resolution should be relevant to other local governments across BC. This will support productive debate and assist UBCM to represent your concern effectively to the provincial or federal government on behalf of all BC local governments. Local governments are welcome to submit resolutions that address issues specific to the AKBLG region. A resolution that addresses a topic specific to the AKBLG region will not be entered for debate during the UBCM Convention but may be actioned by the AKBLG Executive if endorsed.

**3. Use simple, action-oriented language.**

Explain the background briefly and state the desired action clearly. Delegates can then debate the resolution. Resolutions that are unclear or that address multiple topics may end up with amendments at the Convention.

**4. Provide factual background information.**

Even a carefully written resolution may not be able to convey the full scope of the problem or the action being requested. Provide factual background information to ensure that the intent of the resolution is fully understood for the purpose of debate and UBCM (or AKBLG for Regional Resolutions) can advocate effectively with other levels of government and agencies.

Each resolution must include a separate backgrounder that is a maximum of 3 pages and specific to a single resolution. Do not submit a single backgrounder relating to multiple resolutions. The backgrounder may include links to other information sources and reports. Resolutions submitted without background information will not be considered until the sponsor has provided adequate background information. This could result in the resolution being returned and having to be resubmitted.

**5. Construct a brief, descriptive title.**

A title identifies the intent of the resolution. It is usually drawn from the "enactment clause" of the resolution. For ease of printing in the Annual Report and Resolutions Book and for clarity, a title should be no more than three or four words.

**6. Check legislative references for accuracy.**

Research the legislation on the subject so the resolution is accurate. Where necessary, identify:

- the correct jurisdictional responsibility (responsible ministry or department, and whether provincial or federal government); and
- the correct legislation, including the title of the Act or regulation.

## **CREATING THE RESOLUTION**

All resolutions consist of a preamble and an enactment. The preamble describes the issue and the enactment outlines the action being requested. A resolution should answer three questions:

- a) What is the problem?
- b) What is causing the problem?
- c) What is the best way to solve the problem?

### **Preamble:**

The preamble begins with "WHEREAS" and is a concise sentence about the nature of the problem or the reason for the request. It answers questions (a) and (b) above, stating the problem and its cause, and should explain, clearly and briefly, the reasons for the resolution.

The preamble should contain no more than two "WHEREAS" clauses. Supporting background documents can describe the problem more fully if necessary. Do not add extra clauses. There should be only one sentence per WHEREAS clause.

### **Enactment Clause:**

The enactment clause begins with the phrase "Therefore be it resolved" and is a concise sentence that answers question (c) above, suggesting the best way to solve the problem. The enactment should propose a specific action by AKBLG and/or UBCM.

Keep the enactment clause as short as possible, and clearly describe the action being requested. The wording should leave no doubt about the proposed action. Consider whether the resolution relates to all local governments, or is specific to municipalities, regional districts and/or First Nations and use the appropriate language.

## **TEMPLATE**

Whereas *<< this is the area to include an issue statement that outlines the nature of the problem or the reason for the request >>* ;

And whereas *<< if more information is useful to answer the questions - what is the problem? what is causing the problem? >>* :

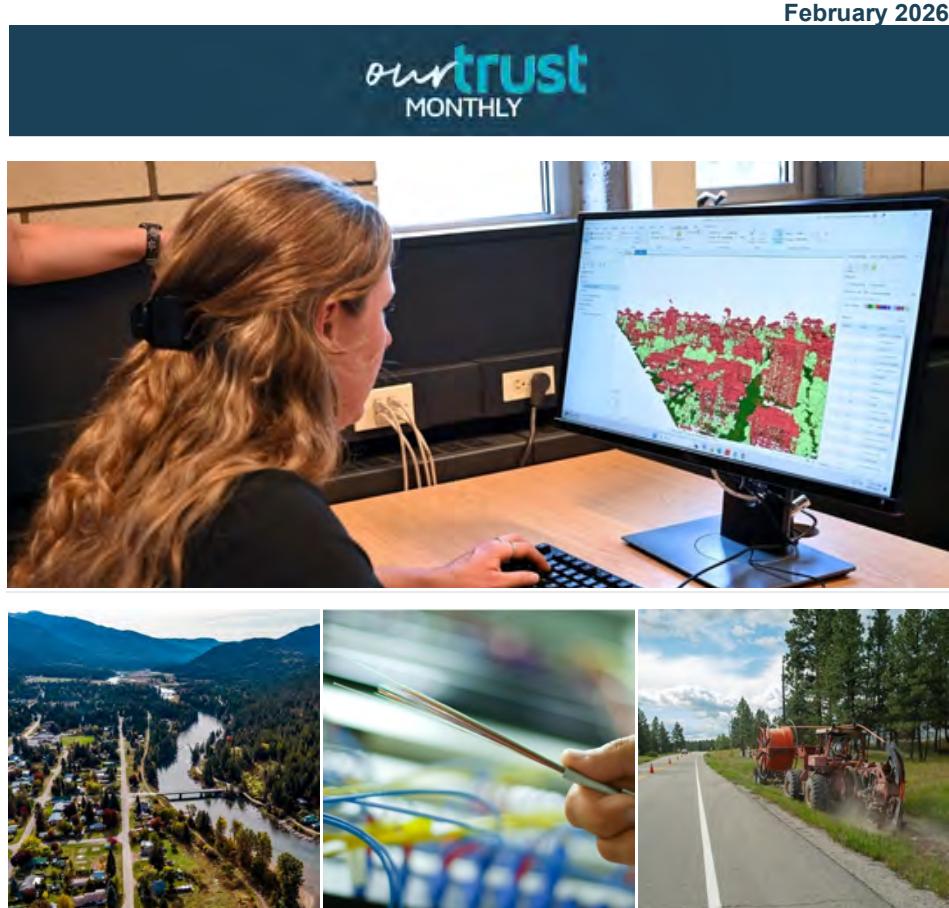
Therefore be it resolved that AKBLG and/or UBCM *<< specify here the action(s) that AKBLG and/or UBCM are being asked to take on, and what government agency the associations should be contacting to solve the problem identified in the whereas clauses. For regional resolutions, only AKBLG may take action, and for all other resolutions, AKBLG and UBCM may take action >>*

- If necessary, there can be a second enactment clause (the "therefore" clause that specifies the action requested) with the following format:

And be it further resolved that AKBLG and/or UBCM *<< specify any additional specific actions needed to address the problem identified in the whereas clauses >>*.

## CAO

**From:** Columbia Basin Trust <communications@ourtrust.org>  
**Sent:** February 5, 2026 8:45 AM  
**To:** CAO  
**Subject:** 📅 February in the Columbia Basin



### Trust Transitions Broadband Assets to CityWest

Columbia Basin Trust is partnering with CityWest to transfer ownership and operations of its broadband network assets, ensuring the Basin's fibre optic network is managed long term by an experienced telecommunications provider. The network will continue to operate on an open-access basis, supporting multiple internet service providers.

