

Minutes of a Meeting of the Community Services Advisory Committee held in the Douglas Cardinal Boardroom on the above date at 5:30 p.m.

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**Present**

Councillor Patrick (left at 6:18pm)  
Councillor Clark  
S. Balzer  
S. Bohachyk  
K. Cartwright – Vice Chair (arrived 5:34pm)  
K. Duplessis – Chair  
E. Lafreniere  
E. Neilson  
I. Stephens  
M. Taef

**Absent**

A. Jenkins

**Staff**

A. Royer, Manager, Funding & Special Events Recreation & Parks  
A. Dorn, Staff Liaison, Supervisor, Grants & Partnerships, Recreation & Parks  
A. MacKinnon, Social Investment Coordinator, Community Services  
L. Wilhelm, Business Development Coordinator, Recreation & Parks  
T. Tuchscherer, Business Development Coordinator, Recreation & Parks  
J. McCullough, Manager, FCSS, Community Services

**Call to Order & Land Acknowledgement**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. and welcomed the Committee members, guests and staff in attendance.

**Adoption of Agenda**

The Chair declared the November 25, 2025, agenda adopted as presented.

**Adoption of Minutes**

The Chair declared the minutes of November 4, 2025, adopted as presented.

**Welcome New Council Representative**

The Chair and all of the Committee members welcomed the newly appointed CSAC Council Representatives, Councillor Amanda Patrick and Councillor Sandy Clark, to the committee for the 2025-2026 term.

## **FCSS Program Funding and Outside Agency Grant Application Review (*In Camera*)**

Moved by E. Lafreniere

That the Community Services Advisory Committee move in camera to discuss a matter pursuant to Sections 22(1) and 29(1)(a) of the *Access to Information Act*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee went in camera at 5:39 p.m.

Moved by S. Bohachyk

That the Committee reconvene in Public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee reconvened in public at 9:15 p.m.

Moved by I. Stephens

That the details of the in camera discussion remain confidential.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **FCSS Program Funding – 2026 Funding Recommendations**

Moved by K. Cartwright

That the Community Services Advisory Committee recommend to Council that the following applications for the 2026 FCSS Program Funding be awarded as follows:

	<b>Community Organization</b>	<b>FCSS Program</b>	<b>Amount Recommended</b>
1.	St. Albert Community Village & Food Bank	Community Liaison Program	\$85,000
2.	St. Albert Family Resource Centre	Family Life Education	\$228,848
3.	St. Albert Sturgeon Hospice Association	Community and Family Supports	\$10,000*
4.	St. Albert Seniors Association	Senior Supports and Services	\$68,000
5.	St. Albert Stop Abuse in Families Society	Short-term Counselling	\$42,000
6.	St. Albert Stop Abuse in Families Society	Education Program	\$30,000
7.	St. Albert Bereavement Fellowship	Bereavement Fellowship	\$7,500
8.	Neutral Ground	Community Events Core Program	\$25,492
9.	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Edmonton and Area Society (Boys and Girls)	Big Brothers Big Sisters	\$80,000*

10.	St. Albert & District Further Education Association	Newcomer Connections Program	\$86,960*
11.	Transitions Rehabilitation Association of St. Albert & District	Learning and Education Sessions	\$70,000*
12.	Parents Empowering parents (PEP) Society	Family Recovery is a Community Strategy	\$0
Total:			\$733,800

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Administration will include the recommended 2026 funding amounts for the following agencies into the preparation for the 2027 FCSS funding review: St. Albert Sturgeon Hospice Association, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Edmonton and Area Society, St. Albert & District Further Education Society, and Transitions Rehabilitation Association of St. Albert and District.

### Outside Agency Grant – 2026 Funding Recommendations

Moved by M. Taef

That the Community Services Advisory Committee recommend to Council that the following applications for 2026 Outside Agency Grants be awarded as follows:

	Community Organization	Amount Recommended
1.	St. Albert Bereavement Fellowship	\$ 5,928
2.	St. Albert Housing Society	\$ 56,198
3.	St. Albert Seniors Association	\$ 241,583
4.	St. Albert Community Village & Food Bank	\$ 142,931
5.	Stop Abuse in Families (SAIF)	\$ 81,000
6.	St. Albert & District Further Education Association	\$ 71,193
7.	St. Albert Family Resource Centre	\$ 38,667
8.	Visual Arts Studio Association of St. Albert (VASA)	\$ 16,000
9.	Wildlife Rehabilitation Society of Edmonton (WildNorth)	\$ 10,000
10.	LoSeCa Foundation	\$0
Total:		\$ 663,500

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Round Table**

The Community members and staff provided feedback, discussed items of general interest and gave final comments.

**Next Meeting Date**

Tuesday January 27, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m.

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**Adjournment**

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.



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CHAIR



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[Renee McDonald \(Jan 28, 2026 14:00:33 MST\)](#)

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DESIGNATED OFFICER