

**TOWN OF OKOTOKS
UNADOPTED MINUTES
FOR THE UNITED WAY/OKOTOKS PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE
HELD TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025
IN THE VIKING RENTALS CENTRE – PROVINCIAL ROOM**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS
PRESENT**

Carl Thiele, Vice Chair
Councillor Hallmark
Ankur Gupta
Meg Meints
Dick Nichols

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS
ABSENT**

Michael Cook
Valeria Rusnak
Jakki Smolcic

**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 5:34 p.m. and provided a traditional land acknowledgement.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: By D. Nichols that the agenda for the July 8, 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 - July 10, 2025

MOTION: By A. Gupta that the minutes of the United Way/Okotoks Partnership Committee Meeting held June 10, 2025 be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

4. BUSINESS

4.1 Campaign Discussion and Planning

4.1.1 Fundraising Plan

Community Wellness Specialist Magan Braun provided feedback from the United Way of Calgary & Area regarding potential Area Partnership meetings. The Committee identified several priority topics that they would want to learn about at upcoming Area Partnership meetings, including expanding payroll giving initiatives among small businesses, fostering collaboration with neighbouring communities, and exploring opportunities to strengthen and grow the partnership.

4.1.2 Talent Show Fundraiser

The Committee discussed plans for the 2026 Okotoks Got Talent fundraiser.

4.1.3 Payroll Campaign

United Way/Okotoks Partnership Committee member Dick Nichols provided update on current payroll campaign planning.

4.2 Annual Calendar

The Committee reviewed the annual calendar.

4.3 Round Table Discussion
None

MOTION: By M. Meints that business items 4.1 to 4.3 be received as information.

Carried Unanimously

4.4 Administrative Invoice(s)

MOTION: By A. Gupta that the invoice(s) for Administrative expenses totaling \$93.54 be paid.

Carried Unanimously

4.5 Campaign Invoice(s)
None

5. REPORTS

5.1 Staff Liaison Report

Community Wellness Specialist Magan Braun provided updates on the implementation planning for the Social Needs Assessment & Strategy; the upcoming review of funding processes; the Okotoks Family Resource Centre, which has seen high demand for the Reaching Home Grant to support residents in maintaining stable housing; the Volunteer Resource Centre, which remains active with youth volunteers supporting summer day camps; the Pop-Up Cafés and Pop-Up in the Park series; the Community Access Program; the Accessibility Audit Working Group; the "Making the Connections" professional development series for front-line community workers; and the Block Party Trailer program. The Community & Social Development team is now fully staffed following the recent addition of a Community Resource Specialist.

5.2 Treasurer Report

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

5.3 Council Report

Councillor Hallmark provided updates regarding the Town's Growth and Development Strategy, as well as the High School Theatre.

MOTION: By A. Gupta that items 5.1 to 5.3 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 August 12, 2025.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: By M. Meints that the July 8, 2025 United Way/Okotoks Partnership Committee Meeting adjourn at 6:25 p.m.

Carried Unanimously