**“From the outset, the Trust’s goal was to put in place the infrastructure needed to bring service to as many Basin residents as possible who lacked reliable high-speed internet.”**  
- Johnny Strilaeff, President and CEO, Columbia Basin Trust

For more than 15 years, the Trust has funded and directly developed broadband infrastructure to help Basin residents access reliable and affordable high-speed internet. What began with a small fibre network in the West Kootenay has since grown into a regional “fibre highway” across the Basin through Trust investments, government partnerships and collaboration with industry.

CityWest is a provincially scaled, municipally owned telecommunications provider delivering fibre networks to communities across British Columbia through partnerships with municipalities, Indigenous Nations and regional organizations.

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### Grants and Support for Basin Arts

Artists and organizations across the Columbia Basin are invited to apply for grants from the Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance. Funded by Columbia Basin Trust and managed by the West Kootenay Regional Arts Council, these grants support community-driven projects that connect artists, celebrate local voices and create shared opportunities to help arts and culture grow across the Basin.

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### Supporting Community Climate Resilience

Through the Climate Adapted Community Spaces Grants, the Trust is supporting nine projects across the region that help communities make parks, green spaces and streetscapes more resilient as the climate changes. By using natural features, expanding urban tree cover and introducing climate-resilient landscaping, these projects help communities adapt and build their capacity to respond to environmental impacts now and into the future.

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### Investing in Wildfire Readiness

As communities across the Basin face ongoing wildfire risk, Columbia Basin Trust is providing \$1.4 million to support 32 projects focused on prevention and response. Funding supports essential equipment such as chainsaws and hoses, training for local staff and volunteers in first aid and wildland firefighting, and critical planning. Volunteer fire departments say the support is making a practical difference on the ground.

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### From Pit Stop to Destination

In 1999, Columbia Basin Trust stepped in with a crucial anchor investment of \$5 million to help transform the modest, community-run Whitetooth Ski Area into Kicking Horse Resort. It was an investment that redefined Golden's future and a catalyst for a major reinvention of the town's identity and economy. The resort's development triggered a wave of growth. High-density construction brought new homes, lodges and jobs, from lift operators and engineers to tourism entrepreneurs. The influx of new residents and visitors helped fuel vibrancy year-round. From adaptive trails and summer festivals to a thriving arts scene supported by Kicking Horse Culture, the town pulses with creative energy and civic pride.



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### Headwaters Podcast Featured Episode - SNOW



Snow shapes life in the Columbia Basin, from the way we move through the landscape to the adventures we share. In this episode, we meet the experts working to keep our winter playgrounds safer through education and hit the slopes with Rossland-born world champion snowboarder Erin Sauvé.

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**January 29, 2026**

**ATTN: Local Government and First Nation Elected Officials and Senior Staff**

**RE: Register Now for the 2026 LGLA Leadership Forum**

Dear Elected Officials and Senior Staff,

I am very pleased to invite you to the **2026 LGLA Leadership Forum**, taking place in Richmond from **March 11–13, 2026**. Registration is now open at [lgla.ca](http://lgla.ca).

This annual gathering offers a unique opportunity for elected officials and senior staff from local governments and First Nations to come together, learn from one another, and strengthen the leadership practices that support healthy, resilient communities.

This year's theme, **Finishing Strong: Legacy, Leadership & What Comes Next**, invites participants to reflect on the culmination of their term, honour their accomplishments, and prepare for the transitions ahead. "Finishing Strong" is about more than closing a chapter—it is about stewarding resources wisely, strengthening relationships, capturing the stories that define your leadership, and shaping a legacy that endures.

We are preparing an ambitious and thoughtful [program](#) for this year's forum. Here's a preview of what's in store:

- **Lead with a Story: Turning Your Journey into Impact**  
Renowned speaker Bill Baker guides participants through the power of storytelling in leadership—helping leaders craft messages that inspire, persuade, and reflect the journey they've taken and the impact they're shaping.
- **Stewarding the Finish Line: Legacy, Leadership, and Lasting Value**  
A reflective panel session exploring how financial stewardship, asset management decisions, and long-term planning become part of an enduring legacy.
- **It Seemed Like a Good Idea at the Time...**  
This session is not your average PowerPoint panel. We've lined up a lively set of stories from elected officials who know first-hand that best laid plans don't always work out as imagined. In the fourth year of your term, we'll take some time to learn from the mistakes, failures and flops along the way, with levity and fun.
- **After the Storm: The Enduring Legacy of Local Leadership in Disasters**  
An exploration of how crisis leadership shapes community resilience, trust, and long-term recovery—and how these defining moments become part of a leader's lasting impact.

- **Additional sessions** include sessions exploring **truth and reconciliation in practice**, lessons for **approaching elections with integrity and optimism**, and a **sneak-peek at LGLA's upcoming online course offerings**. Follow LGLA on LinkedIn and Facebook for more details and speaker announcements.

The 2026 Forum promises to be a reflective, energizing, and forward-looking experience—one that supports leaders in finishing their term with clarity, confidence, and purpose. Participants will also benefit from meaningful opportunities for collaboration and connection with colleagues from across the province.

Accommodations for the 2026 LGLA Leadership Forum are limited and the room block will close on **February 9**, so we encourage you to register and book your stay as soon as possible. Please also check lgla.ca for information on **airline discounts** for forum travel provided by **Air Canada, WestJet, and Helijet**. Any related questions can be directed to [Angela Turner](#).

We look forward to welcoming you to Richmond for what promises to be an inspiring and impactful leadership event.

Warm regards,



**Councillor Laurey-Anne Roodenburg**  
President, Local Government Leadership Academy

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**REPORT**

**Date:** **Feb 5, 2025**

**To:** Mayor and Councillors

**From:** Kate Friesen, Youth Coordinator

**SUBJECT: Beaver Valley Youth Action Network (BVYAN)**

**The following is a summary report of the BVYAN to the end of January 2026.**

**Jan 6 - FES Visit**

Stopped by the grade 7 classroom at FES to update them on what we have going on!

**Jan 6 - Drop-in @ the Memorial Hall**

We had 20 people attend this event! It was a fun time overall.

**Jan 12 - Coord Social Lunch**

I hosted a lunch with the other local YANs (Trail, Rossland, and Warfield), and we talked about what sort of events we had coming up, as well as planning how we were going to run CBTs First Steps Leadership Workshop.

**Jan 12 - Oversight Committee Meeting**

We only had 2 members attend this meeting, but I conferred with the other members one-on-one. We discussed current goals and priorities, as well as upcoming programming.

**Jan 13 - Drop-in @ the Memorial Hall**

We had 0 youth attend this event

**Jan 14 - JLC Visit**

I visited JL Crowe Secondary with the Warfield, Rossland, and Trail YANs to share upcoming programming.

