

**FCSS Advisory Board
January 26, 2021
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, L. Sawchuk, R. Pollard, S. Burghardt, A. Ulrickson, R. Martens

GUESTS: No Guest

ABSENT: D. Macdougall, A. Boyle

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	REVIEW		
2.1	Agenda	Moved by R. Pollard That the agenda be accepted as presented. Motion carried unanimously.	
2.2	Previous Minutes	Moved by S. Burghardt That the minutes of the FCSS Advisory Board meeting held, Tuesday, December 22,2020, be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.	
2.3	Action Items	No Action Items	
2.4	Round Table	Round table discussion and update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ministry of Community and Social Services had a re-organization which resulted to Persons with Developmental Disability (PDD) now divided between North and South Zone. • The Youth Strategic Planning was held on January 24, 2021. • The City of Leduc has joined 12 other municipalities in the Alberta Capital Waste Water Commission (ACWWC) with their Flush Smarter Campaign – Sort it, Don't Clog it. This public campaign turned out to be very popular and educate residents and businesses alike in the Do's and Don'ts of smart flushing to prevent sewer back-up. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council receives statistics on COVID-19 on a regular basis and to date, there has been a total of seventeen (17) COVID-19 related deaths in Leduc. • There are three construction projects on-going in Leduc: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Golf Course – building a new club house, Pro shop, banquet facility, a 5-million project, scheduled for a June opening; ➤ RCMP/Protective Services building – this is a 21 million project, scheduled for a January 2022 completion, with a phase move-in as renovation of parts of building gets completed. ➤ Telford Mews – a Christenson Group of Companies project, it is a 6-story building with 133 rental apartments, this retirement community will feature 1 bedroom, 1 bath and 2-bedroom, 2 bath suites, and accommodate medical or assisted living. • Backyard Hens and Bees Pilot Program – Leduc residents who would like to participate in hen keeping or beekeeping must live in a single-family home with fenced backyard and participate in a training session to qualify. Application is now open for this 2-year pilot project. • The City of Leduc’s Strategic Planning Retreat for Council and administration staff is scheduled for February 6, 2021. • Love your Leduc campaign – a passionate video on YouTube featuring local entrepreneurs and business owners sharing their experiences during this COVID-19 pandemic. A good video worth watching and a reminder to show your support to local businesses. • Bell Let’s Talk Day is January 28, 2021 – have the conversation and raise mental health awareness to create positive change. Check-in with the people around you and take care of yourself. The past year had been more challenging for everyone. Health care workers reporting anxiety and struggling due to working long hours, or no days off. 	
3.0	OLD BUSINESS		

3.1	2020 Priorities Wrap-Up	<p>Highlights of FCSS Board of Director's achievement for 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bylaw amendment for the FCSS Advisory Board was approved at the Council meeting in December 2020. • The homelessness in Leduc is being advocated through our partnership with The Hub, Gateway Church and other organizations, creating a shelter, a warming centre, providing training to raise awareness and other initiatives. • The Family Resource Network (FRN) program was implemented in spite of challenges with starting a new program and providing services during a pandemic. 	
3.2	Bylaw Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A final copy of the approved Bylaw was provided to all Board Members. It is also available online on the City of Leduc's website. 	
3.3	Homelessness Plan Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A. Ulrickson will be presenting the homelessness plan and findings at the strategic planning on February 6, 2021. • A warming station was set-up at the Civic Centre since December 16, 2020, 7 days a week from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. • Leduc Recreation Centre (LRC) staff were redeployed to work at the warming station along with FCSS staff. • Light snacks and warm drinks are provided. • Access to the warming station is through the front door. 	
4.0	NEW BUSINESS		
4.1	Agenda/Calendar for the year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation to Committee-of-the-Whole (COW) or Council – deferred to next meeting • Budget 10 Presentations/Site Visits – In 2021, presentations will be virtual and the 5 funded organizations that will present to the Board this year are The Hub, Riseup Society Alberta, Leduc Victim Services, Santa's Helpers, and Family Violence Prevention Team. • Grants To Organizations (GTO) applications will open on March 1, 2021 and closes May 12, 2021. To qualify under the FCSS GTO, organizations must be non-profit, serve City of Leduc residents, under the social services stream and a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rhodora to set up dates and times with the 5 organizations that is due to present this year.

		<p>maximum of 25% request for operational budget. Funded organizations may request for budget increase under the program guidelines. Applications will be reviewed by FCSS Board on May 25, 2021 and recommendations will be presented to Council in June 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FCSS Staff Presentations – Youth Outreach Worker, Family Resource Network Coordinator, and Direct Client Services will present at the Board meetings this year. • 2021 Priority Planning – the Board would like to prioritize the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mental Health – resources and information made available ➤ Homelessness – advocating and lessening the stigma on homelessness; conducting focus groups. ➤ Addictions ➤ Intimate Partner/Family Violence Prevention and Resources ➤ Assist funded organizations with their level of final reports to build their capacity and set them up for success in accessing provincial or federal grants. • Round Table – is an opportunity for Board members to share social services issues that they’ve gathered from the community. Councillor B. Hamilton uses this opportunity to share information from the council meetings and other happenings within the City. A. Ulrickson will provide information from the social services side to keep the Board aware of current issues and concerns and have a rounded discussion. 	
4.2	Board Representations	There is no need for an FCSS Board representation for the Citizen of Distinction Awards Committee. The celebration is different this year with a “kindness counts” video (running for the whole month of February) featuring the 2020 Citizen of Distinction awardees.	
5.0	CORRESPONDENCE	No Correspondence	
6.0	MEETING ADJOURNMENT	No New Business	

6.1	Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.	
7.0	NEXT MEETING	No discussion	
7.1	Next Meeting	The next meeting is on February 23, 2021 (Virtual)	

Respectfully submitted,

L. Sawchuk
Vice-Chairperson

Rhodora Martens
Recording Secretary

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