

**TOWN OF OKOTOKS
UNADOPTED MINUTES
FOR THE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES COMMITTEE
HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025
IN THE OKOTOKS MUNICIPAL CENTRE COUNCIL CHAMBER**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT Dan Proctor, Chair
Councillor Heemeryck
Heather Brown
Peter Burrell
Chase Giroux
Jasmine Song
Smriti Thiruchitrambalam (arrived at 7:14 p.m.)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT Brandon Bailey

STAFF PRESENT Community & Social Development Team Leader Sian Anderson
Community & Social Development Administrator Nikki Hamilton

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Proctor called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and the Town of Okotoks land acknowledgement video was played.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: By J. Song that the agenda for the March 5, 2025 Family and Community Support Services Committee Meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Family and Community Support Services Committee - January 14, 2025

MOTION: By P. Burrell that the minutes of the Family and Community Support Services Committee meeting held January 14, 2025 be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

3.2 Family and Community Support Services Committee - January 15, 2025

MOTION: By C. Giroux that the minutes of the Family and Community Support Services Committee meeting held January 15, 2025 be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

4. CLOSED SESSION

None

5. MOTION(S) ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

None

6. BUSINESS

6.1 Presentation: Foothills Community Coalition

Foothills Community Coalition Interim Executive Director Lori Anne Schultz, provided a presentation on the Integrated Youth Hub, outlining its development, project plans and governance. The presentation included an overview of the steps completed including marketing plans, governance structure, the next steps and the plan for a Youth Mental Wellness Summit on May 24, 2025.

Smriti Thiruchitrambalam arrived at 7:14 p.m.

6.2 Review and Discuss 2024 Family and Community Support Services Final Funding Reports

Community & Social Development Team Leader Sian Anderson provided an overview of the 2024 Family and Community Support Services Final Funding Reports.

6.3 Round Table None

MOTION: By H. Brown that items 6.1 to 6.3 be received as information.
Carried Unanimously

7. REPORTS

7.1 Council Update

Councillor Heemeryck reviewed the attached report.

7.2 Community & Social Development Team Leader

Community & Social Development Team Leader, Sian Anderson, provided updates on current and upcoming initiatives. The Social Needs Assessment and Strategy will be presented to Council in April. The Community Volunteer Income Tax Program through the Okotoks Family Resource Centre is supporting residents with simple tax situations, the Pop-Up Café program is running in three locations, and the Seniors' Speaker Series continues to see strong attendance numbers. 2025 Family and Community Support Services funding has been finalized and distributed to agencies.

7.3 Youth Representative

C. Giroux, Youth Representative, provided highlights from the written report.

7.4 Youth Representative

S. Thiruchitrambalam, Youth Representative, provided an update on the grand opening of the Youth Centre, which took place on February 14, 2025, and featured a roller-skating party. She highlighted the success of the Candy Grams fundraiser at her school for Valentine's Day, and additionally, she emphasized the importance of the February family break, noting that it provided a much-needed rest after midterms and diploma exams. She also noted the abundance of mud outside.

MOTION: By S. Thiruchitrambalam that items 7.1 to 7.4 be received as information.

Carried Unanimously

8. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

8.1 2025 Family and Community Support Services Association of Alberta Conference - February 7, 2025

8.2 Family and Community Support Services Association of Alberta Board Meeting Highlights - January 31, 2025

MOTION: By C. Giroux that items 8.1 and 8.2 be received as information.

Carried Unanimously

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Family and Community Support Services Committee is April 2, 2025.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: By H. Brown that the March 5, 2025 Family and Community Support Services Committee meeting adjourn at 7:53 p.m.

Carried Unanimously