**Jan 15 - BYN Impact Toolbox Training**

I attended a required Impact Toolbox training session that focused on Youth Entrepreneurship

**Jan 16 - Game Show Show**

The local YANs worked together to run the Game Show Show up in Warfield! We had 18 youth attend this event from a couple of local communities.

**Jan 19 - Youth Advisory Meeting**

Due to illness and unforeseen circumstances, we had 1 youth show up to this event. In lieu, I made up a physical calendar to hand out listing events I needed youth volunteers for, as well as some other relevant information

**Jan 20 - Mini Vinyl Workshop @ WFYAN**

I was invited up to the Warfield YAN Centre to help them learn to make vinyl stickers! We had 8 youth attend.

**Jan 24 - Needlefelting @ Nordic Studio**

We had 2 people attend this event, which was a lower turnout than expected. Had a fun needlefelting session at Nordic Studios

**Jan 26 - Crafternoon @ the Fruitvale Village Office**

We had a Crafternoon where we made reusable stencils to use with our air gun! We also didn't have any youth come by, so in lieu I did program planning with my volunteers.

**Jan 27 - Drop-in @ the Memorial Hall**

We had 15 people attend this event. The theme of the day was shooting photos and video, with kids being able to do a photoshoot or make a fun video with their friends!

Respectfully submitted,  
Kate Friesen  
BVYAN Coordinator

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E-mail: [jstartup@village.fruitvale.bc.ca](mailto:jstartup@village.fruitvale.bc.ca)**Public Works Report**

**Date:** February 4, 2026  
**To:** CAO T. Dehnel  
**From:** Public Works Foreman J. Startup  
**Subject:** **Public Works Report**

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The following is a summary of important items Public Works has been involved with recently:

**1. Sewer:**

- A. Sewage Treatment Plant
  - i. Flow Data
    - a. No discernible data available to clearly identify a reduction in flows related to I&I rehabilitation work
    - b. Flow meter installation required at specific catchment areas to determine effectiveness of rehabilitation
  - ii. STP Winter Environmental monitoring program completed
  - iii. Review of Operating Plan and Contingency Plan underway
- B. Collection System
  - i. First St. connection failure
    - a. Root intrusion and damaged "No Corrode" pipe
    - b. Excavate to replace service from main to property line
    - c. Associated main line suffering with root intrusion as well
    - i. CCTV inspection underway to determine extent
  - ii. F.E.S. sewer line ongoing issues
    - a. root growth persists
    - b. Options for repair or replace under discussion.

**2. Roads**

- A. Asphalt Patching
  - i. "QPR Cold Patch" purchased from YRB for temporary patching of potholes and problem areas
- B. Snow
  - i. • 9.5cm of snow fell in January resulting in 5 dispatched responses
- C. Gravel Roads
  - i. Grading after rain events required
- D. Storm Sewer
  - i. Catch basins cleared during rain events

**3. Facilities**

- A. Haines Park
  - i. Fence removal continues as per masterplan
  - ii. Danger trees removed along Deadmarsh Ave
  - iii. Prep underway for concrete installation @ Lewis and Matteucci diamonds
  - iv. Met with BV May Days re: electrical upgrades request



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B. FMC

- i. New gas stoves installed in kitchen
- ii. Old stoves to Haines Park concession
- iii. Maintenance shut down scheduled for July

C. BV Child Care Facility

- i. Minor vandalism reported
- ii. Operator request for more shade structures received

D. Cemetery

- i. Funerals and marker installations being scheduled

E. Creekside Community Park

- i. Debris and repairs from windstorm cleaned

Respectfully submitted,  
Jason



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## **CFO PARTRIDGE REPORT**

### **REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**Date:** **February 9, 2026**  
**To:** Mayor and Councillors  
**From:** Marcus Partridge, CFO  
**SUBJECT:** **CFO REPORT**

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#### **The following is a summary report of the CFO to the end of January 2026**

Audit season is now upon us. In 2025, the auditing team at Doane Grant Thornton, Trail office announced it is no longer able to provide the Village's audit. The Nelson office of Doane Grant Thornton advised us it is able to provide the service. I had a brief introductory Zoom meeting with the new principle/partner and senior auditor in December. While the two offices are able to share past information, it is more of a concern that the Trail office was experienced with the functioning of our accounting system. I anticipate this year, staff will spend extra time helping the new auditors learn our system. The audit is scheduled for February 16 – 27.

On February 4<sup>th</sup>, it was discovered, our efforts to clear tree roots from a sewer pipe last year have been ineffective as the tree roots are back to the way they were before we started. Staff are investigating possible solutions to this problem.

I have been in contact with the Regional District regarding the 2026 Water Budget and it is moving towards the later stages. The Regional District is moving towards the later stages of approving the 2026 cemetery and parks budgets as well.

I am now devoting my time to our annual audit and 2026 Operating and Capital Budgets.

This month I will submit the grant reports with February deadlines.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcus Partridge, CPA, CGA, B. Comm  
Chief Financial Officer

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**CAO DEHNEL REPORT**

CAO Report for Council Meeting held on February 9, 2026

<b>Staff</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Works Department – parttime position ended Jan 16.</li><li>• Office full complement with parttime position one day per week</li><li>• <b>Village Office Hours are Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.</b></li></ul>
<b>CAO Meetings / Workshops</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jan 7 – OCP check in meeting with staff of Ministry Housing and Municipal Affairs</li><li>• Jan 12 – LGAHS Fruitvale Project Monthly Team Meeting</li><li>• Jan 12 – Rural Mobility Working Group virtual workshop: Working Together – Building Effective Partnerships.</li><li>• Jan 12 – Council Meeting</li><li>• Jan 13 – monthly admin team meeting</li><li>• Jan 14 – tailgate meeting at Works yard.</li><li>• Jan 15 and 16 – Creekside North Planning / funders meetings</li><li>• Jan 19 - JOHSC meeting</li><li>• Jan 20 – attended BV Seniors lunch</li><li>• Jan 21 – introductions with Planners for Area A OCP</li><li>• Jan 26 – LMM meeting</li><li>• Jan 26 – CAO/CAO meeting with City Rossland staff</li><li>• Jan 29 – webinar Empowering Community Events</li><li>• Jan 30 – Missing Middle Housing – opportunity discussion</li><li>• Feb 2 – LGAHS Fruitvale Project Monthly Team Meeting</li></ul>
<b>Other / Projects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discussions with property owners concerning planning matters/property inquiries</li><li>• Tender document review for Green Road Water Main</li><li>• Course work: Successful CAO Local Government Advanced Management.</li><li>• Support Council Agenda preparation February 9</li></ul>

*Patricia Dehnel*

P. Dehnel  
Chief Administrative Officer



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**DEPUTY MAYOR GUESFORD REPORT**

