
1. Order and roll call

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, by Dean Ohnysty as Chair (organizational meeting) with committee members Kelly-Lynn Lewis (Leduc County), Ray Scobie (Leduc County), Carey Benson (Calmar), Cory Gilbert (Thorsby), Rick Hart (Warburg), Ledise Mason (West) and Jolene Doig (East) present.

Other attendees

- Dean Ohnysty, Director of Community Services
- Carol Tabone, Manager of Family Support Services
- Sara Russell, Manager of Community Support Services
- Corrie Richer, Administrative Assistant FCSS

2. Introductions

Round table introductions occurred.

3. Nominations for CHAIR and VICE-CHAIR**Nomination of Chair**

Dean led the committee in the election nomination of Chair.

Dean called for nominations for the position of Chair.

Representative Scobie nominated Representative Lewis to stand as Chair.

No other nominations were brought forward.

Motion Representative Hart – that nominations for Chair close.

Carried unanimously

Representative Lewis was acclaimed Chair of the FCSS Advisory Committee.

Representative Lewis took over the meeting as Chair.

Nomination of Vice-Chair

Representative Lewis called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair.

Representative Lewis nominated Representative Benson.

No other nominations were brought forward.

Motion Representative Hart – that nominations for Vice-Chair close.

Carried unanimously

Representative Benson was acclaimed Vice-Chair of the FCSS Advisory Committee.

4. Agenda adoption

Dean requested that the agenda be amended to include an update on Senior Grant Funding as General business item 6.7.

Motion Representative Scobie – that the agenda for the Wednesday, February 21, 2024, FCSS Advisory Committee meeting be amended to include Senior Grant Funding update under General business item 6.7.

Carried unanimously

5. Adoption of previous minutes

Motion Representative Scobie – that the minutes from the September 20, 2023, FCSS Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried unanimously

6. General business

6.1 Social Framework update

Dean provided an updated action plan from the Social Framework strategic document. The action plan includes projects, programs and services that have been offered to residents since 2019 that align with the Framework. The action plan also includes a five-year outline of priorities to be further developed from 2025-2029.

Highlights include:

- A focus on further volunteer opportunities for residents.
- Using data collection and mapping to better understand community need.
- A focus on social advocacy and cultural awareness.
- Continuing to prioritize support to families and youth.
- Mental health.
- Furthering efforts to support seniors as they age.

Dean commented that the Social Framework document is a fluid document that will continue to be evaluated to ensure that it continues to meet the needs of residents.

Discussion ensued.

Motion Representative Gilbert – that the FCSS Advisory Committee receives agenda item 6.1 Social Framework update as information.

Carried unanimously

6.2 Family Resource Network contract update

Carol provided an update on the Family Resource Network contract and advised that the province announced an extension to the current contract with a 3% increase. This increase equates to \$20,000 for year five. The increase provided has been the first increase since the onset of the contract. The amount received does not support our current staffing model and we are looking at how to reduce services and costs with minimal impact. The extension received is for two years bringing us to March 31, 2026, however, the 3% has not been confirmed for year six. We will continue to work with the province to outline needs and pressures for our area.

Discussion ensued.

Motion Representative Hart – that the FCSS Advisory Committee receives agenda item 6.2 Family Resource Network contract update as information.

Carried unanimously

6.3 Christmas Elves update

Sara provided an update on the Christmas Elves program and advised the following:

- There are seven programs that serve the Leduc region along with the Leduc & District Food Bank.
- They meet twice yearly (October planning meeting for the upcoming season and January to review how things went).
- Leduc County FCSS takes the lead in communication and collection of stats.
- In total, 41 Leduc County households received a Christmas hamper, which is fewer than the previous year at 55 hampers.
- Most communities saw a considerable increase in referrals except for Thorsby and New Sarepta that saw a slight decrease from the previous year.
- Donations and volunteers were great.

Discussion ensued.

Motion Representative Mason – that the FCSS Advisory Committee receives agenda item 6.3 Christmas Elves update as information.

Carried unanimously

6.4 Victim Services update

Dean provided an update on Victim Services and advised that he has been in contact with the new regional board chair. More information will be provided to communities in the spring as staff are hired and services are further defined. The regional service point for this region will be held in Leduc, although an office has not been established at this time.

Discussion ensued.

Dean advised that he would provide information to the committee members as it becomes available.

Motion Representative Doig – that the FCSS Advisory Committee receives agenda item 6.4 Victim Services update as information.

Carried unanimously

6.5 FCSS 2023 Statistics infographic

Sara reviewed the FCSS 2023 Statistics infographic with committee members.

Discussion ensued.

Motion Representative Benson – that the FCSS Advisory Committee receives agenda item 6.5 FCSS 2023 Statistics infographic as information.

Carried unanimously

6.6 FRN 2023 Statistics infographic

Carol reviewed the FRN 2023 Statistics infographic with committee members.

Discussion ensued.

Motion Representative Hart – that the FCSS Advisory Committee receives agenda item 6.6 FRN 2023 Statistics infographic as information.

Carried unanimously

6.7 Senior Grant Funding update

Sara provided an update on the Leduc County Senior Grant Funding and advised the following:

- This is the second year for the Senior Grant program.
- Last year, the Seniors Grant was offered by Parks & Recreation.
- The grant amount this year is \$15K.
- Twenty-three applications were received asking for a total of \$81K in funding.
- Eleven applications were chosen, with the grant money distributed among them.
- Grant recipients will bring new and innovative programming and events for Leduc County seniors.

Discussion ensued.

Motion Representative Scobie – that the FCSS Advisory Committee receives agenda item 6.7 Senior Grant Funding update as information.

Carried unanimously

7. Reports

7.1 FCSS Advisory Report – December 2023 to February 2024

Sara reviewed the FCSS Advisory Report with the committee members.

Discussion ensued.

Motion Representative Gilbert – that the FCSS Advisory Committee receives agenda item 7.1 FCSS Advisory Report – December 2023 to February 2024 as information.

Carried unanimously

7.2 FRN Advisory Report – December 2023 to February 2024

Carol reviewed the FRN Advisory Report with the committee members.

Discussion ensued.

Motion Representative Mason – that the FCSS Advisory Committee receives agenda item 7.2 FRN Advisory Report – December 2023 to February 2024 as information.

Carried unanimously

8. Information items

8.1 Upcoming FCSS session

Sara reviewed the upcoming FCSS sessions with the committee members.

Discussion ensued.


Motion Representative Doig – that the FCSS Advisory Committee receives agenda item 8.1 Upcoming FCSS session report as information.

Carried unanimously

9. Adjournment

Motion Representative Hart – that the FCSS Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Carried unanimously



Chairperson



Director of Community Services