



# MINUTES

## Regular Council Meeting

6:00 PM - Monday, May 5, 2025

Village of Fruitvale Council Chambers and Zoom Video Conference

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Minutes of the Regular Council of the Village of Fruitvale Council held on Monday, May 5, 2025 in the Village of Fruitvale Council Chambers and Zoom Video Conference

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

**EXCUSED:**

**STAFF:** Chief Administrative Officer Lashar, Chief Financial Officer, J. Startup, Recording Secretary Gallamore, and CFO Partridge

**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-82-2025**

Moved by Wenman

Seconded by Ellison

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

### 4. DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

**A.** Sally Whitman - Beaver Valley Library Presentation

Sally Whitman from the Beaver Valley Library introduced herself and gave Council an overview of the current programs the library has in place.

### 5. CONSENT AGENDA

### 6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

- B. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held March 24, 2025.
- C. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 7, 2025.
- D. Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on April 28, 2025.
- E. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held April 28, 2025

**RES-83-2025**

Moved by Halifax  
Seconded by Mason

THAT the minutes listed 6. A through E be tabled to a future Regular Council Meeting, due to incorrect resolution numbers.

**CARRIED**

**7. STAFF REPORTS**

- A. K. Friesen, Beaver Valley Youth Action Network Coordinator
- B. J. Startup, Public Works Foreman  
  
MacHale Lane
- C. P. Lashar, Chief Administrative Officer

**RES-84-2025**

Moved by Halifax  
Seconded by Mason

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

**CARRIED**

**8. COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

- A. Councillor C. Guesford (Ellison)
- B. Councillor J. Mason
  
- C. Councillor K. Halifax  
  
Requested a Council Report Template
  
- D. Councillor B. Wenman

Councillor Wenman verbally reported on East End Service Report, Fortis Reserve Policy, Green Link and Mountain Bike Trail challenges.

**E.**     Mayor Wes Startup

Mayor Startup discussed AKBLG - Very positive, good networking and the opening of McInnis Park.

**RES-85-2025**

Moved by Mason  
Seconded by Wenman

THAT the Council reports be received as presented and appended to the minutes as available.

**CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**9. CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING ACTION**

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A.**     Rain Garden Discussion

**RES-86-2025**

Moved by Wenman  
Seconded by Mason

THAT Public Works crew relocate the family statue from rain garden next to the bocci pits.

Councillor Wenman made a motion that the family statue be moved next to the bocci pit.

**CARRIED**

**B.**     Deputy Mayor position.

Discussion took place regarding the creation of an appointed Deputy Mayor position versus rotating acting mayors.

**RES-87-2025**

Moved by Wenman  
Seconded by Mason

THAT Council approve the creation of the Deputy Mayor position in lieu of rotating acting mayors, AND FURTHER THAT staff be instructed to amend the Council Procedure Bylaw No. 978, 2025 to include the Deputy Mayor position.

**CARRIED**

**C.**     New Hours for Regular Council Meeting

A discussion took place regarding the change of council meeting times from 6:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

**RES-88-2025**

Moved by Wenman  
Seconded by Ellison

THAT the start time for Regular Council and Committee of the Whole meetings be changed to 4:00 pm and delegations be allowed to request their presentation time; AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to updated in the Council Procedure Bylaw No. 978, 2025 with these changes.

**CARRIED Councillor Mason and Halifax opposed**

**D.** Fire Safety and Prevention Bylaw No. 749, 2006.

**RES-89-2025**

Moved by Wenman  
Seconded by Mason

THAT Staff be instructed to amend Fire Safety and Prevention By No. 749, 2006 and bring forward to a Regular Council meeting.

**CARRIED**

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

**A.** RFP awarding McHale Lane contract

Chief Financial Officer Partridge presented to council his recommendation for awarding the McHale Lane RFP contract.

**RES-90-2025**

Moved by Mason  
Seconded by Ellison

THAT Council approve the recommendation presented by CFO M. Partridge, to award the McHale Lane RFP contract to company B in the amount \$549,000.00

**CARRIED**

Mayor Startup recessed the Regular Council meeting at 7:05 pm.

Mayor Startup reconvened the Regular Council meeting at 7:11 pm.

**B.** Fortis PSPS Summer 2025 - Councillor Wenman

Councillor Wenman discussed the Fortis BC PSPS Summer 2025 long-term power supply. The use of backup generators was discussed.

**C.** Daycare Gazebo

Councillor Mason and CFO Lashar reported that the Beaver Valley Child Care Centre would like to install a 12' x 24' sunshade structure. There are no issues with setbacks, however RDKB building department does not allow this type of structure for safety reasons. It was suggested other options be explored.

## 12. BYLAWS/POLICIES

- A. 2025-2029 5-Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 980, 2025.

### RES-91-2025

Moved by Wenman  
Seconded by Ellison

THAT the 2025-2029 5-Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 980, 2025 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

- B. Tax Rate Bylaw No. 983, 2025

### RES-92-2025

Moved by Halifax  
Seconded by Wenman

THAT the Tax Rates Bylaw No. 983, 2025, be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

- C. Business License Bylaw No. 981, 2025.

### RES-93-2025

Moved by Halifax  
Seconded by Mason

THAT the Village of Fruitvale Business License Bylaw No. 981, 2025 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

- D. Rates, Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 982, 2025.

### RES-94-2025

Moved by Wenman  
Seconded by Mason

THAT the Village of Fruitvale Rates, Fees and Charges Bylaw No, 982, 2025 be tabled to the next meeting.

**CARRIED**

- E. Social Media Facebook Policy

### RES-95-2025

Moved by Wenman

Seconded by Mason

THAT Council approve the updated Social Media Facebook Policy ADM-2014-01.

**CARRIED**

**F.** Fruitvale Memorial Centre - not-for-profit rate

**RES-96-2025**

Moved by Wenman

Seconded by Ellison

THAT staff be instructed to amend the Appendix 5 in the Rates, Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 982, 2025 to include non-profit rate waiver.

**CARRIED**

**G.** Animal Responsibility Bylaw No. 922, 2020

**RES-97-2025**

Moved by Wenman

Seconded by Mason

THAT council approve changes to Animal Responsibility Bylaw No. 922, 2020 and that staff update and present amended Animal Responsibility Bylaw No. 984, 2025 at June Regular Council Meeting.

**CARRIED**

**H.** Watershed discussion Councillor Wenman.

Councillor Wenman spoke on the Boundary Watershed which working well. RDKB staff is looking at an integrated Watershed in the Kootenay area. Beaver Valley Watershed is quite different from the Boundary Watershed therefor he recommends not taking part in a East End Watershed service.

**RES-98-2025**

Moved by Mason

Seconded by Halifax

THAT the Village of Fruitvale not support an integrated Watershed program.

**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**

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

**RES-99-2025**

Moved by Wenman

THAT the meeting adjourn at 8:17 pm.

**CARRIED**

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Chief Administrative Officer

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Mayor