Report for Council Meeting held on February 9, 2026

<b>Liaisons and Tasks</b>	<b>1. BEAVER VALLEY MAY DAYS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ There will be a Beaver Valley May Days meeting scheduled for February 5, 2026.</li></ul> <b>2. RDKB BOARD OF DIRECTORS – JAN 14, 2026 **ALTERNATE DIRECTOR</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ I attended the meeting via Zoom.</li><li>○ <a href="https://rdkb.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/196837/?preview=198684">https://rdkb.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/196837/?preview=198684</a></li></ul> <b>3. SENIOR LUNCHEON – JANUARY 20, 2026</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ As the Senior Liaison, I attended the Senior Luncheon, which was well attended.</li></ul> <b>4. BEAVER VALLEY REGIONAL PARKS AND REGIONAL TRAIL COMMITTEE – January 20, 2026 ** RDKB ALTERNATE DIRECTOR</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ I am the Vice Chair for this Committee.</li><li>○ Volunteers are still needed for the 2026 BC Winter Games.</li><li>○ BC Winter Games banners will be erected in Fruitvale when the Christmas decorations come down.</li><li>○ The Trophy Case at the arena has been redone and looks fantastic.</li><li>○ The chiller has been replaced at the arena with insurance funds.</li><li>○ The Senior Luncheons are covered with grant funding.</li><li>○ Area A receives funding for the dams.</li><li>○ Due to the formation of the food hampers by BV Food Bank, the Seniors Christmas luncheon will be moved to an alternate date.</li><li>○ <a href="https://rdkb.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/196841/?preview=199274">https://rdkb.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/196841/?preview=199274</a></li></ul> <b>5. EAST END SERVICES – JANUARY 20, 2026</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Bill Wenman continues as the Chair for East End Services; Andy Morel was voted in as Vice-Chair.</li><li>○ There was a presentation by the Skills Centre by Morag Carter, Director.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Discussion took place on Employment Services, Poverty reduction programming.</li><li>▪ The retrofit of the new location was discussed along with the variety of tenants in the building, who have access to meeting rooms and technology.</li><li>▪ There is a community kitchen.</li><li>▪ Funding is Federal, Provincial, along with multiple small funders/donors.</li><li>▪ The skills centre received a 5 year property Tax Exemption from the City of Trail.</li><li>▪ The Skills Centre pays RDKB \$45,000, thus they have requested support of \$30,000 to help offset RDKB taxes for 2026.</li><li>▪ Provincial funding has not been received and should roll out at some point.</li></ul></li><li>○ Kootenay Columbia Trail Society presented its annual report.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ \$15,000 is funded by BV Recreation.</li><li>▪ Kootenay Columbia Trail Society is looking for an annual 2% - Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase.</li></ul></li><li>○ East End Transit Services was discussed with a 1.82% increase in requisition.</li><li>○ <a href="https://rdkb.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/196843/?preview=199297">https://rdkb.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/196843/?preview=199297</a></li></ul>
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# DEPUTY MAYOR GUESFORD REPORT

	<p><b>6. LOWER COLUMBIA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE NETWORK SOCIETY - JANUARY 20, 2026 ** DIRECTOR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Treasurer presented the budget and reported that things are viable.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Additional revenue, grants &amp; fundraising, will help mitigate the risk of a tight budget.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>7. WEST KOOTENAY BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT – JANUARY 28, 2026 **DIRECTOR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Elections:           <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Board Chair</td> <td style="width: 30%;">Susan Hewat</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Acting Chair</td> <td>Everett Baker</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Appointment of Directors</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Executive Committee</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> </li> <li>○ Presentations were done by Interior Health for the Capital Project Status Report and Supporting Safe and Reliable Health Care in the West Kootenay Boundary were done.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The first presentation was on projects that had been or shortly will be completed, and the second presentation was for Capital Funding Requests</li> <li>▪ Staff was directed to prepare the necessary bylaws for Board approval at the March 25, 2026 Board Meeting.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Board Chair	Susan Hewat	Acting Chair	Everett Baker	Appointment of Directors		Executive Committee	
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<b>Council Duties</b>	8. I delivered copies of the Beaver Valley Bulletin to BV Manor and Mountain Side Village. There are also copies distributed at BC Lions Bingo events.								
<b>Other / Projects</b>									

Respectfully Submitted,  
Catherine Guesford, Deputy Mayor



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**MAYOR STARTUP REPORT**

Mayor Report for Council Meeting held on February 9, 2026

<b>Liaisons and Tasks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lower Columbia Community Health Centre Network Society<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ January 20<sup>th</sup> – attended Board Meeting</li><li>◦ Continue as construction lead and post construction deficiency mediation – minimum weekly</li></ul></li><li>•</li></ul>
<b>Council Duties</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jan 5 – Welcomed new CAO, briefing on Village priorities</li><li>• Jan 8 – Regular Council Meeting agenda prep with CAO</li><li>• Jan 8 – sign-off CAO contract.</li><li>• Jan 9 – Talked with Thriving Community rep – tennis courts</li><li>• Jan 12 – Regular Council Meeting, swearing in CAO and CFO</li><li>• Jan 14 – Participated in Public Works Tailgate Meeting with CAO</li><li>• Jan 15 – Met with Creekside North Park proponents</li><li>• Jan 16 – Met with CBT representative – funding opportunities</li><li>• Jan 20 – LCCHCNS, Board Meeting</li><li>• Jan 21 – Started process to get CAO on KSCU signing authority</li><li>• Jan 22 – Mayor/CAO meeting, Village processes, potential efficiencies, and Council Meeting processes.</li><li>• Jan 26 – MoTI, RDKB Area A – Drive the Bombi Pass safety review</li><li>• Jan 29 – Newsletter submission</li><li>• Jan 29 – ATCO, RDKB Area A Director – state of the local forestry</li><li>• Jan 29 – webinar Empowering Community Events</li><li>• Jan 30 – Missing Middle Housing – opportunity discussion</li></ul>
<b>Other / Projects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fielding resident concerns regarding water treatment</li><li>• Responding to resident concerns regarding speeding on Davis Ave</li><li>• Receive information from IBEW re: Fair Wages, potential delegation.</li></ul>

Respectfully Submitted,

Wes Startup, Mayor



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**Memo**

**DATE:** **February 9, 2026**  
**TO:** **Mayor and Village Council**  
**FROM:** **P. Dehnel, CAO**  
**SUBJECT:** **Grad Class 2026 – FMH waive fees.**

**Regular Agenda**  
**Agenda Item 9a**

**ANALYSIS SUMMARY:**

The Grad Class requests an in-kind donation in the form of a discounted hall rental for the Grad weekend of June 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>.

