

**FCSS Advisory Board  
March 22, 2022  
Meeting Minutes**

**MEMBERS:** L. Sawchuk (*Chair*), A. Boyle (*Vice-Chair*), Councillor R. Pollard (*Leduc City Council*), Councillor B. Hamilton (*Leduc City Council Alternate*), C. Taylor, J. Kretzer-Prysunka, K. Eichelt, M. Bryson, A. Ulrickson (*City Liaison*)

**PRESENT:** L. Sawchuk, A. Boyle, R. Pollard, J. Kretzer-Prysunka, K. Eichelt, M. Bryson, A. Ulrickson, R. Martens

**GUESTS:** Ted Koopmans, J Sangster

**ABSENT:** C. Taylor, M. Bryson

**RECORDER:** R. Martens

AGENDA ITEM		DISCUSSION	ACTION
1.0	CALL TO ORDER	L. Sawchuk called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.	
2.0	GUEST		
2.1	St. Vincent de Paul	<p>T. Koopmans and J. Sangster made a presentation regarding the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVP) and answered questions from the Board. The following are some of the highlights of their presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SVP works with non-profit and government agencies.</li> <li>• Provide less fortunate residents of Leduc and area, need of housing and life skills support may include assistance with finding housing, rent &amp; furniture (basic household items both new and used), medication and food, assistance with moving and relocation in the area.</li> <li>• All volunteers, no paid positions.</li> <li>• Minimal budget- In 2021, the society raised \$26,000, and reported \$21,000 in expenses.</li> <li>• Receives much appreciated storage space from City of Leduc and \$5,000 in funding.</li> <li>• Occasional issue with lack of storage but manageable.</li> <li>• Promotion: website and word of mouth</li> <li>• SVP have an average of 12-15 regular volunteers.</li> </ul>	
3.0	REVIEW		

3.1	Agenda	<p><b>Moved by J. Kretzer-Prysunka, seconded by Councillor R. Pollard</b> That the agenda be accepted with addition: 5.1 Board Member</p> <p><b>Motion carried unanimously.</b></p>	
3.2	Previous Minutes	<p><b>Moved by J. Kretzer-Prysunka, seconded by Councillor R. Pollard</b> That the minutes of the FCSS Advisory Board meeting held, Tuesday, February 22, 2022, be approved with correction: 5.3 Tabled to next meeting.</p> <p><b>Motion carried unanimously.</b></p>	
3.3	Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site visit at Leduc Regional Food Bank has been arranged and confirmed for June.</li> <li>• No competition between LINX and LCLA; both organizations receive support from FCSS and fundraising opportunities from the Leduc Recreation Centre and/or other organizations in Leduc for fundraising opportunities.</li> </ul>	
3.4	Round Table	<p>The following are some of the highlights of the round table discussions and updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Scooter Bylaw was passed.</li> <li>• The volunteer income tax program is now open.</li> <li>• The city is hiring for summer work positions.</li> <li>• The community garden plots are very popular.</li> <li>• Strategic Planning took place over a few weeks.</li> <li>• Flag raising of Ukrainian flag in recognition of the victims of war.</li> <li>• Autism Awareness Day is on April 2<sup>nd</sup></li> <li>• World Down Syndrome Day is on March 21<sup>st</sup></li> <li>• Programs at LRC (i.e., swimming lessons) fill up fast especially the weekend lessons. Lots of feedback from parents about struggles/frustrations in signing up for classes.</li> </ul>	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>		
4.1	Homelessness Task Force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The City of Leduc approved the Homelessness Prevention and Poverty Framework.</li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The key priorities are: access to housing, mental health and addiction, improve access to services, and food security.</li> <li>• The strategies included short, medium and long term time frame identifying target measures, potential funding, partners, and lead roles. The community garden is a great example of an opportunity to partner with other organizations to explore food security, learning and promotion.</li> <li>• The complete report is available online on the City of Leduc's website for anyone's perusal.</li> </ul>	
4.2	Grants To Organizations (GTO) Matrix	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The GTO matrix is a criteria tool, which aligns with the policy, to be used in determining if an application for GTO warrants funding.</li> <li>• The criteria have room to allow for applications to easily fit but clear enough to see if it doesn't. Currently it still fits the funding and policy guideline.</li> </ul>	
4.3	Agenda/Calendar for the Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A. Ulrickson laid out the calendar for the year. No other addition as the Homelessness Prevention and Poverty Framework will require lots of work and the Board would like to focus on it and support A. Ulrickson with this initiative.</li> <li>• Meeting and site visit to the Leduc Regional Food Bank is booked for June 28<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Schedule Santa's Helpers for a presentation in early Fall.</li> <li>• The Board will be invited to the Volunteer Fair on September 11<sup>th</sup>, it's a family event.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• R. Martens to schedule invitation for a presentation of Santa's Helpers in the Fall.</li> <li>• Send tickets to Board for the Volunteer Fair.</li> </ul>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>		
5.1	Board Member	<p><b>Moved by Councillor R. Pollard, seconded by A. Boyle</b> Pursuant to Section 3.F FCSS Bylaw, that the 3 consecutive absences by M. Bryson from the Board meetings be authorized by this Board.</p> <p><b>Motion carried unanimously.</b></p>	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	<b>No Correspondence</b>	
6.1	FCSSAA Conference Information	Conference date: November 2022; Further details will be provided closer to the date.	
6.2	FCSSAA Board Meeting Highlights - January	No discussion.	

<b>7.0</b>	<b>MEETING ADJOURNMENT</b>		
7.1	Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.	
<b>8.0</b>	<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	<b>No discussion</b>	
8.1	Next Meeting	The next meeting is on April 26, 2022, at 6 PM; Location: hybrid. In-person meeting will be in the East Railway, Civic Centre, 1 Alexandra Park.	

Respectfully submitted,

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L. Sawchuk  
Vice-Chair

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Rhodora Martens  
Recording Secretary