



# FRUITVALE & AREA 'A' NEWS

February 2020

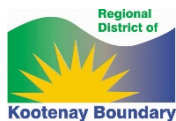
Keeping the Community Informed

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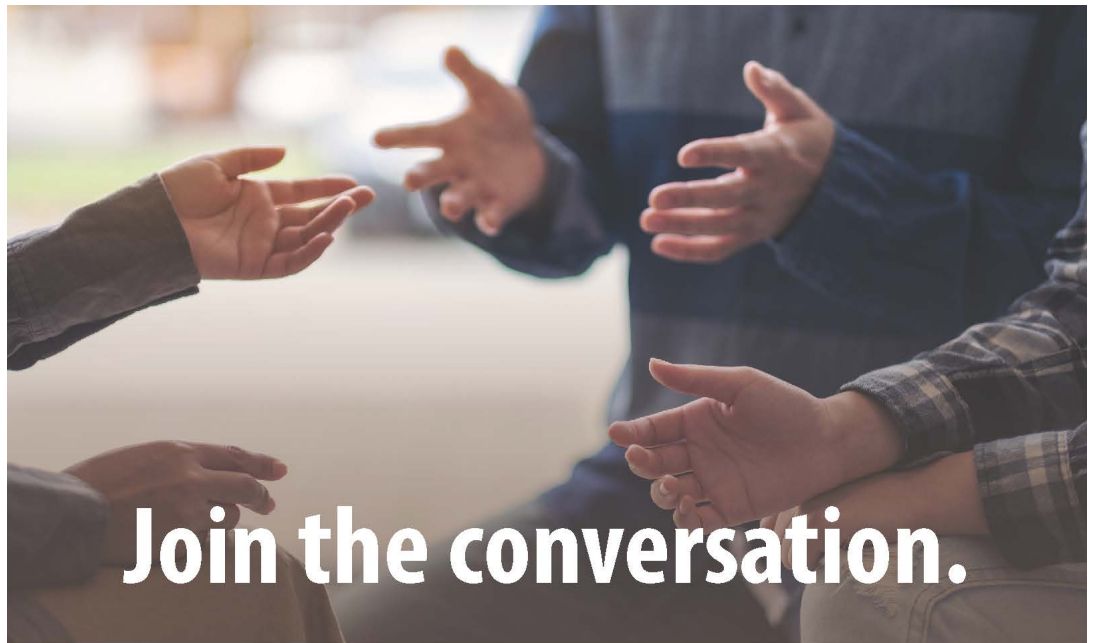
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## RDKB Area 'A' News



# Join the conversation.

Ali Grieve, your **Electoral Area 'A'** Director for the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, invites you to an interactive **Town Hall Meeting**.

Find out about the proposed 2020 Budget and 2020–2024 Five-Year Financial Plan. Ask questions and comment about programs and services, how we operate and what your tax dollars fund. For more information, contact Executive Assistant Maureen Forster: [mforster@rdkb.com](mailto:mforster@rdkb.com) or 250.368.0235.

**Monday, February 10 at 6:00 PM**  
**Fruitvale Memorial Hall**  
**1968 Main Street, Fruitvale, BC**



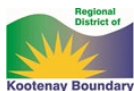
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**UPCOMING  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
MEETINGS**

**REGIONAL DISTRICT  
OF KOOTENAY  
BOUNDARY  
MEETINGS**



**EAST END SERVICES  
COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, February 18  
@ 10:30am  
RDKB Trail Boardroom

**BV RECREATION  
COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, February 18  
@ 9:00am  
RDKB Trail Boardroom

**ELECTORAL AREA  
SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Thursday, February 13  
@ 3:30pm  
RDKB Grand Forks  
Boardroom

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Wednesday, February 12  
@ 1:00pm  
RDKB Trail Boardroom

Thursday, February 27  
@ 1:00pm  
RDKB Grand Forks  
Boardroom

## *Village of Fruitvale News*

### MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MORISSETTE

January ushered in three positive changes for the Village which included: the six-month trial period allowing people aged 20 thru 49 some limited access to our seniors' gym. To date we have 60 seniors and 30 pre-seniors registered for gym use. We feel that all residents now have a full range of opportunities to use a gym to maintain/improve their wellness - people over 20 years of age all have the opportunity to use our lite-use cardio type gym in Fruitvale or all ages still have use of the heavier-use aquatic centre gym in Trail through BV Recreation's joint use agreement with the City of Trail. January also brought with it a new Fruitvale Memorial Centre coordinator/custodian that began with a deep clean of the entire Hall, Gym, and Kitchen, which all look awesome now. The third positive is welcoming our Age Friendly Coordinator contractor, Barb Cole. Barb grew up in Montrose and has lived in in Fruitvale for the past 27 years. Barb has a lot of successful work experience with seniors and we are excited about the value she brings to our Age Friendly program.

