



Regular FCSS Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes

Community & Operations Centre boardroom, Nisku, AB

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

1) Order and roll call

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, by Kelly-Lynn Lewis (Leduc County) as Chair, with committee members Jaime McKeag-Reber (Calmar), Ray Scobie (Leduc County), Cory Gilbert (Thorsby), Jolene Doig (East) and Ledise Mason (West) present.

Absent from the meeting was committee member Rick Hart (Warburg).

Other attendees

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

2) Introductions

No introductions occurred.

3) Agenda adoption

Dean requested that Seniors' resource list be added to the agenda as item 7. c).

Motion Representative Scobie – that the agenda for the May 21, 2025, regular FCSS Advisory Committee meeting be amended to include Seniors' resource list as item 7. c).

Carried unanimously

4) Adoption of previous minutes

Motion Representative Gilbert – that the minutes from the February 19, 2025, FCSS Advisory Committee regular meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried unanimously

5) General business

a) Multi-Municipal Agreement

Dean reviewed the Multi-Municipal Agreement (MMA) with committee members and noted the following highlights.

- The Annual Funding Allocations are on page seven of the MMA.
- There is a clause in the agreement regarding reduced or increased provincial funding dollars.

- Roles and responsibilities of each party was added to the agreement under Schedule “B”.
- The new MMA clarifies how we report to the partners of the MMA.

Discussion ensued.

Motion Representative Doig – that the FCSS Advisory Committee receives agenda item 5. a) Multi Municipal Agreement as information.

Carried unanimously

b) Building the Sector

Sara reviewed the Building the Sector report with committee members and provided the following information.

Leduc West Interagency

- At the beginning of this year, 40+ professionals from across the region were invited to opt-in to participate in a new interagency group.
- The first meeting was held on February 28th in Warburg with 28 in attendance. Rural issues and trends, successes and challenges and the benefits of having a rural focused gathering were discussed at the meeting.
- The second meeting was held on May 14th with 18 service providers attending. In this meeting priorities for collaboration and ways to improve connection and collaboration were discussed. The piloting of a mapping project showing the boundaries, supports and resources available in our region was also discussed.
- The next meeting will be held in October.

Leduc Regional Elder Abuse Coordinated Community Response Team

- A network of service providers has been created, who directly or indirectly work with seniors experiencing elder abuse, and have established a forum for case consultation.
- Leduc County FCSS assisted Riseup Society to apply for a grant from the Alberta Elder Abuse Awareness Council.
- The funding available would allow for a part-time case worker position at Rise-up. The case worker would provide support to seniors experiencing elder abuse and help walk seniors through the process.
- This is a two-year project and is meant to help people in safer ways.
- Leduc Regional Housing Foundation has committed shelter space to temporarily accommodate seniors who need it as they receive support from the support worker.

Discussion ensued.

Motion Representative Mason – that the FCSS Advisory Committee receives agenda item 5. b) Building the Sector as information.

Carried unanimously

c) Early Childhood Development School Readiness Program

Carol reviewed the Early Childhood Development School Readiness Program report with committee members and provided the following information.

- There is a five-year focus to support Black Gold to increase numbers for school readiness.
- The FCSS social framework report has some stats with respect to Leduc County children school readiness.

Carol reviewed some of the activities to support the initiative with the committee, noting the following highlights.

- 2024 – Q4 the Leduc County website was updated to include a resource directory for families with children 0-6 in the domains of child development, parent education, childcare and subsidy.
- 2025 – Q1 a heart shaped keychain was developed with a QR code linking families to Early Childhood Resources on the Leduc County website Children 0 – 18. A communication plan and distribution plan was also developed.
- 2025 – Q2 working in partnership, three Early Childhood Resource fairs were held throughout the County including, Thorsby (over 100 participants) , Warburg (14 people attended – *Black Gold teaches preschool*) and Rolly View (to be held on June 2nd).
- 2025 – Q2 and Q3 in partnership with Alberta Health Services, offer four online school readiness sessions for parents and caregivers.

Discussion ensued.

Motion Representative Scobie – that the FCSS Advisory Committee receives agenda item 5. c) Early Childhood Development School Readiness Program as information.

Carried unanimously

6) Reports

a) FCSS Advisory Committee Report – February to May 2025

Sara reviewed the FCSS Advisory Committee Report with committee members.

Discussion ensued.

Motion Representative McKeag-Reber – that the FCSS Advisory Committee receives agenda item 6. a) FCSS Advisory Committee Report – February to May 2025 as information.

Carried unanimously

b) FRN Advisory Committee Report – February to May 2025

Carol reviewed the FRN Advisory Committee Report with committee members.

Discussion ensued.

Motion Representative Gilbert – that the FCSS Advisory Committee receives agenda item 6. b) FRN Advisory Committee Report – February to May 2025 as information.

Carried unanimously

7) Information items

a) Riseup Society Alberta – Leduc County presentation

Dean reviewed the Riseup Society Alberta PowerPoint presentation with committee members noting the following points.

- On May 6th Leduc County council received a presentation from Riseup Society Alberta.
- Leduc County supports Riseup Society through its grants program.
- Riseup Society provides import services for our region.

Discussion ensued.

b) Early Childhood Resource Fair poster

Carol shared information about the Early Childhood Resource Fair with committee members and asked them to let her know if they would like the poster to be displayed somewhere in their community.

Discussion ensued.

c) Senior resource list

Sara reviewed the Senior resource list with committee members and highlighted the following points.

- The Aging Well Toolkit was the first component to the Aging Well in Leduc County toolkits.
- The Senior resource list is a stand-alone resource and also a companion tool to the workbook in the Aging Well Toolkit.
- There is a condensed Senior resource list on the Leduc County website.
- Seniors like printed/paper versions; it also has a bigger font so it's easier for them to read.
- The Senior resource list will be distributed throughout the communities and at events.

Discussion ensued.


Motion Representative Doig – that the FCSS Advisory Committee receives agenda items 7. a) though to 7. c) as information.

Carried unanimously

8) Adjournment

Motion Representative Doig – that the FCSS Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Carried unanimously



Chairperson



Director of Community Services