

**FCSS Advisory Board
October 24, 2023
1 Alexandra Park, Leduc, AB
Meeting Minutes**

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

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

ABSENT: C. Taylor

GUEST: C. Weibe, L. Logan, Leduc Santa's Helpers

RECORDER: R. Martens

AGENDA ITEM		DISCUSSION	ACTION
1.0	CALL TO ORDER	L. Sawchuk called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.	
2.0	GUEST: Santa's Helpers		
2.1	Santa's Helpers Presentation	C. Weibe and L. Logan from Leduc Santa's Helpers Board of Directors made a presentation to the FCSS Advisory Board and talked about their organization's history, mission, programs and services, fundraising initiatives, and challenges. C. Wiebe and L. Logan answered the Board's questions.	
3.0	REVIEW		
3.1	Agenda	Moved by M. Bryson That the agenda be accepted with addition: 5.2 Resolution Motion carried unanimously.	
3.2	Previous Minutes	Moved by J. Kretzer-Prysunka That the minutes of the FCSS Advisory Board meeting held, Tuesday, September 26, 2023, be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.	
3.3	Action Items	No outstanding Action Items.	

3.4	Round Table	<p>The following are highlights from the Round Table discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Pollard shared some information from Council meetings. Budget deliberation is starting soon for 2024 City of Leduc budget. • Alberta Mid-sized Cities conference was hosted in Leduc and went very well. • The Leduc Region PROBUS Club had an interesting and informative visit with Mayor Young. • Construction on 65 Avenue is very busy and promises to be amazing when it's done. • Human/Child Trafficking Awareness, Walk for Freedom, was held in October. • City Life Church will be hosting Christmas Care Closet on November 18, 2023, for single low-income families. More information to follow. • Social media comments/posts about the Food Bank – there is proper platform to provide feedback. Email the Chair of the Board of Directors. • New Art Studio – Miss Vs On Main – offered free pumpkin carving. Great to see local businesses promoting fun activities for the entire family. 	
4.0	OLD BUSINESS		
4.1	Homelessness & Poverty Framework Update and De-stigmatizing Campaign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A. Ulrickson shared that access to free training on how to support unhoused populations, was launched and offered to City of Leduc staff. • External training will start on November 1, 2023, and will be offered for free to non-profit organizations. • A. Ulrickson and A. Lazowski will be attending the National Conference on Ending Homelessness in Halifax, Nova Scotia, on Nov. 8-10, 2023. 	
4.2	FCSS Conference Follow-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M. Bryson is attending the FCSSAA Conference on behalf of the FCSS Advisory Board. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M. Bryson will be representing the Leduc FCSS Advisory Board at the FCSSAA AGM and voting on its behalf.
4.3	Review of GTO Presentation and FCSS Board Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L. Sawchuk made a presentation at the Council meeting on October 16, 2023. All three (3) GTO funding 	

		<p>recommendations (BGC Leduc, Leduc Regional Food Bank, and Telford House) were flagged for additional information and further discussion amongst Council members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L. Sawchuk updated Council on the activities of the Board, site visits and presentations of GTO funded programs, and staff presentations on programs and initiatives. • Discussion on review of permanently funded organizations for future considerations, what works and what needs to be updated/reconfigured, processes and bylaw. 	
5.0	NEW BUSINESS	No New Business	
5.1	FCSS Advisory Board Member's Resignation	A. Ulrickson shared that C. Taylor resigned from her position as an FCSS Advisory Board Member effective immediately, due to personal reasons. Two (2) positions will be vacant (Chair and Vice-Chair) and open for voting at the December Advisory Board meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City of Leduc is recruiting for the open positions in the FCSS Advisory Board.
5.2	FCSS Resolution	<p>Moved by L. Sawchuk</p> <p>That the Bylaw amendments proposed by Special Resolution to the Members on November 24, 2023, at the FCSSAA Annual General Meeting, be supported by the Leduc FCSS Advisory Board (and its representative) and vote in favour thereof.</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p>	
6.0	MEETING ADJOURNMENT		
6.1	Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 7:54 P.M.	
7.0	NEXT MEETING		
7.1	Next Meeting	The next meeting is on November 28, 2023, at 6 P.M.	

Respectfully submitted,

L. Sawchuk
Chair

R. Martens
Recording Secretary