**LEGISLATIVE IMPACTS, PRECEDENTS, POLICIES:**

- Council Policy FIN-2016-02 Grants & Donations provides procedure to provide “Grant in Aid” or waiver of rental fees.
- JL Crowe Senior Secondary prom is an organization listed in the policy eligible for waiver of rental fees for the Fruitvale Memorial Hall.

**COSTS AND BUDGET IMPACT:**

- Village policy permits waiver of rental fee for specific community events including the JL Crowe Graduation and Prom.
- The non-profit rental fee, if not waived, is \$192.50.
- When rental fees are waived, the Village still covers other “in-kind” fees such as the operation/custodian service costs of the event.

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

This is an annual event. Mayor and Council play an important role in supporting the next generation of leaders.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Village of Fruitvale support the Grad Class of 2026 through waived rental fee of the Fruitvale Memorial Hall for the weekend of June 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>.

*Patricia Dehnel*

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P. Dehnel  
Chief Administrative Officer

January 26, 2026

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

On behalf of the Grad Class of 2026 and our organizing committee, I am writing to respectfully request consideration for an in-kind donation in the form of a discounted hall rental for our upcoming prom, which has been booked at the Fruitvale Memorial Hall (June 18th-20th)

Prom is a once-in-a-lifetime milestone for our graduating students — a meaningful celebration that recognizes years of hard work, resilience, and growth. Hosting this event within our own community is incredibly important to us. It allows our graduates to celebrate in a safe, inclusive, and familiar setting, while also fostering a sense of pride and connection to the community they have grown up in and will soon represent as young adults.

This event brings together students, families, educators, and volunteers, and reflects the strong community spirit that our municipality is known for. We believe that supporting local youth initiatives such as this not only enriches the lives of our graduates, but also reinforces the community's commitment to celebrating and investing in its young people.

As prom is a non-profit, volunteer-organized event, our budget is carefully managed to ensure that the celebration remains accessible to all students. Any in-kind support from the municipality through a reduced hall rental fee would have a meaningful impact and help us direct resources toward creating a memorable, safe, and inclusive experience for every graduate.

We would be deeply grateful for your consideration of this request and for your continued support of youth and community-focused events. We would also be pleased to acknowledge the municipality's support in our event materials and communications.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We truly appreciate the role the Mayor and Council play in supporting community initiatives and the next generation of leaders.

Sincerely,  
Jayme Fowler  
On behalf of the Grad Class of 2026 Prom Committee

**Appendix 5****FRUITVALE MEMORIAL CENTRE****1. RATES FOR USE OF FACILITIES**

AREA	RENTAL FEE
Main Hall with full kitchen	\$600.00
Main Hall - Kitchen only	\$250.00
Main Hall - no kitchen - no table service	\$350.00
Confirmed access on day prior	\$110.00
Special rates for non-profit groups, clubs, and community meetings <b>NO</b> table service and <b>NO</b> kitchen	\$137.50
Special Rates for non-profit groups, club, community meetings and <b>WITH</b> kitchen and table service	\$192.50
Funeral <b>WITH</b> Kitchen	\$225.00
Funeral <b>NO</b> kitchen	\$175.00
Beaver Valley Recreation Programs - per session	\$10.00
Beaver Valley Lions Club Bingo - per session	With kitchen \$137.00
Beaver Room small meeting room	\$45.00
-Damage Deposit, excluding Special Rates, Funerals, BV Recreation programs, BV Lions Club Bingo and Beaver Room	
-Damage Deposit for Kitchen Only	\$700.00
-Damage Deposit for Special Rates and Funeral Services	\$300.00 Equal to rental fee
Staff Call-out after normal work hours	Minimum charge, 4-hours
1. The Village may grant free use of the Memorial Hall to not-for-profit organizations only if the organization can demonstrate that it is unable to financially afford the not-for-profit rental rate, which is already a reduced fee. Such requests will be reviewed and considered by Council on a case-by-case basis, with decisions made annually at Council's discretion. In assessing requests, Council may consider criteria such as the organization's financial statements, the nature and community benefit of the event or program being proposed, the availability of alternate funding sources, and the organization's history of compliance with Village policies and facility use guidelines.	

**Policy Title:** **Grants & Donations**      **Policy #:** **FIN-2016-02**

<b>Section:</b>	<b>FINANCE - GENERAL</b>		
<b>Initially Approved:</b>		<b>2006 10 03</b>	<b>2008 04 08</b>
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**DATE:** **February 9, 2026**  
**TO:** **Mayor and Village Council**  
**FROM:** **P. Dehnel, CAO**  
**SUBJECT:** **Business after Business – financial support of event**

**Regular Agenda**  
**Agenda Item 9b**

**ANALYSIS SUMMARY:**

Councillor Guesford, the Village of Fruitvale Business Liaison requests to organize a Business after Business event to be held in April 2026. The organizer requests free use of the Fruitvale Memorial Hall plus a budget of \$500 to sponsor the event.

**LEGISLATIVE IMPACTS, PRECEDENTS, POLICIES:**

- This event was successfully sponsored by the Village in March 2025.
- Policy FIN-2016-02 specifically excludes providing assistance to business.
- Policy FIN-2016-02 does permit waiving rental fee for local non-profit community organizations.

**COSTS AND BUDGET IMPACT:**

The 2025 event cost \$2187.50 to the Village of Fruitvale

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

*From Councillor Guesford:*

*As I am the liaison for the Fruitvale Businesses, I am hopefully arranging the details for the 2026 Business After Business (BAB) event if approved by Council.*

- *This is an event co-sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the Village of Fruitvale for the businesses of Fruitvale.*
- *Since the 2025 event was the first BAB held in Fruitvale, I went a bit over the top.*
- *There was a photographer, flowers, political speakers, a key note speaker, enough food to feed a small army, let's not forget the know Fruitvale questions, with prizes, and 2 baskets for door prizes.*
- *There was a \$1,500 budget, expenditures totaled \$2,187.90, the event exceeded budget by \$687.90.*
- *To be honest, I believe it was money well spent, was a huge success, and there were many happy attendees.*

*○ I would like to offer this BAB to Fruitvale Businesses again in 2026.*

- *I will have much smaller expenditures and hopefully have another well-attended event.*
- *I am asking for \$500.00 with free hall use.*

**OPTIONS:**

1. Do nothing and not sponsor the event in 2026
2. Support the Chamber of Commerce / Village of Fruitvale event by waiving rental fees for the Fruitvale Memorial Hall
3. The Village of Fruitvale provide a grant in aid in the amount of \$500 plus waive rental fees for the Fruitvale Memorial Hall to support a Business After Business event.

