

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.

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:

	Community Organization	FCSS Program	Amount Recommended
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.



CHAIR

Renee McDonald

Renee McDonald (Jan 28, 2026 14:00:33 MST)

DESIGNATED OFFICER