In January we also began the development of the BV middle school site by kicking off the Masterplan process for the site with an open public planning session in the Fruitvale Memorial Hall on January 18 to which 70 generous residents gave up their Saturday morning to attend and give their input on the site development. Attendees were given the background demographics and statistics around Fruitvale housing, then were divided into 9 groups that gave their ideas and built their own plan for the site. Each group then presented their plan and the reasons why they built the plan how they did. The consultants then took these plans and ideas and will incorporate what they can into two or three different draft plans for the site. This is an exciting development with the potential to build our tax base to support services to Village residents as well as support and expand our downtown business core and support our elementary school into the future.

This February council will be focusing on continuing budget deliberations which really is our greatest responsibility to continue to provide the services we need as a Village in the most efficient and sustainable manner we can.

It has been a very positive start to the new year, and we look forward to maintaining this positive momentum throughout the year.

### 2020 SNOWBUSTER

#### **Are you a Snowbuster?**

You are if you grab your shovel and/or snow blower and lend a hand to your neighbours!



From the first snowfall there are residents in the Village that find it a challenge keeping their driveways and sidewalks free of snow and ice, particularly our seniors and/or disabled residents. Perform a 'Random Act of Kindness' and help out your neighbour - be a **Snowbuster** this winter!

#### **Are you the recipient of a Snowbuster's 'Random Act of Kindness'?**

If so, now is your chance to show your appreciation. Submit the name of your Snowbuster to [info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca](mailto:info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca) along with a brief explanation of why you would like to nominate your Snowbuster. At the end of the season all nominations will be placed in a draw for a gift certificate from a local business.

### SNOW MANAGEMENT AND ICE CONTROL POLICY CHANGES

WOW has there been a lot of snow. From January 1 to 20, 101 cm fell and in just two of those days we saw more snow than the entire month of December. With this amount of snow, it is important that Village Residents

**UPCOMING  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
MEETINGS**

**VILLAGE OF  
FRUITVALE COUNCIL  
MEETINGS**



**COUNCIL MEETING**  
Monday, February 10  
@ 6:00 pm

**COMMITTEE OF THE  
WHOLE MEETING**  
Monday, February 24  
@ 4:00pm

Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings are open to the public. These meetings are held in Council Chambers located on the lower floor of the Village of Fruitvale Office.

understand the changes made to the Village of Fruitvale Snow Management and Ice Control Policy.

Changes to the Village of Fruitvale Snow Management and Ice Control Policy:

1. The Public Works Foreman now has the responsibility to monitor the weather forecast.

If the forecast calls for more than four inches of snow, the Public Works Foreman will call a 5:00 a.m. early start time for the next morning to begin snow plowing and ice control. The call for an early start time provides the crew with advance notice to start their shift early and reduces the costs to taxpayers by approximately \$640/snow event in overtime wages as compared to crews being called in early without any advance notice.

2. Weekend sidewalk snow management and ice control in the downtown core will be the responsibility of business owners.

Business owners will be responsible to clear snow from the entrance of their businesses on weekends saving taxpayers approximately \$160/snow event.

3. Residential snow management and ice control will be performed during regular work hours. Reducing overtime for residential snow management and ice control on weekends and after hours saves taxpayers a minimum of \$640/snow event and up to \$2,500/snow event.

4. The Public Works Foreman remains to have the discretion to initiate snow management and ice control at any time and at any location within the Village upon verification of poor street conditions.

Now with changes to the Snow Management and Ice Control Policy, after hours and weekend snow management and ice control is better supported with the on-call personnel also having this same authority to initiate snow management and ice control at any time and at any location within the Village upon verification of poor street conditions.

Myth: The budget for snow management and ice control was cut.

**Fact: The budget for snow management and ice control was not cut, rather regular overtime is being managed and reduced which is allowing the Village to reduce the budget giving Citizens better value for their tax dollars.**

Myth: Snow management and ice control will no longer be performed on weekends.

**Fact: Snow management and ice control on weekends and after hours have been enhanced by allowing not only the Public Works Foreman, but also the on-call personnel the authority to make the determination when poor conditions exist.**

Myth: Residential snow management and ice control will no longer be performed.

**Fact: The Village operates on a priority system. Residential snow management and ice control will proceed once all priority routes have been maintained and during regular working hours unless poor street conditions are verified by the Public Works Foreman or on-call personnel.**

Myth: The Village only performs snow management and ice control on bus routes.