*Patricia Dehnel*

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P. Dehnel  
Chief Administrative Officer

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**DATE:** **February 9, 2026** **Regular Agenda**  
**TO:** **Mayor and Village Council** **Agenda Item 12a**  
**FROM:** **M. Partridge, CFO**  
**SUBJECT:** **Bylaw 991, Amendment to Rates and Fees Bylaw (Commercial Garbage and Sewer).**

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This Request for Decision report provides background information on the amendment bylaw under consideration, that would increase the Sewer User Fees across the board by 3%, the Garbage Annual Flat Rate Billing Fee to \$96.00 and the Extra Garbage Bas & Tags Fee to \$4.80 per bag for 2026. Council made resolutions on the Amendment Bylaw at their meetings of December 1, 2025 and January 12, 2026. The Attached Amendment Bylaw No 991 is ready for adoption.

**ANALYSIS SUMMARY:**

The Garbage User Rate and the Sewer User Rates are updated annually. Starting in 2025, it was decided to only amend the Appendices that were affected by the change. The appendices affected by this change are: Appendix 10 and Appendix 11

**Appendix A – Bylaw 991, 2025****Appointments**

*Amended version of Appendix 10 – Wastewater System User Fees (Sewer) and Appendix 11 – Solid Waste User Fees (Garbage – Commercial)*

**LEGISLATIVE IMPACTS, PRECEDENTS, POLICIES:**

Amending Bylaw No. 982, 2025 Appendix 10 and Appendix 11

The *Community Charter* provides authority that Council may, by bylaw, impose fees payable in respect to all or part of a service or product of the municipality.

Utility bills are mailed out to residents in late February each year

Invoices must be paid before March 31<sup>st</sup> to receive a 5% discount

Invoices not paid before October 31<sup>st</sup> receive a 10% penalty

All outstanding amounts at December 31 are transferred to the tax account and will accrue arrears interest

**COSTS AND BUDGET IMPACT - REVENUE GENERATION:**

Increase the Annual Garbage User Fee by \$3.00 from \$93.00 to \$96.00 → Total Revenue = \$768.00

Increase the Garbage Bags/Tags Fees by \$0.15 from \$4.65 to \$4.80 → Total Estimated Revenue (based on average 225 bags sold per year) = \$1,080.00

Increase the Annual Sewer User Fee across the board by 3% → Total Revenue = \$522,216.00

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Village of Fruitvale Rates, Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 991, 2025 be reconsidered, finally passed and adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

*Marcus Partridge*

M. Partridge, CPA, CGA, B.Comm  
Chief Financial Officer

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON WASTEWATER SYSTEM USER FEES.**

The Sewer User Rates are updated annually. Starting in 2025, it was decided to only amend the Appendices that were affected by the change. The appendices affected by this change are: Appendix 10

**Appendix A – Bylaw 991, 2025****Appointments**

*Amended version of Appendix 10 – Wastewater System User Fees (Sewer)*

**Residential Rate Increase History:**

Year	Rate Increase	Residential Flat Rate
2016	5.26%	\$300.00
2017	5.00%	\$315.00
2018	5.00%	\$330.75
2019	8.84%	\$360.00
2020	8.33%	\$390.00
2021	8.00%	\$421.20
2022	8.02%	\$455.00
2023	7.91%	\$491.00
2024	7.94%	\$530.00
2025	3.02%	\$546.00

**LEGISLATIVE IMPACTS, PRECEDENTS, POLICIES:**

Amending Bylaw No. 982, 2025 Appendix 10

**COSTS AND BUDGET IMPACT - REVENUE GENERATION:**

Revenue is used to cover increased wastewater utility operating costs. If there is a year-end surplus, it is transferred to the wastewater capital reserve. Currently, the wastewater 2025 operations is anticipated to be under budget by just \$3,269 but this will not be official until our year-end audit is complete. If the surplus is confirmed by our auditors then it would be transferred to our Sewer Capital Reserves.

Moving forward to 2026, preliminary wastewater system maintenance and potential wastewater repairs is expected to be reduced \$28,635 (6.06%) however these savings are needed to offset the increase to the anticipated 2026 preventative maintenance expenditures (critical replacement items) for the wastewater plant which are budgeted at:

Blower # 1 Replacement	\$30,000
Equipment Upgrades	1,500
Headworks Probes	5,000
UV Sleeves	33,800
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$70,300</b>

In 2025, this total was \$26,000

**2026 REVENUE GENERATION**

User Group	# Occurrences	2025 Rate	2025 Revenue	1.0% Increase	\$ Revenue	1.5% Increase	\$ Revenue
Residential	759	\$ 546.00	\$ 414,414	\$ 5.00	\$ 551.00	\$ 418,209	\$ 554.00
Apartment	10	\$ 752.00	\$ 7,520	\$ 8.00	\$ 760.00	\$ 7,600	\$ 763.00
Additional Units	185	\$ 216.00	\$ 39,960	\$ 2.00	\$ 218.00	\$ 40,330	\$ 219.00
Commercial	16	\$ 773.00	\$ 12,368	\$ 8.00	\$ 781.00	\$ 12,496	\$ 785.00
Retail/Office	28	\$ 597.00	\$ 16,716	\$ 6.00	\$ 603.00	\$ 16,884	\$ 606.00
Hotel	1	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 2,750	\$ 28.00	\$ 2,778.00	\$ 2,791.00	\$ 2,791
School	1	\$ 339.00	\$ 339	\$ 3.00	\$ 342.00	\$ 342	\$ 344.00
School Additional	19	\$ 278.00	\$ 5,282	\$ 3.00	\$ 281.00	\$ 5,339	\$ 282.00

Total 1,019 \$499,349.00 \$503,978.00 \$506,652.00

User Group	# Occurrences	2.0% Increase	\$ Revenue	2.5% Increase	\$ Revenue	3.0% Increase	\$ Revenue
Residential	759	\$ 11.00	\$ 557.00	\$ 422,763	\$ 14.00	\$ 560.00	\$ 425,040
Apartment	10	\$ 15.00	\$ 767.00	\$ 7,670	\$ 19.00	\$ 771.00	\$ 7,710
Additional Units	185	\$ 4.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 40,700	\$ 5.00	\$ 221.00	\$ 40,885
Commercial	16	\$ 15.00	\$ 768.00	\$ 12,608	\$ 19.00	\$ 792.00	\$ 12,672
Retail/Office	28	\$ 12.00	\$ 609.00	\$ 17,052	\$ 15.00	\$ 612.00	\$ 17,136
Hotel	1	\$ 55.00	\$ 2,805.00	\$ 2,805	\$ 69.00	\$ 2,819.00	\$ 2,819
School	1	\$ 7.00	\$ 346.00	\$ 346	\$ 8.00	\$ 347.00	\$ 347
School Additional	19	\$ 6.00	\$ 284.00	\$ 5,396	\$ 7.00	\$ 285.00	\$ 5,415

