

**UNADOPTED MINUTES
OF THE TOWN OF OKOTOKS
FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018
IN THE OKOTOKS MUNICIPAL CENTRE
COUNCIL CHAMBER**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS
PRESENT**

Ashley Dreger, Chair
Councillor Matt Rockley
Reilly Carlson
Gabby Gibbs
Jana Giger
Sharon Hudspeth
Lynnea Knight
John Lowe
Melissa Whitney

STAFF PRESENT

Debbie Posey, Community Wellness Manager
Sian Anderson, Recording Secretary

A AGENDA

A.1 Call to Order

Chair Dreger called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.

A.2 Additions / Deletions / Changes

A.3 Adoption

MOTION: By L. Knight that the January 17, 2018 agenda for the Family and Community Support Services Advisory Committee be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

B PRESENTATION

B.1 Okotoks and District Seniors' Club - Program Facilitator

Elida Raynor, President
Mel Knapp, Board Member

The Program Facilitator provides seniors with information on available resources and community connections, and works with members to create an environment that encourages social contact and physical activity. Seniors are encouraged to be involved in the Club and in the community, so they understand that their contributions are valued and appreciated. FCSS funding will be used to offset the cost of the Club's Program Facilitator.

B.2 Rowan House Society - Branches Preventative Education and Awareness Program
Ally Cramm, Community Relations Coordinator
Lindsay Durand, Preventative Education Facilitator

The Branches Preventative Education and Awareness Program engages the community and promotes the prevention of family violence through education, awareness, and volunteerism. Rowan House provides Branches presentations, workshops, and education/awareness displays on topics related to family violence. FCSS funding will be used to support community and in-shelter preventative education.

B.3 Junior Achievement South Alberta - Foothills Region - Volunteer Program
Timmi Shorr, Senior Regional Coordinator - Foothills

With the engagement of community volunteers, Junior Achievement South Alberta programs will inspire and educate all young Albertans to succeed in the global economy by developing entrepreneurial, financial literacy and leadership skills. FCSS funding will be used to offset volunteer training costs.

B.4 Foothills Regional Victims Services - Volunteer Program
Kerri Wilkinson, Program Manager

Foothills Regional Victim Services Association provides support, information and referrals to victims of crime and/or trauma. Immediate crisis support is provided and in the case of criminal court proceedings, victims are kept updated and given court orientation and accompaniment. Highly trained community volunteers, available around the clock, provide services to victims under the direction and supervision of a paid coordinator. FCSS funding will be used to offset volunteer expenses, including out of pocket expenditures, mileage and training.

B.5 Calgary Catholic Immigration Society - Foothills Community Immigrant Services Volunteer Program
Ric Morales, Manager, Community Development & Integration Services
Nancy Risdon, Settlement Worker
Karen Wilke, Volunteer Coordinator

Foothills Community Immigrant Services (FCIS) is a rural project of Calgary Catholic Immigration Society (CCIS) and has been operating in Okotoks since 2009. They are the only immigrant service agency in Okotoks and the Foothills area providing comprehensive settlement services to immigrants and refugees; along with community orientation, direct client services, newcomer family support, informal English learning, community referrals and assistance with integration into the community. The FCIS Volunteer Program provides opportunities for local residents (both Canadian born and newcomers) to provide important support and community connections for newcomers to Okotoks. FCSS funding will be used to help cover the Volunteer Coordinator wages, volunteer training and appreciation.

B.6 High River & District Parent Link Centre - Okotoks Parent Link Programming
Michelle Kessel, Co-Supervisor
Christine Scherer-Smith, Co-Supervisor

Parent Link Centres provide a free, universal program open to all families, parents, para-professionals and childcare providers working and living with children aged prenatal to six years. “Connecting through play” is a guiding philosophy of Parent Link Centres, offering play based learning activities that support the parent’s role in fostering optimal child development through parent/child activities. It also includes parenting programs which provide support and information to families regarding positive parenting practices. FCSS funding will be used to offset costs for the Okotoks program.

Break at 6:58 p.m. Reconvene at 7:30 p.m.

