



County of Grande Prairie No. 1

FCSS Advisory Board

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

Start time 10:00 AM

Council Chambers

AGENDA

1. **Attendance**
2. **Call to Order**
3. **Adoption Of Agenda**
4. **Minutes Approval**
 - 4.1 **Quarterly FCSS Advisory Board Meeting (2017/07/05)**
5. **PRESENTATIONS**
 - 5.1. **Beaverlodge Victim Services** AT 10:15

Summary:
Application attached
 - 5.2. **GP & Area Council on Aging** AT 10:30

Summary:
Application attached
 - 5.3. **Grande Prairie & District Grief Support** AT 10:45

Summary:
Application Attached
 - 5.4. **Grande Prairie and District Victim Services** AT 11:00

Summary:
Application Attached
 - 5.5. **Whispering Ridge Participarent Group** AT 11:15

Summary:
Application Attached
 - 5.6. **GP Hospice and Palliative Care Society** AT 11:30

Summary:
Application Attached

- 5.7. **John Howard Society** AT 11:45
Summary:
Application Attached
- 5.8. **Grande Prairie Womens Residence Association** AT 12:45
Summary:
Application Attached .
- 5.9. **PACE** AT 13:00
Summary:
Application Attached
- 5.10. **Pregnant and Parenting Teens** AT 13:15
Summary:
Application Attached
- 5.11. **Suicide Prevention - Core, Connect, Tough Enough** AT 13:30
Summary:
Application attached
- 5.12. **Suicide Prevention Breakfast Club** AT 13:30
Summary:
application attached
- 5.13. **Sunrise House** AT 13:45
Summary:
Application attached
- 5.14. **Rising Above** AT 14:00
Summary:
Application attached
- 5.15. **Volunteer Services Bureau** AT 14:30
Summary:
Application Attached
- 5.16. **Spinal Cord Injury Alberta** AT 14:45
Summary:
Application Attached

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 6.1. **211 Alberta** Kathleen Turner
Summary:
Direction was given by the Advisory Board to appoint Karen Rosvold and Kathleen Turner to a local committee to determine the feasibility of establishing a 211 Alberta service in this region.

Kathleen attended a meeting with United Way Director and City of Grande Prairie representative Angela Sutherland. At that time the decision was made to put this project on hold until after the election. The United Way was in the process of recruiting a new director and was getting ready to launch their fundraising campaign. Added to that was the upcoming municipal elections and the thought that the new councils should have the vote on budget implications going forward.

A new meeting date will be set after the elections and organizational meetings are completed.

6.2. **Harry Balfour Playschool Proposal**

Jolene Nellis

Summary:

This issue was brought forward at the last advisory board meeting. Attached find a letter from the principal and a breakdown of what our estimated costs would be. The school has indicated that equipment and furnishings in the room will stay. We would have some initial start up costs for consumable supplies and licensing. Our costs would be wages, training, insurance, communication, advertising, mileage, etc.

At this time we have not included any costs for a new playschool location in the budget for 2018 or 2019. We are seeking the Advisory Boards direction on this matter.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

7.1. **Funding Request Recommendations**

Kathleen Turner

Summary:

Attached is a spreadsheet with all the requests from the organizations that presented earlier. It also contains information on what they requested for 2017 and the current funding level. A recommendation from the Advisory Board is needed to take forward to budget in December.

7.2. **Rural Transportation Pilot Project**

Coree Ladwig

Summary:

Representatives from Alberta Transportation recently met with local municipalities to discuss a new initiative that is expected to roll out in the next few months. The Rural Transportation Pilot projects are aimed at connecting rural Alberta at the regional level. Funding parameters for the pilot projects have not yet been finalized, however it was indicated there will be flexibility in design and how funds may be utilized.

Grants will be for operations only - no capital expenditures. At that time they were unable to answer whether or not we would be able to use the Green Trip funding we have already secured. Criteria they will be looking for include: level of interest from the community, previous work/studies that have been done, level of collaboration with surrounding communities, level of cost sharing and demonstrated need for improving transportation services to seniors and low income Albertans.

Pilot program details are expected to come out in November with expression of interest for the pilot project due in December. All projects are expected to be operational for at least one year with an anticipated start date of March 2018.

While this is enticing there are some concerns around the expediency of the project. Having something ready to operationalize by March 2018 will be a challenge. They are looking for partnerships and we have not been successful to date with pursuing a partnership with the City but there may be private operators who would be interested in some sort of arrangement. Conversely, we do have some of the background information already, such as the feasibility study, the FCSS needs assessment and the recently released Vital Signs report that show transportation between municipalities as being desired by at least some County residents.

Administration has brainstormed a few ideas that may be feasible:

1. Contract a private operator or taxi company to run a small bus/van on a loop from Clairmont to

Grande Prairie.

2. Create a volunteer driver program.

3. Investigate whether a third party such as Peace Wapiti School Division or Grande Spirit has any capacity to use one of their small coach buses to operate a regular route.

We are seeking input from the Advisory Board on these and any other options and if there is a desire to have administration pursue the funding when it becomes available.

7.3. Food Bank

Kathleen Turner

Summary:

Clairmont and area are served by the Sexsmith and District Food Bank. Residents can access food either by going to Sexsmith or by going to the Wellington Resource Centre. Currently FCSS offices in Sexsmith and the WRC have limited space in their offices for storing food. The partnership is working well and we are looking for ways to be able to strengthen it and better serve residents of the east county area.

FCSS has an empty portable building in the hamlet. It housed the playschool program prior to it moving into the WRC. The space would make for a great food bank outlet that could store a greater amount of food and even accommodate coolers and freezers. The portable does need some minor repairs to spruce it up: levelling the two halves, paint, new windows, new durable flooring. Herb Fowler is seeking some quotes on what this would cost but we anticipate it would be approximately \$15,000. FCSS staff will contribute their painting skills to help reduce the costs.

We are seeking the Advisory Boards recommendation to include \$15,000 in the 2018 budget for capital improvements to the portable to establish a food bank outlet. This would include the cost of adding sturdy shelving and/or purchasing new and/or used coolers and freezers.

The vision is to have existing staff and volunteers operate the foodbank - no new staff would be required.

7.4. FCSSAA Conference and AGM

Kathleen Turner

Summary:

FCSSAA Conference and AGM will be held in Edmonton Nov 8 - 10, 2017.

Nominate two voting delegates for the AGM.

Silent Auction Item Donation Request.

7.5. 2018 Meeting Dates

Kathleen Turner

Summary:

The FCSS Advisory Board meets quarterly. Administration is proposing the following dates for 2018:

January 18, April 11, July 3 and October 17.

All will be 1 - 4 pm with the exception of October which will be 10 -2 to allow for any funding request presentations.

8. PROGRAM UPDATES

8.1. Early Childhood Programs

Jolene Nellis

Summary:

Verbal update

8.2. **Seniors and Adult Team Programs**

Coree Ladwig

Summary:

Verbal update

8.3. **Child Youth, Family and Community Team Programs**

Lisa Watson

Summary:

Verbal update

9. **Adjournment**