



MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting

6:14 PM - Monday, May 11, 2026

Village of Fruitvale Council Chambers and Zoom Video Conference

Minutes of the Regular Council of the Village of Fruitvale Council held on Monday, May 11, 2026 in the Village of Fruitvale Council Chambers and Zoom Video Conference.

PRESENT: Mayor Startup, Councillor Guesford, Councillor Halifax, Councillor Mason (Virtual), and Councillor Wenman

EXCUSED:

STAFF: Chief Administrative Officer Dehnel, CFO Partridge

PUBLIC:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Startup called the meeting to order at 6:14 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-47-2026

Moved by Wenman

Seconded by Guesford

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

- A.** Jeremy Childs and Sneha Chheda of Doane Grant Thornton gave a presentation of the 2025 Audit Strategy and Results. Discussion followed.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 13, 2026

RES-48-2026

Moved by Mason

Seconded by Wenman

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held April 13, 2026 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

- B. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held April 27, 2026

RES-49-2026

Moved by Guesford

Seconded by Wenman

THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held April 27, 2026 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

- C. Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on April 27, 2026

RES-50-2026

Moved by Guesford

Seconded by Wenman

THAT the minutes of the Special Council meeting held April 27, 2026 be adopted as amended to show to show "Mason opposed" in RES-42-2026.

CARRIED

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Council Information Summary May 8, 2026

- B. Minutes of inter municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting March 26, 2026

RES-51-2026

Moved by Wenman

Seconded by Guesford

THAT the consent agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

7. STAFF REPORTS REQUIRING ACTION

- A.** K. Friesen, Beaver Valley Youth Action Network Coordinator
- B.** Beaver Valley Water System Forman J. Mason Report
- C.** P. Dehnel, Chief Administrative Officer

RES-52-2026

Moved by Halifax

Seconded by Guesford

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 - Verbal report

Councillor Halifax reported she is no longer the representative on the Citizen of the Year committee.

- C.** Councillor Mason - Verbal report

Councillor Mason reported on development of the Fitness Committee.

- D.** Councillor Wenman - Report attached

- E.** Mayor W. Startup - Report attached

RES-53-2026

Moved by Halifax

Seconded by Mason

THAT the Council reports be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

9. CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING ACTION

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. BYLAWS/POLICIES

A. Village of Fruitvale 5-Year Financial Plan (2026-2030) Bylaw No. 992, 2026

RES-54-2026

Moved by Halifax

Seconded by Guesford

THAT the Village of Fruitvale 5-Year Financial Plan 2026-2030 Bylaw No. 992, 2026 be adopted.

Opposed: Councillor Mason

CARRIED

B. Village of Fruitvale Tax Rates Bylaw NO 993, 2026

RES-55-2026

Moved by Wenman

Seconded by Halifax

THAT the Village of Fruitvale Tax Rates Bylaw NO. 993, 2026 be adopted.

Opposed: Councillor Mason

CARRIED

C. GYM - Terms of Reference

RES-56-2026

Moved by Halifax

Seconded by Guesford

THAT the Terms of Reference for the Village of Fruitvale Fitness Centre Advisory Commission be adopted as amended noting that fitness cards are not transferable.

CARRIED

D. Terms of Reference for a Personnel Committee of Council

RES-57-2026

Moved by Halifax

Seconded by Mason

THAT the Terms of Reference for the Village of Fruitvale Personnel Committee of Council be adopted.

CARRIED

13. OPEN DISCUSSION

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

15. IN CAMERA SESSION

A. In Camera Session

RES-58-2026

Moved by Wenman

Seconded by Halifax

THAT Council move to a closed meeting pursuant to *Community Charter* Section 90 (1) (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality; (c) labour relations or other employee relations; (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 (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and recess the regular meeting at 7:12 pm.

Councillor Mason and Mayor Startup were excused from a portion of the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Guesford assumed role as chair.

RES-59-2026

Moved by Wenman

Seconded by Halifax

THAT the regular meeting reconvene at 8:29 pm.

CARRIED

B. Items moved from In-Camera:

IC-RES-21-2026

Moved by Halifax

Seconded by Guesford

THAT the "OCP Comprehensive Revision and Zoning Bylaw Housekeeping" Project be awarded to Selkirk Planning & Design Ltd. per their submitted proposal dated April 27, 2026 in the amount of \$99,968 plus GST and that this resolution be moved to open meeting.

IC-RES-23-2026

Moved by Wenman

Seconded by Guesford

THAT the Village support the request of Area A Director to relocate the Historic School House to the Creekside North Park in the Village on the condition that all costs, including those associated with relocation, installation and ongoing maintenance, be borne by the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary and this resolution be moved to open meeting.

IC-RES-24-2026

Moved by Wenman

Seconded by Guesford

THAT the Mayor send a letter to the Lower Columbia Affordable Housing Society supporting their organization's development projects in the Village and this resolution be moved to open meeting.

16. ADJOURNMENT

RES-60-2026

Moved by Halifax

Seconded by Wenman

THAT the meeting adjourn at 8:31 pm.

CARRIED

Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor