

**TOWN OF OKOTOKS
UNDOPTED MINUTES
FOR THE UNITED WAY/OKOTOKS PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE
HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025
IN THE VIKING RENTALS CENTRE – PROVINCIAL ROOM**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS
PRESENT**

Carl Thiele, Vice Chair
Councillor Hallmark
Claire Baek
Michael Cook
Meg Meints
Dick Nichols
Jakki Smolcic

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS
ABSENT**

Ankur Gupta
Valeria Rusnak

**STAFF
PRESENT**

Community Wellness Specialist Magan Braun
Community & Social Development Administrator
Bethany Pizani

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Carl Thiele called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. and provided a traditional land acknowledgement.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: By J. Smolcic that the agenda for the March 11, 2025 United Way/Okotoks Partnership Committee Meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 United Way/Okotoks Partnership Committee - February 11, 2025

MOTION: By J. Smolcic that the minutes of the United Way/Okotoks Partnership Committee Meeting held February 11, 2025 be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

4. BUSINESS

4.1 Community Investment - Review of 2024 Final Funding Reports

The Committee discussed the 2024 final funding reports.

4.2 Finalize Community Investment Sub-committee Members

The Committee reviewed and confirmed the members of the sub-committee.

4.3 Campaign Discussion and Planning

4.3.1 Talent Show

Councillor Hallmark provided an update on the sold-out Talent Show fundraiser and its key highlights. The Committee discussed hosting the event again next year.

4.3.2 Event Ideas

The Committee discussed the upcoming speaker event fundraiser and scheduled it for Thursday, May 15, 2025 at the Viking Rentals Centre.

The Committee discussed strategies for engaging local businesses in the payroll campaign.

4.4 Annual Calendar

The Committee reviewed the United Way/Okotoks Partnership annual calendar.

4.5 Round Table Discussion None

MOTION: By D. Nichols that business items 4.1 to 4.5 be received as information.

Carried Unanimously

4.6 Administrative Invoice(s)

MOTION: By Councillor Hallmark that the invoice(s) for Administrative expenses totaling \$88.18 be paid.

Carried Unanimously

4.7 Campaign Invoice(s)

MOTION: By J. Smolic that the invoice(s) for Campaign expenses totaling \$750.17 be paid.

Carried Unanimously

4.8 Annual allocation amounts for Administration and Campaign per the Memorandum of Understanding

MOTION: By Councillor Hallmark that the United Way/Okotoks Partnership Committee allocate \$1,410.34 to Administration expenses and \$1,995.74 to Campaign expenses for 2025 per the Memorandum of Understanding.

Carried Unanimously

5. REPORTS

5.1 Staff Liaison Report

Community Wellness Specialist Magan Braun provided updates on the pop-up café initiative at the Okotoks Recreation Centre, Sobeys, and Safeway; the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP); the Age-Friendly Speaker Series; the Social Needs Assessment/Strategy; and the upcoming Volunteer Appreciation Event.

5.2 Treasurer Report

Community & Social Development Administrator Bethany Pizani reported on current account balances.

5.3 Youth Report

Claire Baek provided feedback from youth on Okotoks' Got Talent.

5.4 Council Report

Councillor Hallmark provided updates on the biweekly garbage collection schedule and the 2025 Provincial Budget update, including its impact on municipalities.

MOTION: By D. Nichols that items 5.1 to 5.4 be received as information.

Carried Unanimously

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the United Way/Okotoks Partnership Committee will be held April 8, 2025.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: By J. Smolic that the March 11, 2025 United Way/Okotoks
Partnership Committee Meeting adjourn at 6:32 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

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Vice Chair Carl Thiele