

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES CHAIR PRESENTATION

Issue

Committees Bylaw 13-21 requires the Chair of a Governance Committee to annually present a summary or highlight report of activities of the respective Committee at a Regular Council Meeting.

Motion Proposed by Administration

That the Family and Community Support Services Committee Chair Presentation be accepted as presented.

Report, Analysis and Financial Implications

The Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Committee held nine (9) meetings in 2023 and had quorum for all. Three (3) of the meetings focused on reviewing and discussing FCSS Community Grants, both funding applications and reports. Difficult decisions were made as the total request for 2023 Community Grants funding was \$234,242.00 and the designated budget was \$200,000.

The Age Friendly Okotoks FCSS Sub-Committee completed the final report and action plan in the summer of 2023, with recommendations added to the Okotoks Corporate Business Plan. The FCSS Committee will receive regular updates on the progress of this work in 2024. In addition, news and updates from the FCSS Association of Alberta (FCSSAA), including Board updates, were received and discussed. Members attended and/or received reports from the spring and fall regional FCSS meetings.

The annual conference and the Calgary/Bow regional meetings were full of information and included updates from the Minister and the Provincial FCSS Director. The FCSSAA Conference and Annual General Meeting as well as the fall regional meeting were held in person in Edmonton from November 22 to 24, 2023. One (1) member of Administration attended.

Presentations for information were provided to the Committee including the Okotoks Family Resource Centre, Foothills Immigration Services, Okotoks Foodbank Association, and BGC Foothills.

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.

The 2024 funding presentations took place on January 16 and 17, 2024 in Council Chamber and the funding decisions will be shared through the minutes in the February Council package.

For the remainder of the 2024 Committee meetings, there will be regular discussions focused on strengthening social wellness in the community.

Strategic Plan Goals

<input type="checkbox"/>	Responsibly Managed Growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	Demonstrated Environmental Leadership
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strong Local Economy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhanced Culture & Community Health
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Organizational Excellence		

Equity/Diversity/Inclusivity Impacts and Strategy

n/a

Environmental Impacts

n/a

Governing Policies/Bylaws/Legislation or Agreements

n/a

Public Participation Strategy

n/a

Alternatives for Consideration

n/a

CAO Comments

Thank you to the Committee for their contributions to advancing social equity in the community. It is appreciated and so important to create the Okotoks that values equity and inclusion.

Attachment(s)

n/a

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