C NEW BUSINESS

C.1 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Calgary and Area - Mentoring in Okotoks

MOTION: By S. Hudspeth that the Committee recommends that the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Calgary and Area - Mentoring in Okotoks be funded \$50,000.
Carried Unanimously

C.2 Calgary Catholic Immigration Society - Foothills Community Immigrant Services Volunteer Program

MOTION: By G. Gibbs that the Committee recommends that the Calgary Catholic Immigration Society - Foothills Community Immigrant Services Volunteer Program be funded \$5,000.
Carried Unanimously

C.3 Christ the Redeemer Catholic Schools - The Connections Program

MOTION: By J. Giger that the Committee recommends that the Christ the Redeemer Catholic Schools - The Connections Program be funded \$25,000.
Carried Unanimously

C.4 Citizens on Patrol Okotoks - Volunteer Program

MOTION: By G. Gibbs that the Committee recommends that the Citizens on Patrol Okotoks - Volunteer Program be funded \$1,000.
Carried Unanimously

C.5 Foothills Country Hospice Society - Volunteer Services Program

MOTION: By S. Hudspeth that the Committee recommends that the Foothills Country Hospice Society - Volunteer Services Program be funded \$12,800.

Carried Unanimously

C.6 Foothills Fetal Alcohol Society - FASD Prevention and Awareness Project

MOTION: By L. Knight that the Committee recommends that the Foothills Fetal Alcohol Society - FASD Prevention and Awareness Project be funded \$7,500.

Carried Unanimously

C.7 Foothills Regional Victim Services Association - Volunteer Program

MOTION: By M. Whitney that the Committee recommends that the Foothills Regional Victim Services Association - Volunteer Program be funded \$7,000.

Carried Unanimously

C.8 Foothills School Division - Family School Liaison Counsellor Program

MOTION: By R. Carlson that the Committee recommends that the Foothills School Division - Family School Liaison Counsellor Program be funded \$35,000.

Carried Unanimously

C.9 Foothills School Division - Success Connector Program

MOTION: By R. Carlson that the Committee recommends that the Foothills School Division - Success Connector Program be funded \$25,000.

Carried Unanimously

C.10 Foothills Special Needs Association for Parents and Siblings (SNAPS) - Family Support

MOTION: By J. Giger that the Committee recommends that the Foothills Special Needs Association for Parents and Siblings (SNAPS) - Family Support be funded \$15,000.

Carried Unanimously

C.11 High River and District Parent Link Centre - Okotoks Parent Link Programming

MOTION: By M. Whitney that the Committee recommends that the High River and District Parent Link Centre - Okotoks Parent Link Programming be funded \$17,000.

Carried Unanimously

C.12 Junior Achievement South Alberta - Foothills Region - Volunteer Program

MOTION: By J. Lowe that the Committee recommends that the Junior Achievement South Alberta - Foothills Region - Volunteer Program be funded \$2,000.
Carried Unanimously

C.13 Literacy for Life Foundation - Community Family Literacy Projects

MOTION: By M. Whitney that the Committee recommends that the Literacy for Life Foundation - Community Family Literacy Projects be funded \$12,000.
Carried Unanimously

C.14 Okotoks and District Seniors' Club - Program Facilitator

MOTION: By J. Giger that the Committee recommends that the Okotoks and District Seniors' Club - Program Facilitator be funded \$6,000.
Carried Unanimously

C.15 Okotoks Meals on Wheels Society - Volunteer Appreciation

MOTION: By S. Hudspeth that the Committee recommends that the Okotoks Meals on Wheels Society - Volunteer Appreciation be funded \$875.
Carried Unanimously

C.16 Rowan House Society - Branches Preventative Education and Awareness Program

MOTION: By L. Knight that the Committee recommends that the Rowan House Society - Branches Preventative Education and Awareness Program be funded \$20,000.
Carried Unanimously

C.17 Wild Rose Community Connections - Dad's Central

MOTION: By M. Whitney that the Committee recommends that the Wild Rose Community Connections - Dad's Central be funded \$38,825.
Carried Unanimously

D NEXT MEETING DATES

- February 7, 2018
- March 7, 2018
- April 4, 2018

E ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: By Councillor Rockley that the January 17, 2018 Family and Community Support Services Advisory Committee meeting adjourn at 9:31 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

Ashley Dreger, Chair

Sian Anderson, Recording Secretary