



MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting

6:00 PM - Monday, April 13, 2026

Village of Fruitvale Council Chambers and Zoom Video Conference

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Fruitvale Council held on Monday, April 13, 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: 8 in person, 1 via zoom

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-30-2026

Moved by Wenman

Seconded by Guesford

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 March 9, 2026

RES-31-2026

Moved by Halifax

Seconded by Wenman

THAT the minutes of the regular Council meeting held March 9, 2026 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

- B. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held March 23, 2026

RES-32-2026

Moved by Wenman

Seconded by Halifax

THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held March 23, 2026 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. RDKB Building Permit Report - March 2026

- B. Council Information Summary April 9, 2026

RES-33-2026

Moved by Halifax

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. Public Works Forman J. Startup Report
- C. P. Dehnel, Chief Administrative Officer

RES-34-2026

Moved by Guesford
Seconded by Halifax

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 volunteered to take over the secretary position with Citizen of the Year Committee.

- C. Councillor Mason – Verbal report

Fruitvale Gym

- D. Councillor Wenman – Verbal report

Councillor Wenman reported that the Regional District Budget was approved.

- E. Mayor W. Startup - Report attached.

RES-35-2026

Moved by Guesford
Seconded by Wenman

THAT the Council reports be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

9. CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING ACTION

A. Grant in Aids

RES-36-2026

Moved by Halifax
Seconded by Mason

THAT Council approve the amended requests for submission of the Remembrance Day Ceremony for \$2000.00 and Candy Cane Lane Celebration in the amount of \$2000.00 for the 2026 RDKB Grant-in-aid.

CARRIED

B. May Days - Hall rental and replace the Beaver Valley May Days mascot.

Request withdrawn and moved to operations.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. BYLAWS/POLICIES

A. RFD CFO Partridge - Village of Fruitvale 5-Year Financial Plan (2026-2030) Bylaw No. 992, 2026 - Second reading

RES-37-2026

Moved by Wenman
Seconded by Guesford

THAT the Village of Fruitvale 5-Year Financial Plan 2026-2030 Bylaw No. 992, 2026 be read for a second time.

Opposed: Councillor Mason

CARRIED

B. GYM - Terms of Reference

Terms of Reference for the Village of Fruitvale Fitness Centre Advisory Commission be tabled to May 11, 2026 Regular Council Meeting.

C. Terms of Reference for a Personnel Committee of Council

Terms of Reference for a Personnel Committee of Council be tabled to May 11, 2026 Regular Council Meeting.

13. OPEN DISCUSSION

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

15. IN CAMERA SESSION

A. In Camera Session

RES-38-2026

Moved by Halifax

Seconded by Mason

THAT the Regular Council Meeting be recessed and Council move to a closed meeting pursuant to *Community Charter* Section 90 (1) (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 recess the regular meeting at 7:31 pm.

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

Deputy Mayor Guesford assumed role as chair.

CARRIED

RES-39-2026

Moved by Halifax

Seconded by Wenman

THAT the regular meeting reconvene at 8:43 pm.

CARRIED

16. ADJOURNMENT

RES-40-2026

Moved by Wenman

Seconded by Halifax

THAT the meeting adjourn at 8:43 pm.

CARRIED

Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor