

PRESENT	Kim Schmitz Carol Patenaude Candice Sutterfield Chris Vandenberg Gina Olofson Ben Fadeyi Jürgen Grau Roderick Hickey	FCSS Manager Recording Secretary Advisory Committee Member Advisory Committee Member Advisory Committee Co-Chair MD of Bonnyville Council Member City of Cold Lake Council Member Advisory Committee Chair
ABSENT (with regrets)	None	
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GUEST	Glenn Barnes	General Manager, Community Services
CALL TO ORDER	<u>1.0 Call to Order</u> Roderick Hickey, FCSS Advisory Committee Chair called the April 20, 2020 FCSS Advisory Committee teleconference to order at 2:04 p.m.	
AGENDA	<u>2.0 Adoption of Agenda</u> Additional Items None Member Highlights None Disclosure of Interest None Adoption of Agenda C. Vandenberg moved to accept the agenda for the Cold Lake and District FCSS Advisory Committee April 20, 2020 teleconference as presented.	
	CARRIED	
MINUTES	<u>3.0 Adoption of Minutes</u> J. Grau moved to accept the minutes for the January 13, 2020 FCSS Advisory Committee meeting as presented.	
	CARRIED	
MONTHLY REPORT	<u>4.0 Monthly Report</u> FCSS has been functioning in a new way upwards of one month. The Expression of Interest proposal for the Family Resource Network was submitted to the Ministry of Children Services. FCSS is awaiting the final copy for signature. Cold Lake has been allotted approximately one full time staff to build caregiver capacity and provide community supports by way of parenting programming and early childhood education. We have been asked to provide a special domain of service, namely caregiver capacity. The programming details are not sustainable on their own and the service will be on the back of FCSS. We will most likely need to hire more than one staff. In the beginning, there will be slim services, with the potential/possibility to grow moving forward.	

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**MONTHLY
REPORT
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Due to cuts to Blue Cross for Seniors and AISH recipients, there was a substantial number of people reaching out to FCSS for support. Logistically, it was a difficult transition for those on AISH who had their deposit dates changed on short notice, and for seniors' partners and dependents under 65 who will not receive funding under the revised Blue Cross for Seniors program.

Cold Lake and District ESS in partnership with PESS and the DEM of Cold Lake, were ready to offer an online registry database course. The workshop unfortunately had to be cancelled because of the current pandemic. AEMA currently has a paper registration process. R. Fountain, the Director of PESS was to deliver the training for Cold Lake ESS staff and volunteers. Portage College was also collaborating to provide the classroom and laptops.

The FCSS Manager is working with developing The People First of Cold Lake group, who are organizing to develop and advance opportunities for people with disabilities. The President of People First Society of Alberta, H. Franklin has also been in contact with the representatives of Cold Lake to offer their assistance.

The Men's Shed were approved by the province for a \$25,000 New Horizons for Seniors grant. The delegation also requested \$25,000 funding from the City of Cold Lake. The FCSS Manager believes the request has been deferred to the Culture and Recreation Committee. G. Barnes, General Manager for Community Services said that the funding had been denied by the City of Cold Lake at the last Council Meeting in April.

During an earlier Inter-City Forum on Social Policy meeting, the FCSS Manager joined the Provincial Opioid Steering Committee. They have recently slowed down since the onset of the pandemic.

Action for Healthy Communities Edmonton are helping the Lakeland area to find ways to welcome immigrant youth to this community. Last year, the group initially met at FCSS for youth activities and then continued their welcoming initiatives at St. Dominic Parish.

The FCSS Advisory Committee has a current opening for a community representative for the period ending October 2020. The position can be extended for an additional two years. Direct anyone interested to apply.

The 2019/2020 fiscal grants that recently wrapped up included Parent Link, Indigenous Enhancement and Early Childhood Development Coalition.

The Alberta government has earmarked \$30 million to not-for-profits, charities and civil services for grant funding during the pandemic. Cold Lake and District FCSS has sent off six grants to assist families, seniors and vulnerable members in areas of technology, childcare subsidies and food assistance. Many essential service providers are requiring subsidies for childcare; they now have school-aged children at home needing childcare and are over the threshold for subsidies.

FCSS is very busy with income tax preparation; staff are assisting our Volunteer Services Facilitator. Through several conversations with Revenue Canada, FCSS is now continuing the CVITP over the phone.

There have been many calls regarding financial assistance; FCSS have been redirecting people to online applications. We are being very sensitive to people's needs and showing care and compassion as we see many people struggling. FCSS is reassured that the community is coming together to help each other.

C. Sutterfield would like to acknowledge FCSS and the staff for their assistance with the income tax services. About 60 FASD clients were able to get their income taxes filed through FCSS this year,

C. Sutterfield asked for clarification on the services of the People First Society. The FCSS Manager clarified that she is working with the group monthly to resurrect the People First of Cold Lake Society. Essentially, the group advocates to build opportunities for individuals with disabilities to be included. Reaching society status enables the group to apply for grants and to fund raise. Herb Franklin, the People First Society of Alberta will be sending brochures; Cold Lake will work in alignment with their objectives.

**MONTHLY
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G. Barnes noted that the province has aligned themselves with Children Services. Some municipalities are benefitting from the new Family Resource Network Funding while many northern communities have been left out of major grant opportunities.

B. Fadeyiw asked if there was any positive news during these difficult times. Kim replied that the province has allowed Cold Lake to open up two child care centres for essential services. The FCSS Manager and our Director of Emergency Management reached out quickly and Happy House Day Care are now operational in both Cold Lake north and south.

FCSS has now been allowed some flexibility to assist with community needs through a ministerial order.

**FINANCIAL
REPORT**

5.0 Financial Report

The FCSS Manager reviewed the March 2020 Financial Report for information only.

J. Grau questioned the Training Expense. The FCSS Manager explained that the Indigenous Enhancement Grant funds for training had been forwarded from 2019 and were expended this year as per the grant parameters; \$4500 for the Parent Link Centre staff from the entire Lakeland region were trained through Blue Quills University.

J. Grau asked if there would be required training moving forward with the Family Resource Network. The FCSS Manager explained that initially there was no money in the proposed budget for training. Services can be universal, targeted or intensive with expected programs such as Triple P, Active Parenting and the Brain Story which all require training and expenses. \$1,500 has now been allotted for training. If any FCSS staff return, they are trained in most measurable trainings.

OLD BUSINESS

6.0 Old Business

6.1 FCSS Advisory Committee Bylaw Approval

Third and final reading of the FCSS Advisory Committee Bylaw was passed on March 10, 2020 and the committee received copies of the unofficial consolidation. Basically, the changes stipulated FCSS Advisory Committee members could vote electronically in absentia and all references to the City of Cold Lake were amended for consistency purposes.

NEW BUSINESS

7.0 New Business

7.1 Ministerial Order No. 2020-15

The order primarily allows for FCSS to directly provide food assistance to the community, whereas normally this would be outside of the mandate. At this time, Cold Lake and District FCSS has reduced programming expenses, and can support those organization working to provide additional supports to the community.

7.2 FCSS Advisory Committee Elections

R. Hickey nominated C. Sutterfield for the position of FCSS Advisory Chair for 2020-2022.

CARRIED

C. Sutterfield accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations for the position of Chair from the floor. C. Sutterfield was elected by acclamation for the 2020-2022 term as Chair for the Cold Lake and District FCSS Advisory Committee.

NEW BUSINESS G. Olofson asked her name to stand as Co-chair.
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CARRIED

As there were no nominations from the floor, G. Olofson was re-elected by acclamation for the 2020-2022 term as Co-chair for the Cold Lake and District FCSS Advisory Committee.

**OTHER
BUSINESS**

8.0 Other Business

8.1 Business Conducted by Email

8.1.1 The 2020 application for the Seniors Society, Seniors Week Celebration was approved by email on February 19, 2020.

8.1.2 The 2020 application for the Women of Influence Committee, Cold Lake Awards Night was approved by email on February 24, 2020.

8.1.3 The 2019 Summary Report for the Women of Influence Committee, Cold Lake Awards Night was approved by email on March, 3, 2020.

**COMMITTEE
ATTENDANCE**

9.0 FCSS Advisory Committee Attendance

9.1 Reports on Committee Attendance

Reports on the November 2019 FCSSAA Conference was forwarded from the January meeting.

C. Sutterfield appreciated the presentation on Men's Shed and its history; overall the event was informative.

G. Olofson enjoyed the event but felt that gambling and alcohol were not appropriate, considering the FCSS mandate. She did add those comments to her conference evaluation and the FCSS Manager will also notify the Executive Director of the FCSSAA.

K. Schmitz was proud to be at the conference with so many of the Advisory Committee members in attendance.

B. Fadeyiw noted that eight MLA attended the event.

SUGGESTIONS

9.2 Suggestions for Committee Attendance

There are no suggestions for committee attendance or volunteerism at this time because of the pandemic.

ROUNDTABLE

10.0 Round Table

J. Grau questioned where men were being housed since Kokum's House burned down. C. Sutterfield responded that many people had returned to their home bases or are couch surfing, mainly because of the pandemic. Cold Lake First Nations has been providing rental units and food vouchers; also there is the food recovery program. Many low income people have received extra funding at this time; unfortunately there may be future budgeting issues. There was some discussion on the new shelter building, which is being provided rent free until June by a local businessman.

K. Schmitz suggested a meeting with C. Sutterfield to discuss funds allocated by Alberta Rural Development Network to projects supporting marginalized groups, who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless due to the pandemic.

NEXT MEETING **11.0 Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2020. The FCSS Manager suspects this will likely be through teleconferencing and at the same time of 2:00 pm. If this poses a problem for anyone, please let FCSS know.

G. Olofson asked if there could be another platform for the meeting such as Zoom. The FCSS Manager explained that the City IT Department are trying to find a format; they do not believe that Zoom is safe as it is not subject to FOIP.

ADJOURNMENT **12.0 Adjournment**

Roderick Hickey, Advisory Committee Chair adjourned the Cold Lake and District FCSS Advisory Committee April 20, 2020 teleconference at 3:26 pm.



K. Schmidt,
FCSS Manager



R. Hickey,
FCSS Advisory Committee Chair