**Fact: The Village operates on a priority system. Priority routes have been identified in conjunction with the Public Works Foreman to include steep slopes, bus routes and heavy traffic areas.**

**NOTE: Highway 3B along Main Street is a provincial roadway and the responsibility of the province.**

***Village crews assist in snow removal in this area to allow access to Village businesses and because the route is a heavy traffic route for Village residents. Village assistance is required to meet Village priorities that may not be provincial priorities.***

### **2020 WATER, SEWER AND GARBAGE UTILITY BILLS**

The Village of Fruitvale is hoping to have the 2020 water, sewer and garbage bills sent out by the end of February. A 5% discount will be offered until March 31 on utilities and extra packages of garbage bags.

Should the bills not be sent out until March, the discount date will be extended accordingly.

The package of garbage bags that is given out with the utility billing will be available for pick-up after the bills have been sent out. Prior to that, if you require garbage bags you must purchase them at the Village Office.

### **MEMORIAL BENCHES/PICNIC TABLE**



The Village of Fruitvale has been approached by residents wishing to purchase benches in memory of loved ones. Locations for installation of memorial benches are still being



determined, however we do know that the gazebo in Railway Park will be dismantled and the picnic table will need to be replaced due to vandalism.

If you are interested in purchasing a memorial bench or picnic table, the costs are:

Bench, includes installation - \$2,550

Picnic Table, includes installation - \$5,650

The cost of the bronze plaque is approximately \$400. It is ordered directly from Kootenay Monuments by the family purchasing the bench or picnic table.

For more information call the Village Office, 250-367-7551 or email [info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca](mailto:info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca)

### **2020 DOG TAGS (licenses)**

**All dogs in the Village of Fruitvale and in the RDKB are required to be licensed.** A current year tag on your dog will ensure that it is returned to you if it is found at large. It's a small price to pay for the safe return of your family pet. Tags for dogs inside the Village are available at the Village Office and tags for dogs in the RDKB are available at the RDKB office in Trail.

It is also a contravention of the bylaw to allow your dogs to run free. Dogs at large run the risk of being picked up by the SPCA and fines being levied to the dog owner.

**Please, for the safety of everyone, ensure your dog(s) are secure in your house or yard.**

Dog owners are also reminded to pick up their dog feces and to not let their dog bark continually while out in the yard. We have received numerous complaints of dog feces being left along sidewalks, roads and in alleyways and of dogs continually barking at all hours of the day and night. **Please be considerate of your neighbours – pick up after your dog, dispose of the feces accordingly and don't let your dog disturb the peace of the neighbourhood by allowing it to bark continually while it's outside.**

### **STREETLIGHTS**

Residents are asked to report any streetlights that you notice are either completely out or are intermittently on and off. When calling the Village Office to report the light, please have the number listed on the pole (yellow with black numbers), the street address of the house closest to the pole and the problem with the light.

### **FAMILY DAY OFFICE CLOSURE**

**The Village of Fruitvale Office and Public Works Department and the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Office will be closed on Monday, February 17 for the Family Day statutory holiday.**

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

### BV LIONS BINGO



**February 6, 12, 19, 26**  
6:00pm  
Fruitvale Memorial Hall

### MONTROSE CARD CLUB



**February 3 & 17**  
6:15pm  
Montrose Hall

### BEAVER VALLEY NITEHAWKS GAMES



**February 1, 8 and 20**  
**7:00 pm @ BV Arena**  
**February 9**  
**2:00pm @ BV Arena**  
Doors open 6:30pm  
Music 7:00pm  
Montrose Hall

## Community Events

### BEAVER VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Beaver Valley and Pend d'Oreille Historical Society is holding a meeting on Thursday, February 13 at 1:00pm at the Beaver Valley Public Library. Everyone is welcome.

### BEAVER VALLEY YOUTH CLUB

The Beaver Valley Youth Club, open to all Beaver Valley youth ages 12-18, has the following events scheduled for February:

#### **Friday, February 7 – Glow Skate**

7:00-9:00pm at the BV Arena

#### **Friday, February 14 – Salmo Ski Night**

5:30-9:30pm at the Salmo Ski Hill

Pre-registration and completion of waiver forms and equipment rental forms (if needed) are required.

For more information on the above events and to register, contact Tammy, BV YAN Coordinator at [beavervalleyyan@gmail.com](mailto:beavervalleyyan@gmail.com) and check out Facebook at Beaver Valley Youth Club for all program details and updates.

