

**FCSS Advisory Board
November 24, 2020
Meeting Minutes**

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

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

GUESTS: N. Fuhsel, L. Savill, K. Knebel, S. Suk

ABSENT: D. Macdougall, A. Boyle

RECORDER: R. Martens

AGENDA ITEM		DISCUSSION	ACTION
1.0	CALL TO ORDER	D. Macdougall called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.	
2.0	Guests		
2.1	LINX, N. Fuhsel, L. Savill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N. Fuhsel, Executive Director, and L. Savill, Business Manager, Leduc LINX Connect Centre, made a verbal presentation, provided background information, reviewed their code of service, and answered the Board's questions. • LINX is moving into a new building (currently under construction) sometime in April 2021. They secured a 10-year lease 	
2.2	LCDAC, K. Knebel Community Facilitator, S, Suk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K. Knebel, Leduc Community Drug Action Committee (LCDAC) Vice-Chairman, provided a verbal report. The following are some program highlights for the year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Cannabis tool kits were completed and distributed to the City Council, schools, RCMP, and County of Leduc. ➢ The 'Somebody's Someone' opioid awareness video digital campaign ran for a month from June-July; there will be another media push during National Addictions Awareness Week. ➢ The After Grad, the Positive Ticketing Program, and the Liquor Bag campaign was cancelled due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. ➢ Vaping information session will be facilitated by AHS on November 30th in partnership with Leduc County 	

		<p>(virtual only).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Alberta Health Services (AHS) grant deadline was extended to March 2021. ➤ The provincial budget cut to healthcare included Addiction Prevention & Mental Health Promotion, Edmonton Zone (entire team in Leduc); all provincial support staff laid off as of October 20th and no longer a part of the LCDAC committee. ➤ There is a huge increase in opioid-related death according to the Q2 2020 Opioid Response Surveillance Provincial Report. ➤ The Naloxone kit training was postponed. ➤ The Neighbouring Summit happened on November 18, 2020, at 5:30 PM (virtual event) and LCDAC sponsored the event. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Suk, FCSS Community Facilitator, provided a verbal report. The following are highlights of her program activities in the last year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Work with the Youth Council – Strategic planning was completed; 13 new youth council members were recruited. ➤ Participating in Inter-Municipal Collaborative meetings. ➤ Supported the surveys conducted by the Youth Mental Health Project. ➤ Leadership Influencers was also supported by the Youth Council. ➤ The presentation to the COW received positive feedback from Mayor and Council. ➤ Assisted with info-graphics on COVID for FCSS. ➤ Public events held included Pride Week and National Addictions Awareness Week (virtually). ➤ Home Alone Program offered in partnership with Family Resource Network (FRN) Facilitator (virtually). 	
3.0	REVIEW		
3.1	Agenda	<p>Moved by R. Pollard That the agenda be accepted as presented:</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p>	

3.2	Previous Minutes	<p>Moved by Councillor B. Hamilton That the minutes of the FCSS Advisory Board meeting held, Tuesday, October 27, 2020, be approved with correction.</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p>	
3.3	Action Items	No discussion.	
3.4	Round Table	<p>Round table discussion and update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General feedback from people on COVID almost a general despair affecting people to relapse and increase mental health concerns. • Seven (7) people participated in the Budgeting in Uncertain Times workshop; The Truth About Credit Amidst a Pandemic workshop was cancelled due to lack of registrations. • The budget is coming together nicely, Council is challenging the administration to bring a variety of business cases without a tax increase, maintain the same level of services, and may see some changes with future or long-term projects. • The Doris Smith basketball court update – to resolve residents' concerns, Council decided to remove two basketball courts and leave two behind. • The City of Leduc is going ahead with the Habitat for Humanity Project, working with Leduc Regional Housing Foundation, Margot Hagarty new Executive Director, • Councillor B. Hamilton, A. Clarke from Leduc FCSS, and J. Lutz from Beaumont FCSS represented our region at the Municipal Round Table on Gender-Based Violence. It was reported that statistics on violence are up, with COVID increasing people's stress and anxiety, being stuck at home with their aggressors, people are feeling increased pressure. 	
4.0	OLD BUSINESS		
4.1	Homelessness Plan Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A. Ulrickson provided an update on the work that she's doing with the homelessness strategy plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A total of 68 participants attended the training provided by the Mustard Seed on working closely with people experiencing homelessness. There are plans to offer the training session for the business 	

		<p>owners in Leduc. Also looking at recording the training and offer it as a video webinar series.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A survey is being conducted with the homeless population to gather more understanding of their situations. ➤ There were eight (8) unique participants that have accessed the overnight winter shelter at the Alliance Church. ➤ A facilitator will lead a group talk with participants with lived experience with homelessness to gather knowledge and additional background. 	
5.0	NEW BUSINESS		
5.1	FCSSAA 2020 Virtual Annual General Meeting	S. Burghardt agreed to attend the FCSSAA Virtual Annual General Meeting on Nov. 27 th with D. Brock.	
5.2	December Board Meeting	The Board decided to stay with the Dec. 22 nd meeting date, everyone was encouraged to bring their own dinner to eat virtually and make it an ugly Christmas sweater meeting.	
6.0	Correspondence		
6.1	FCSSAA 2020 Annual Report	No discussion	
6.2	FCSSAA Membership Fees	No discussion	
6.3	FCSSAA Board Meeting Highlights	No discussion	
6.4	FCSSAA November 2020 Newsletter	No discussion	
7.0	MEETING ADJOURNED		
7.1	Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 7:23 P.M.	
8.0	NEXT MEETING		
8.1	Next Meeting	The next meeting is on December 22, 2020.	

Respectfully submitted,

L. Sawchuk
Board Member

Rhodora Martens
Recording Secretary