



FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

Purpose of the Family and Community Support Services Committee

To provide leadership in the identification and addressing of social issues and program delivery in order to enhance the quality of life of Town residents.

Motion Proposed by Administration

That the Family and Community Support Services Committee Chair Report be received as information.

Chair Report

The Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Committee held 8 (eight) meetings in 2019 with quorum for all of them. Three of the meetings focused on reviewing and discussing FCSS Community Grants, both funding applications and reports. Decisions were made in January on how funding would be allocated to applicants for 2019. With \$204,000 to be distributed to eligible agencies and \$284,053 in requests, lively decision-making discussion took place.

Regular updates from the FCSS Association of Alberta (FCSSAA) Board were received and discussed. In addition, members attended and/or received reports from the spring and fall regional FCSS meetings. The annual conference and the Calgary/Bow regional meetings are full of information and include updates from the Minister and the Provincial FCSS Director. Two staff and two Committee members attended FCSSAA Conference sessions, the fall regional meeting, and annual general meeting in Edmonton from November 27 to 29, 2019.

The Committee received presentations for receiving information and providing consultation including: Municipal Development Plan, Okotoks Foodbank, Foothills Children's Wellness Network Youth Branch, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Calgary and Area, Town of Okotoks Community Services Director, and the Okotoks Family Resource Centre.

A youth member participated on the selection panel for the Annual Volunteer Leadership Awards representing the Town of Okotoks. The Awards are a partnership between the Okotoks Rotary Club, Western Wheel, and the Town with sponsorship from TELUS.

FCSS Committee meetings provided opportunities for members to receive information from staff and Council and to send information back from a community member perspective. Discussions at meetings are robust and thorough. Participation from youth members on the Committee is highly valued; the youth are excellent participants in funding decisions and the dialogue around social issues.

For the remainder of the 2020 Committee meetings, there will be increased discussions focused on strengthening social wellness and looking for increased social and neighbourhood connection through the COVID-19 pandemic and into recovery stages.

Strategic Plan Goals

<input type="checkbox"/>	Manage Community Growth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Provide Strong Governance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Provide Quality Community Infrastructure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Community
<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhance Organizational Excellence	<input type="checkbox"/>	Foster Economic Vitality
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Promote Environmental Excellence

Authority of the Family and Community Support Services Committee

- Promote and initiate social wellness programs and services, including the ongoing assessment of community social needs. Ensuring that such programs and services meet the mandate of preventative social services in accordance with the terms of the annual FCSS funding agreement between the municipality and the Province of Alberta.
- Recommend policies and procedures to Council for development and revision of FCSS programming and community social wellness.
- Review all applications for FCSS community grants, and determination of those grants annually considering needs assessment(s) and the changing needs within the Town. Ensure projects are in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Family and Community Support Services Regulation, and ensure annual grant information is forwarded to Council.
- Assist Administration in facilitating the planning, development, and implementation of social programs that will meet community needs, ensuring that fragmentation, overlapping and/or duplication of programs or services are minimized.
- Cooperate and liaise with community agencies to ensure that effective communication is ongoing between the Committee and the community.
- Provide cooperation and joint planning with related community groups and agencies.
- Promote, encourage and facilitate volunteerism, the use of volunteers, and citizen participation in the community.

Governing Policies/Bylaws/Legislation or Agreements

Committees Bylaw 42-18

Funding Agreement

Attachment(s)

1. 2019 FCSS Year in Review

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