



MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting

6:00 PM - Monday, February 9, 2026

Village of Fruitvale Council Chambers and Zoom Video Conference

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Fruitvale Council held on Monday, February 9, 2026 in the Village of Fruitvale Council Chambers and Zoom Video Conference

- PRESENT:** Mayor Startup, Councillor Guesford, Councillor Mason, and Councillor Wenman
- EXCUSED:** Councillor Halifax
- STAFF:** Chief Administrative Officer Dehnel, CFO Partridge via zoom, and Recording Secretary Gallamore
- PUBLIC:** 1

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Startup called the meeting to order at 6:03 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-10-2026

Moved by Guesford
Seconded by Mason

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 12, 2026

RES-11-2026

Moved by Mason
Seconded by Wenman

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

CARRIED

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. WKBHD Appointments 2026
- B. Council Information Summary 2026-02-05

RES-12-2026

Moved by Wenman
Seconded by Guesford

THAT the Consent Agenda Information be received as presented.

CARRIED

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

RES-13-2026

Moved by Wenman
Seconded by Mason

THAT the staff reports be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

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

- A. Councillor Guesford – Report attached
- B. Councillor Halifax – Absent
- C. Councillor Mason - Verbal report
- D. Councillor Wenman - Verbal report
- E. Mayor W. Startup - Report attached

RES-14-2026

Moved by Guesford
Seconded by Mason

THAT the Council Reports be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

9. CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING ACTION

A. JL Crowe Grad 2026 Fruitvale Memorial Hall Request

CAO Dehnel reported the Village of Fruitvale Policy FIN-2016-2 allows the JL Crowe to use the Fruitvale Memorial Centre for dry grad free of charge. Staff will inform J.L. Crowe of this.

B. Business After Business

RES-15-2026

Moved by Mason
Seconded by Wenman

THAT the Village Fruitvale provide the Trail and District Chamber of Commerce's Business After Business a grant in aid in the amount of \$500.00 plus waive rental fees; AND FURTHER THAT staff inform the Chamber of this support.

CARRIED

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. BYLAWS/POLICIES

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

RES-16-2026

Moved by Wenman
Seconded by Guesford

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

CARRIED

Council Mason Opposed

13. OPEN DISCUSSION

Council openly discussed meeting with the RCMP, Creekside North Park Planning, status of the Train Station Museum and Beaver Valley May Days.

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

15.

**ADJOURNMENT AND RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE
PUBLIC FROM THE CLOSED IN CAMERA SESSION**

RES-17-2026

Moved by Wenman
Seconded by Mason

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:11 PM.

CARRIED

Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor