

**FCSS Advisory Board
June 22, 2021
Meeting Minutes**

MEMBERS: L. Sawchuk (*Chair*), A. Boyle (*Vice-Chair*), Councillor B. Hamilton (*Leduc City Council*), Councillor L. Tillack (*Leduc City Council, Alternate*), S. Burghardt, M. Oliver, R. Pollard, A. Ulrickson (*City Liaison*)

PRESENT: L. Sawchuk, A. Boyle, Councillor B. Hamilton, M. Oliver, R. Pollard, S. Burghardt, A. Ulrickson, D. Brock, R. Martens

GUESTS: S. Weinstein, C. Tabone

ABSENT:

RECORDER: R. Martens

AGENDA ITEM		DISCUSSION	ACTION
1.0	CALL TO ORDER	L. Sawchuk called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.	
2.0	GUEST		
2.1	Jack & Jill Playschool	S. Weinstein made a presentation regarding their GTO proposal and addressed the questions from the Board.	
2.2	Discussion and Decision	<p>This year's funding request from Jack & Jill Playschool is for salaries and contracted services. Recommendations from the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve one-year funding at a reduced amount of \$18,000.00 – same amount as last year's approved grant. • The Board believes that the program could still run successfully without the financial support from the City, by exploring other avenues for funding. • The Board supports Jack & Jill Playschool with their plan to acquire a charitable organization status with Canada Revenue Agency, and believes that they will highly benefit from it. 	
2.3	Family Violence Prevention Team (FVPT)	<p>C. Tabone made a presentation to the Board. Some highlights of her presentation are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men & women online groups were held year-round and a total of 53 attended the sessions. • Some families reached out to other programs and resources in the community such as trauma group, and wellness group, which FVPT provided in partnership with 	

		<p>Nisku FCSS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenges – fundraising during COVID-time was a challenged, therefore they are looking for new funding sources. • In the last year, 75 counselling sessions were approved for children and their families. • Changes with staffing – there is a new Chair and a few new committee members. • The group is re-establishing goals and preparing new welcome packages. • The Family Violence Prevention Team has around 20 members from community organizations around the City, who work in areas related to families and children. <p>C. Tabone answered the Board's questions.</p>	
3.0	REVIEW		
3.1	Agenda	<p>Moved by S. Burghardt That the agenda be accepted as presented.</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p>	
3.2	Previous Minutes	<p>Moved by S. Burghardt That the minutes of the FCSS Advisory Board meeting held, Tuesday, May 25, 2021, be approved as presented.</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p>	
3.3	Action Items	There was no Action Item for discussion.	
3.4	Round Table	<p>Round table discussion and update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback from the community indicated that people are generally happy with restrictions being lifted and businesses are slowly opening up, and vaccines are easily accessible and available to eligible Canadians. • Some concerns with COVID vaccine not available for younger children and the lack of general guidance from Alberta Health Services (AHS) about wearing masks in certain locations. • Residents in the Deer Valley community are not supportive of an off-leash dog park in their area. • Council suspended the municipal mask bylaw indefinitely on March 8, 2021 and the City of Leduc follows the provincial 	

		<p>government's guidelines. Wearing a mask is a personal choice and the City ask people to be kind, considerate and supportive of each other.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telus is installing fibre optic technology for internet in the businesses and residential areas. Expect to see trenching and Telus vault/boxes installed in utility right of way. • Vehicle charging stations will be installed downtown in the ATB parking lot. It will cost around \$16,000.00 powered by a solar array. • The Edmonton International Airport (EIA) is setting up a fund, supported by all municipalities in the region, to bring back international air services at EIA. The 15-million-dollar fund will provide incentives to airlines to bring back and grow our international air services. This fund will be managed by Edmonton Global, and the City of Leduc is supporting this in the amount of \$330,000.00 in the next 2 years, to boost the economic development in Leduc. 	
4.0	OLD BUSINESS		
4.1	Homelessness Task Force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Homelessness Task Force received a presentation from M. Haggerty, E.D. at Leduc Regional Housing Foundation (LRHF). She talked about the programs at LRHF and explained affordable housing versus subsidized housing and funding sources. • Presenter at next meeting will be Jessica Hutton from Open Door homeless shelter in Camrose. 	
5.0	NEW BUSINESS		
5.1	Review of New GTO Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion around one of the program funding guidelines being 60% of clients served are residents of the City of Leduc and how this affects applicants. • Further discussions to be continued at next meeting. 	
5.2	2021 FCSSAA Annual Conference (Dec. 2 & 3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The FCSSA Annual Conference is happening on Dec. 2 & 3, and if anyone is interested please let A. Ulrickson know. The conference will be held virtually. Details will be provided closer to the meeting date. Tabled to September agenda for further discussion. 	

6.0	CORRESPONDENCE	No Correspondence	
6.1	FCSSAA Board Meeting Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No discussion. 	
6.2	FCSSAA Newsletter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No discussion. 	
6.3	FCSS Regulation QA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No discussion. 	
6.4	OC FCSS Regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No discussion. 	
6.5	Email to FCSS Programs Re: Regulation Changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No discussion. 	
7.0	MEETING ADJOURNMENT		
7.1	Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.	
8.0	NEXT MEETING	No discussion	
8.1	Next Meeting	The next meeting is on September 28, 2021, at 6 PM	

Respectfully submitted,

L. Sawchuk
Vice-Chair

Rhodora Martens
Recording Secretary