### BEAVER VALLEY RECREATION PROGRAMS

#### **Stay Safe Home Alone**

Friday, Feb. 21, 3:30-8:00pm, \$40, ages 9+, Montrose Hall

#### **Babysitting Course**

Saturday, Feb. 22, 9:00am-5:00pm, \$65, ages 11+, Montrose Hall

#### **Astrology Birth Chart Workshop**

Monday, March 23, 6:00-9:00 pm, \$55, Montrose Hall

#### **Power Yoga**

Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00pm, \$75 for 6x pass or \$14 Drop-in, Montrose Hall

#### **Restorative Massage Yoga**

Tuesdays, 7:15-8:15pm, \$75 for 6x pass or \$14 Drop-in, Montrose Hall

#### **Gentle Yoga**

Thursdays, 7:15-8:15pm, \$75 for 6x pass or \$14 Drop-in, Fruitvale Hall

#### **Zumba**

Mondays at Fruitvale Hall and Thursdays at Montrose Hall, 6:45-7:45pm, \$50 5x pass, \$92 10x pass, \$172 20x pass, \$11 Drop-in (omit Feb. 10, 17, 27)

#### **Box Kick Strength**

Sundays, 9:30-10:30am, Tae Kwon Do Gym, \$12 Drop-in (omit Feb. 16)

#### **Cardio Sit-ness**

Tue & Thurs, 9:30-10:30am, Montrose Hall, \$80 for 10x pass or \$10 Drop-in

#### **Seniors Line Dance**

Fridays, 10:00-11:00am, \$1 Drop-in, Fruitvale Hall

#### **Personal Training**

April Arnot is offering 1 on 1, pairs and small groups of 3-4 people at the TaeKwon Do Gym. Seniors 65+ receive 5% off. If you have any questions, please contact April at 231-5919

#### **Zumba Kids Jr.**

ages 4-6, Mondays, begins early April, 3:05-3:35pm, Fruitvale Hall

#### **Zumba Kids**

ages 7-11, Mondays, begins early April, 3:45-4:30pm, Fruitvale Hall

#### **Ages 3-8 Drop-in Hockey**

Sundays, Feb. 16, Mar. 1, 15 from 4:15-5:15pm @ BV Arena. Nets and pucks are provided. Helmet is required. \$2 Drop-in.

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

### VALENTINE'S DAY



**February 14**

### BV CURLING CLUB MENS' BONSPIEL



**February 14, 15 & 16**

@ BV Curling Club  
Call 250-367-9433 for  
more information

### BV MAY DAYS AGM



**February 27**  
7:00pm

Fruitvale Christian  
Fellowship Church

### Ages 9-14 Drop-in Hockey

Sundays, Feb. 2, 23, Mar. 8 from 4:15-5:15pm @ BV Arena. Full hockey gear is required. Nets and pucks are provided. \$2 Drop-in.

### Friday Night Glow Skate

Feb. 21 & 28 from 6-7:45pm @ BV Arena

### Adult Sticks & Pucks

Tuesdays & Thursdays, Feb. 4-27 from 11:00am-Noon @ BV Arena. Nets and pucks are provided. Helmet is required. \$2 Drop-in.

To register for any of the above BV Recreation programs, call Kelly, 250-367-9319.

### Want more Yoga in BV?

A new Yoga instructor is in town and would like to know if anyone is interested in daytime classes or another evening class? If you are interested in Deep stretch and relax class, Yin-Yasa class, Chair Yoga or a Core Power class, please call Kelly to show your interest.

### BEAVER VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS

#### Mother Moose

January 15 – March 11  
Tuesdays 10:00-11:00am  
Ages: 0-3



#### After School Program

January 16 – March 11  
Wednesdays 2:30-3:30pm  
Ages: 6-12

#### Tech Nights

February 12 & 26  
Wednesday 6:00-7:00pm  
Ages: 5-12 (parents must attend with ages 5-7)

#### BC Alzheimer's Society Free Video Screening

On **Tuesday, February 11 from 11:30am -1:30pm** come to the Library for the BC Alzheimer's Society's free video screening of "Dementia dialogues: Seeing gems along the dementia journey". Screening will be followed by a facilitated discussion.

For more information on the above BV Library programs, please call 250-367-7114.

### BV MAY DAYS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It is that time of the year again to prepare for the celebration of the Beaver Valley and we would love to have your input and participation in the planning of this exciting event.

To kick off the excitement the 2020 Beaver Valley May Days Annual General Meeting and the first Business Meeting of 2020 will be held on **Thursday, February 27 at 7:00pm** in the Fruitvale Christian Fellowship Church and your involvement would be welcomed.

If you have any questions please give Catherine Ellison a call at 250-231-3608 or by email [catherine.ellison12@gmail.com](mailto:catherine.ellison12@gmail.com)

### FLAG TRAIL

Back in October 2019, Art Benzer and Gord McAlpine came across an entry in the sign-in sheets kept at the top of the Flag Trail above Montrose. This person printed his or her hometown as Askole. If you google it, Askole is in the Shigar Valley in the region of Gilgit Baltistan in Kashmir, Pakistan. Askole is the highest, at 3,040 metres above sea level, and most remote town in the region. It is also the last settlement before entering the Karakoram Mountain Region which contains the second highest peak in the world, K2, at 8611 metres above sea level. Sadly, they did not get to meet this person. But to think that he came from such a well-known climbing area of the world and decide to hike our great but small mountain in comparison and enjoy the spectacular views of a small part of our country is an honour.