



## STAFF REPORT

**Title:** Kevin and Adam Kiely - November 12, 2024 Delegation

**Meeting Date:** November 26, 2024

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### **Executive Summary:**

Kevin and Adam Kiely appeared as a delegation at Council's November 12, 2024 regular meeting of Council.

### **Background:**

#### **November 12, 2024 Delegation**

*Mayor Copeland welcomed Kevin Kiely and his son Adam Kiely to the Council meeting at this time being 6:04 p.m.*

*Mr. Kiely and his adult son Adam Kiely advised Council of their concerns with respect to Adam's learning disability and being jobless for a year now. Mr. Kiely advised that Adam has had many jobs in his life (to name a few: Dove Centre, Employabilities, Boston Pizza, Sawmill, Zellers, Pizza Hut, Tim Hortons, Canadian Tire, Fish Hatchery, Ski Hill, Sobeys, etc. and has also volunteered with Orbiting Trends, Bonnyville Lodge, and the greenhouse on the Base), but nothing has been lasting since Adam was eighteen (18) which is now twenty-one (21) years later. It seems employers don't have the time or patience for his pace or to train him and there has been some concerns of harassment/mistreatment.*

*Adam briefly spoke advising that it is tough to find a job and he has been looking for a long time. He has been very patient and has applied everywhere in Cold Lake, and they always say they will call him back and he waits with no response ever coming. Adam advised that he checks his email everyday hoping to hear something with respect to a job opportunity, but has had no luck at all. Adam advised that he is trying to make it on his own and lives on his own independently with a roommate and although he collects AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped), Adam advised that not having a job, with no prospects, is very emotional, frustrating and stressful.*

*Adam is currently a client with the Dove Centre and has been since 1996. He must sign a new contract once a year. Kevin advised that Adam met with Employabilities today and will meet with them again next Tuesday to fill out some paperwork (they are helping him look for something).*

*Kevin advised that as he and Adam are out of options, they are looking for any ideas Council may have to offer.*

*Questions and discussion from Council ensued at this time with Councillor Mattice advising that he would speak with the Dove Centre.*



*Mayor Copeland advised that he would see if the Cold Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce would be willing to get the word out to its' members that Adam is looking for work.*

*Mayor Copeland thanked the Kiely's for attending and presenting their concerns.*

*Kevin and Adam Kiely returned to the gallery at this time being 6:13 p.m.*

**Alternatives:**

**Recommended Action:**

That Council accept Kevin and Adam Kiely's delegation presentation made at the November 12, 2024 regular meeting of Council as information.

**Budget Implications (Yes or No):**

No

**Submitted by:**

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