

**FCSS Advisory Board
October 26, 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, Ulrickson (*City Liaison*)

PRESENT: L. Sawchuk, M. Oliver, S. Burghardt, A. Ulrickson, Councillor B. Hamilton

GUESTS: S. Ricci, L. Hamm

ABSENT: A. Boyle

RECORDER: A. Ulrickson/R. Martens

RESIGNED: R. Pollard

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	Victim Services Unit	S. Ricci made a presentation regarding the Leduc & District Victim Services and answered questions from the Board. (See attached PowerPoint presentation)	
2.2	FCSS Client Support Worker	L. Hamm made a presentation and answered questions from the Board. (See attached PowerPoint presentation)	
3.0	REVIEW		
3.1	Agenda	Moved by S. Burghardt That the agenda be accepted as presented. Motion carried unanimously.	
3.2	Previous Minutes	Moved by S. Burghardt That the minutes of the FCSS Advisory Board meeting held, Tuesday, September 28, 2021, be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.	
3.3	Action Items	There was no Action Item for discussion.	
3.4	Round Table	Round table discussion and update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Election is finished and most campaign signs were taken down. There was a real effort from the candidates to remove 	

		<p>and clean up their signs right after the election.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great work for Youth Council for participating on election day and welcoming voters at the door; everyone was very friendly. A big thank you goes to M. Oliver for welcoming and directing people even with the cold weather. • Congratulations to R. Pollard for getting elected as Council member. He stepped down from the FCSS Advisory Board. • Council inauguration is live stream and anyone is welcome to tune in and watch Council members take their Oath of Office. 	
4.0	OLD BUSINESS		
4.1	Homelessness Task Force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of research happening with the Homelessness Task Force. • The Contractor presented a picture of Leduc and Homelessness and Poverty Prevention. • Only 52% of household in Leduc is making over \$100,000 annual income. • People making around \$75,000 and less is considered struggling with paying their bills. • In 2020, Leduc had a 12% unemployment rate; • Single seniors between 68 and 72 years old were more at-risk compared to 2016. They were seen more accessing services and living in poverty, struggling to pay their bills. • Fifty percent (50%) of renters in Leduc are paying 30% of their income towards their housing. • There are a small number of foreclosures in Leduc, and those were a result of marital break-up. • FCSS had seen significant increased request for support due to marital/partner break-up. • Survey will be conducted among stake holders in the community who also serve the homeless population to get their input. • A. Ulrickson, in partnership with the Go Centre, has an extreme weather plan in case the temperature drops to around -25 or a need comes up for a warming centre. She is also working with the Hub with back-up plan in case they ran 	

		out of beds.	
5.0	NEW BUSINESS		
5.1	Vacant Board Positions	There are three (3) vacant board positions at the end of this year and currently being advertised.	
6.0	CORRESPONDENCE	No Correspondence	
6.1	FCSSAA Board Meeting Highlights	No discussion.	
6.2	FCSSA 2021 AGM Resolutions	<p>The Leduc FCSS Board will vote on the following resolutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolution 2021-01 To advocate for equitable internet and cellular service in Alberta. • Resolution 2021-02 To advocate for the provision of safe and affordable housing options for all municipalities in Alberta. • Resolution 2021-03 To amend current regulation to allow FCSS to provide direct assistance for food and social supports and services during declared Provincial, Regional, and States of Local Emergency (SOLE) without the need of a Ministerial Order with proposed conditions. (See attached resolutions for details.) <p>The Leduc FCSS Advisory Board voted <u>Yes</u> to all of the above resolutions and the appointed delegates at the FCSSAA AGM will vote accordingly.</p>	
7.0	MEETING ADJOURNMENT		
7.1	Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.	
8.0	NEXT MEETING	No discussion	
8.1	Next Meeting	The next meeting is on November 23, 2021, at 6 PM	

Respectfully submitted,

L. Sawchuk
Vice-Chair

Rhodora Martens
Recording Secretary