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TOWN OF BLACKFALDS
Blackfalds & District Family & Community Support Services Board
Thursday, September 10, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dena Thomas, Chair
Glenda Brown, Vice Chair
Ryan Brown, Town of Blackfalds Councillor
Cory Twerdoclib, Town of Blackfalds Councillor
Jessalyn Parsons, Member at Large
Auralei Agrey, Member at Large

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Laura Svab, Town of Blackfalds Mayor (Ex Officio)
Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services
Wendy Griffin, Town of Blackfalds FCSS Manager
Sue Penner, Town of Blackfalds FCSS Admin Assistant

REGRETS

Kimberly Burrell, Member at Large
Michelle Meadows, Member at Large

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

The Blackfalds & District Family & Community Support Services Board Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm. Member Brown moved that the Blackfalds & District Family & Community Support Services Board approved the agenda with the addition of Item 3.9 Anti-Bullying.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Member Thomas moved that the Blackfalds & District Family & Community Support Services Board recommends to Council to adopt the amended minutes from April 9, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A Land Acknowledgement was read to recognize that the Town of Blackfalds is on Treaty Six territory.

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None

BUSINESS

Item 3.1 Approval of Amended Minutes of April 9, 2026

Member Thomas moved that Blackfalds & District Family & Community Support Services Board recommends to Council to adopt the amended minutes from April 9, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 3.2 FCSS Managers Report - Verbal

Manager Griffin introduced herself and provided an overview of her FCSS background.

The department has been short staffed over the summer, Erin Dahl has accepted the Community Support Programmer position and Meagan Gehring accepted the Seniors Programmer position.

Work is underway with Director of Community Services Rick Kreklewich on the Housing Needs Assessment.

HelpSeekers has been contracted to assist the Town with the project and information gathering. An Open House is scheduled for September 28th to gather additional community input.

The Lacombe County Grant Application was submitted in August.

Changes were made to the Back to School Program and the program was reported to have been successful with information for the Winter Wear Program collected at the same time.

Work is underway with Megan Miller, Occupational Health and Safety Officer on the Field Level Hazard Assessment program.

Item 3.3 Letter of Resignation Heather Johnson

Member Parsons moved that the Blackfalds & District Family & Community Support Services Board recommends to Council to review and formally acknowledge the resignation submitted by Heather Johnson with regret.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 3.4 Resolution Submission

A community member sent an email to the FCSS Manager asking Blackfalds FCSS to put forward a resolution at the FCSSAA AGM this fall.

By consensus it was decided that Blackfalds FCSS is not in favor of putting forth this resolution to the FCSSAA AGM.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 3.5 Volunteer Programmer provided an update to the committee for July and August 2026.

Item 3.6 Community Programmer provided an update to the committee for August 2026.

Item 3.7 Youth Programmer provided an update to the committee for July & August 2026.

The committee had a discussion on possibly expanding the Positive Ticketing Program to include Council, Staff and businesses to distribute tickets.

Positive Ticketing Program	Constable Hewitt continues to distribute Positive Tickets to youth in the community and local schools for demonstrating positive or improved behaviour. The program remains popular, especially because the tickets can be redeemed for a Slurpee for the youth and a friend at the Blackfalds Convenience Store, adding a fun and motivating incentive.

Item 3.8 FCSS Client Statistics August

Administrative Assistant provided an update to the committee on FCSS Client Statistics for the month of August.

Item 3.9 Anti Bullying

Manager Griffin will follow up on possible anti-bullying sessions.

The Blackfalds & District Family & Community Support Services Board Meeting ended at 8:19 p.m.

-Original Signed-

Dena Thomas, Chair

-Original Signed-

Sue Penner, Admin Staff