Total 1,019 \$509,340.00 \$512,024.00 \$513,922.00

User Group	# Occurrences	3.5% Increase	\$ Revenue	4.0% Increase	\$ Revenue	4.5% Increase	\$ Revenue
Residential	759	\$ 19.00	\$ 565.00	\$ 428,835	\$ 22.00	\$ 568.00	\$ 431,112
Apartment	10	\$ 26.00	\$ 778.00	\$ 7,780	\$ 30.00	\$ 782.00	\$ 7,820
Additional Units	185	\$ 8.00	\$ 224.00	\$ 41,440	\$ 9.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 41,625
Commercial	16	\$ 27.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 12,800	\$ 31.00	\$ 804.00	\$ 12,864
Retail/Office	28	\$ 21.00	\$ 618.00	\$ 17,304	\$ 24.00	\$ 621.00	\$ 17,388
Hotel	1	\$ 96.00	\$ 2,846.00	\$ 2,846	\$ 110.00	\$ 2,860.00	\$ 2,880
School	1	\$ 12.00	\$ 351.00	\$ 351	\$ 14.00	\$ 353.00	\$ 353
School Additional	19	\$ 10.00	\$ 288.00	\$ 5,472	\$ 11.00	\$ 289.00	\$ 5,491

Total 1,019 \$516,828.00 \$519,513.00 \$522,216.00

User Group	# Occurrences	5.0% Increase	\$ Revenue
Residential	759	\$ 27.00	\$ 573.00
Apartment	10	\$ 38.00	\$ 790.00
Additional Units	185	\$ 11.00	\$ 227.00
Commercial	16	\$ 39.00	\$ 812.00
Retail/Office	28	\$ 30.00	\$ 627.00
Hotel	1	\$ 138.00	\$ 2,888.00
School	1	\$ 17.00	\$ 356.00
School Additional	19	\$ 14.00	\$ 292.00

Total 1,019 \$524,142.00

<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		<b>-496,257</b>	<b>-489,338</b>	<b>-1,081</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-513,922</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>		<b>2025 Budget Actual Variance Wage Inc. Initiation Adjustment New Initiatives 2026 Budget</b>								
<b>Summary of Expenses</b>										
#13 Wages	188,553	115,457	-83,098	5,956	0	-4,820	0	0	189,869	
#14 Dues Memberships Subs	788	1,276	488	0	24	170	0	0	982	
#15 Contract Service	87,169	35,510	-51,859	0	2,616	-33,315	33,800	0	90,269	
#16 Internal Equipment	42,727	26,700	-16,027	0	1,282	256	0	0	44,295	
#17 Discounts	20,179	18,416	-1,763	0	20,814	0	0	0	20,814	
#18 Internal Wage Chargeout	11,977	11,977	0	0	369	0	0	0	12,339	
#19 Material & Supplies	74,523	55,105	-19,418	0	2,235	-23,771	30,500	0	86,467	
#20 Communications	4,078	2,927	-1,151	0	123	370	0	0	4,571	
#21 Insurance	4,326	4,099	-227	0	130	0	0	0	4,456	
#22 Utilities	40,006	45,817	5,811	0	1,200	-6,938	0	0	32,269	
#23 Training	11,210	5,623	-5,587	0	337	0	0	0	11,547	
#24 Fuel	2,221	8	-2,213	0	87	0	0	0	2,288	
#25 Amortization	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
#26 Transfer to reserve	500	0	-500	0	750	0	0	0	750	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>496,257</b>	<b>322,915</b>	<b>-175,342</b>	<b>5,866</b>	<b>29,938</b>	<b>-89,848</b>	<b>70,300</b>	<b>513,922</b>		
<b>Rounding Error</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-176,424</b>	<b>-116,424</b>	<b>5,916</b>	<b>26,946</b>	<b>-39,344</b>	<b>70,300</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>REVENUE OVER EXPENSE</b>										

Request for Decision – Bylaw 991 – fees amendment

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON GARBAGE USER FEES.**

The Garbage User Rate is updated annually. Starting in 2025, it was decided to only amend the Appendices that were affected by the change. The appendix affected by this change is: Appendix 11

***Appendix A – Bylaw 991, 2025******Appointments******Amended version of Appendix 11 – Solid Waste User Fees (Garbage – Commercial)***

Fees and charges for solid waste collection services are contained in the Fees & Charges Bylaw, Schedule 11. Garbage rates were last increased for the 2025 billing cycle; annual flat rate billing fee was increased from \$90 to \$93, and excess garbage tag costs were increased from \$4.50 to \$4.65 per tag.

**Historical Flat Rate Fees:**

			% Increase:
2020	Annual Flat Rate Billing Fee	Increased from \$80.00 to \$82.00	2.50%
2021	Annual Flat Rate Billing Fee	Increased from \$82.00 to \$84.00	2.44%
2022	Annual Flat Rate Billing Fee	Increased from \$84.00 to \$85.73	2.06%
2023	Annual Flat Rate Billing Fee	Increased from \$85.73 to \$88.00	2.65%
2024	Annual Flat Rate Billing Fee	Increased from \$88.00 to \$90.00	2.27%
2025	Annual Flat Rate Billing Fee	Increased from \$90.00 to \$93.00	3.33%

**Historical Tag Fees:**

			% Increase:
2020	Extra Garbage Bags Fee	Increased from \$4.00 to \$4.10	2.50%
2021	Extra Garbage Bags Fee	Increased from \$4.10 to \$4.20	2.44%
2022	Extra Garbage Bags Fee	Increased from \$4.20 to \$4.31	2.62%
2023	Extra Garbage Bags Fee	Increased from \$4.31 to \$4.40	2.09%
2024	Extra Garbage Bags Fee	Increased from \$4.40 to \$4.50	2.27%
2025	Extra Garbage Bags & Tags Fee	Increased from \$4.50 to \$4.65	3.33%

Increases are imposed to keep in line with rising costs, and to ensure the cost of garbage collection and clean up week remains a user pay service. However this needs to be balanced with a reasonable increase. The expenditures for garbage collection, clean up weeks, and tipping fees are included under Solid Waste in the Village's budget. They are expected to rise \$1,224 (4.58%). The revenues are expected to rise just \$912. This means that the expenses are anticipated to rise faster than our revenues. However, because the village only charges 8 commercial users for garbage pickup, in order to keep pace with the increase in costs, the village would need to increase the Annual Flat Rate Billing Fee to \$132 (46.67% increase) or increase the Extra Garbage Bags & Tags Fee to \$6.04 (29.89% increase) or a combination of both every year. This is not realistic or fair to the users.

The Garbage pickup also encompasses other garbage bins located throughout the village. We also budget a week each for a spring and fall yard cleanup. As such the Garbage pickup revenue from the Commercial pickup will not cover the cost of the total pickup and the gap will only grow into the future. This shortfall will need to be made up by General Taxation.

