



**TOWN OF BLACKFALDS**  
**Blackfalds & District Family & Community Support Services Board**  
Civic Cultural Center – 5018 Waghorn Street  
Thursday, December 14th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jim Sands	Town of Blackfalds Councillor
Brenda Dennis	Town of Blackfalds Councillor
Dena Thomas	Public at Large, Board Chairperson
Sheila Giffin	Public at Large
Glenda Brown	Public at Large
Jessalyn Parsons	Public at Large
Auralei Agrey	Public at Large
Cliff Soper	County of Lacombe Resident

**ATTENDING**

Rick Kreklewich	Town of Blackfalds Director of Community Services
Sue Bornn	Town of Blackfalds FCSS Manager
Sue Penner	Town of Blackfalds FCSS Admin Asst

**OTHERS ATTENDING**

Tim Moorehouse  
Moorehouse & Associates

**REGRETS**

Melissa MacLeod	Public at Large
Annette Bugutsky	Public at Large

**WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

Dena Thomas welcomed all attending and called the Blackfalds & District Family & Community Support Services Board Meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Member Giffin moved that the Blackfalds & District Family & Community Support Services Board approve the agenda as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**TREATY SIX LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

Mr. Tim Moorhouse of Moorhouse & Associates made a presentation to the Blackfalds & District Family & Community Support Services Board on the 2022 Social Needs Assessment Follow Up with a review of the information gathered at the Working Sessions.

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Mr. Moorhouse prepared the handout Blackfalds Social Needs Assessment Interviews and Working Session Summaries "What We Heard" Interim Report including a section in the back of comments made during the interview process.

Chairperson Thomas appreciated that it included more information and Mr. Moorhouse stated that the information went deeper. Member Soper said he was pleased to see the document moving forward and would like to see it adopted by Council as soon as possible.

Mr. Moorhouse stated the next step was to update the draft SNA by adding new information and recalculating the math with the final report being presented at the January 11<sup>th</sup> Blackfalds & District Family & Community Support Services Board Meeting.

### **BUSINESS**

#### **Minutes**

#### **Approval of Minutes from November 9, 2023**

Member Brown moved That the Blackfalds & District Family & Community Support Services Board recommends that Council adopt the minutes from November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **FCSS Orientation**

Manager Bornn presented 'FCSS 101' from the FCSSAA Conference she attended in November. The agenda included What is FCSS, How FCSS Works, Program Administration, Outcomes Model and Eligible Programs and Services.

#### **2024 Approved Budget**

Manager Bornn advised that the Blackfalds & District Family & Community Support Services Board that Council made one amendment to the budget that was provided to the FCSS board. \$10,000 has been moved from the Grants to Organizations budget line to an Administrative budget line for Grants to Organizations.

As the municipality supports FCSS beyond the required 80/20 partnership moving this allocation does not impact the funding agreement in place.

#### **FCSS Managers Report**

- Snow Angel Program has received requests from 28 residents with 6 still needing a snow angel.

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- The Winter Wear Program provided 161 children and youth with new winter coats.
  - FCSS will receive 50% of Smile Cookie profits from the campaign that ran November 13th – 19th.
  - Continue to receive application and screen for the Christmas Bureau. Town of Blackfalds participated in an Internal Food Bank drive Challenge “the reindeer” games with great success.
  - Youth Night Out was very well attended and well received by the participants – described as contained chaos.
  - Hosted a Youth Action Coalition meeting, upcoming plans to bring Guiding Group together to discuss future intentions.
  - Blackfalds Healthcare Professionals Attraction & Retention Committee met on November 21.
  - Manager Bornn and Member Brown attended the FCSSAA Annual Conference from November 22-24. Sessions included Indigenous Protocol & Land Acknowledgement, Community Grants, and Manager Bornn participated as a panel member in the Value of a Board Session. The conference was great with lots of great value and networking opportunities.

Chairperson Thomas adjourned the the Blackfalds & District Family & Community Support Services Board Meeting at 8:38 p.m.

*Sheila Giffin*  
Dena Thomas, Chair - Sheila Giffin - Vice-Chair

*Sue Penner*  
Sue Penner, Admin Staff