**LEGISLATIVE IMPACTS, PRECEDENTS, POLICIES:**

Amending Bylaw No. 982, 2025 Appendix 11

**COSTS AND BUDGET IMPACT - REVENUE GENERATION:**
**Increase Examples – Flat Rate Fee:**

Current 2025 Rate	\$0.50	\$1.00	\$1.50	\$2.00	\$2.50	\$3.00	\$3.50	\$4.00
\$93	\$93.50	\$94.00	\$94.50	\$95.00	\$95.50	\$96.00	\$96.50	\$97.00
Annual: \$744	\$748	\$752	\$756	\$760	\$764	\$768	\$772	\$776
% Increase:	0.54%	1.08%	1.61%	2.15%	2.69%	3.23%	3.76%	4.30%

**Increase Examples – Tag Fees:**

Current 2025 Rate	\$0.05	\$0.10	\$0.15	\$0.20	\$0.25	\$0.30
\$4.65/tag	\$4.70	\$4.75	\$4.80	\$4.85	\$4.90	\$4.95
Approx. 225 bags sold/ year	\$1,057.50	\$1,068.75	\$1,080.00	\$1,091.25	\$1,102.50	\$1,113.75
% Increase	1.08%	2.15%	3.22%	4.30%	5.38%	6.45%

**2021 – 2025 Historical Figures and 2026 Budgeted Figures:**

	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Budget
<b>User Fees Revenues</b>						
User Fees	\$65,469	\$67,274	\$69,304	\$720	\$744	\$768
Garbage Bag Sales	\$26,230	\$27,631	\$12,648	\$1,139	\$1,023	\$1,080
RDKB Garbage Tag Sales	\$0	\$0	\$6,252	\$17,046	\$8,769	\$9,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$91,699</b>	<b>\$94,905</b>	<b>\$88,204</b>	<b>\$18,905</b>	<b>\$10,536</b>	<b>\$11,448</b>
<b>Garbage Collection Expenditures</b>						
Labour	\$22,554	\$21,160	\$12,076	\$6,168	\$5,483	\$6,513
RDKB Tipping Fees	\$25,303	\$26,380	\$12,135	\$2,034	\$3,245	\$2,301
Internal Equipment	\$24,908	\$26,613	\$22,121	\$8,950	\$8,025	\$8,533
RDKB Garbage Tags Bought	\$0	\$0	\$32,303	\$15,341	\$7,892	\$8,640
Early Payment Discounts	\$2,510	\$2,645	\$2,688	\$36	\$28	\$38
Materials & Supplies	\$8,973	\$8,220	\$17,487	\$2,317	\$2,048	\$1,920
<b>Total Garbage Collection</b>	<b>\$84,248</b>	<b>\$85,018</b>	<b>\$98,810</b>	<b>\$34,846</b>	<b>\$26,721</b>	<b>\$27,945</b>
<b>Garbage Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$7,451</b>	<b>\$9,887</b>	<b>(\$10,606)</b>	<b>(\$15,941)</b>	<b>(\$16,185)</b>	<b>(\$16,497)</b>

**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRUITVALE**

A bylaw to amend the Rates, Fees and Charges Bylaw No 991.

**WHEREAS** under Section 194 of the *Community Charter*, a Council may impose fees with respect to all or part of a service of the municipality, the use of municipal property, or the exercise of authority to regulate, prohibit or impose requirements;

**AND WHEREAS** Council deems it desirable to amend "The Corporation of the Village of Fruitvale Rates, Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 982, 2025";

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Village of Fruitvale, in open meeting assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

1. THAT Appendix "10" – Wastewater System User Fees (Sewer) No. 982, 2025, be deleted in its entirety and replaced with Appendix "10" – Wastewater System User Fees (Sewer), attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw and
2. THAT Appendix "11" – Solid Waste User Fees (Garbage – Commercial) No. 982, 2025, be deleted in its entirety and replaced with Appendix "11" – Solid Waste User Fees (Garbage – Commercial), attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw
3. Citation:  
THAT This bylaw shall be known and cited for all purposes as the "Village of Fruitvale Rates, Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 991, 2025.

READ A FIRST TIME this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 2025.

READ A SECOND TIME this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 2025.

READ A THIRD TIME this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.

**RECONSIDERED, FINALLY PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer

CERTIFIED a true copy of Amendment Bylaw No. 991 entitled "Village of Fruitvale Rates, Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 991, 2025".

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

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Chief Administrative Officer

**SCHEDULE "A"  
TABLE OF APPENDICES****Appendix 10****WASTEWATER SYSTEM USER FEES (SEWER)**

<b>PREMISES</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>
Each dwelling unit, including duplexes	\$562.00	\$579.00
Each apartment building, a minimum charge of	\$775.00	\$798.00
For each additional unit	\$222.00	\$229.00
Each living unit adjoining a business premise	\$562.00	\$579.00
Each restaurant, garage or car wash (Heavy Commercial Use)	\$796.00	\$820.00
Each store or office building (Light Commercial Use)	\$614.00	\$632.00
Each hotel	\$2833.00	\$2918.00
Each school - for first classroom	\$349.00	\$359.00
For each additional classroom	\$286.00	\$295.00
Sewer Blockage Clearing	ACTUAL COSTS INCURRED	

1. All accounts are payable January 1st of each year or on receipt of the billing notice.
2. Accounts are billed annually and are applicable for the calendar year.
3. Where the full year fee is paid within 30 days of the issuance of the billing notice, a five per cent (5%) discount will be given.
4. Where a new account is set up at any time during the year, a bill will be sent for the remaining months of that year and a 5% discount will be allowed if the total amount due is paid within 30 days of the date of the billing.
5. Where an account is in arrears, or taxes are in arrears for sewer, no discount will be given unless the arrears are first paid.
6. A late penalty of 10% shall be charged on all accounts outstanding after the last working day of October of each year.
7. All accounts unpaid on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December in any year shall be added to and form part of the taxes payable in respect of that land and shall be entered upon the Collector's Roll as taxes in arrears

**Appendix 11****SOLID WASTE USER FEES (GARBAGE – COMMERCIAL)**

<b>Solid Waste (Garbage)</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>
Annual Garbage Service (package of 20)	\$96.00	\$99.00
Additional Bags	\$4.80	\$5.00

8. All accounts are payable January 1st of each year or on receipt of the billing notice.
9. Accounts are billed annually and are applicable for the calendar year.
10. Where the full year fee is paid within 30 days of the issuance of the billing notice, a five per cent (5%) discount will be given.
11. Where a new account is set up at any time during the year, a bill will be sent for the remaining months of that year and a 5% discount will be allowed if the total amount due is paid within 30 days of the date of the billing.
12. Where an account is in arrears, or taxes are in arrears for sewer, no discount will be given unless the arrears are first paid.
13. A late penalty of 10% shall be charged on all accounts outstanding after the last working day of October of each year.
14. All accounts unpaid on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December in any year shall be added to and form part of the taxes payable in respect of that land and shall be entered upon the Collector's Roll as taxes in arrears