



**TOWN OF BLACKFALDS**  
**Blackfalds & District Family & Community Support Services Board**  
Thursday, June 13, 2024 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
Sheila Giffin	Public at Large
Glenda Brown	Public at Large
Jessalyn Parsons	Public at Large
Melissa MacLeod	Public at Large
Cliff Soper	County of Lacombe Resident

**ATTENDING**

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

**OTHERS ATTENDING**

**REGRETS**

Auralei Agrey	Public at Large
Annette Bugutsky	Public at Large

**WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Thomas welcomed all attending and called the Blackfalds & District Family & Community Support Services Board Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Member Brown 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**

N/A

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**BUSINESS**

**Approval of Minutes from May 9th, 2024**

Member Giffen moved that the Blackfalds & District Family & Community Support Services Board recommends Council adopt the minutes from May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, with corrected spelling of Member Giffin's last name.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Continued Discussion of 2024 FCSS Grant Requests**

Discussion was held on each of the 5 grant applications received:

St. Gregory the Great – Chair Thomas confirmed that funding is not applicable for this request as Lacombe FCSS will cover the cost of training for the Rainbows Program and Blackfalds FCSS will purchase the supplies (books).

Iron Ridge Elementary Campus – members reiterated that if FCSS keeps funding the social workers then the school board will never increase their budget for these important social worker positions.

Member Brown moved that the Blackfalds & District FCSS Board recommend to Council that that the Board is unable to provide funding for their Social Worker positions at Iron Ridge Elementary School.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Beyond Food Community Hub – they are receiving other Town funding.

Member Giffin moved that the Blackfalds & District FCSS Board recommend to Council that that the Board is unable to provide funding for the programs applied for by Beyond Good Community Hub.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Big Brothers and Big Sisters – Chair Thomas noted they have received substantial funding in the past few years for this program.

BGC Wolf Creek Program – this is a new program and they have applied for funding.

Member Giffin moved that the Blackfalds & District FCSS Board recommend to Council that grant funding in the amount of \$11,887.50 be allocated to Big Brothers Big Sisters and \$11,887.50 be allocated to the Boys and Girls Club of Wolf Creek.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Social Needs Assessment**

A final copy of the SNA was provided to the Board. Member Soper acknowledged his appreciation for the work Member Giffin put into proofing this document. Administration also

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worked on proofing and correcting the document. Member Brown noted that this document was much easier to read.

Member Giffin moved that the Blackfalds & District FCSS Board recommends to Council to accept the 2022 Social Needs Assessment, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **FCSS Managers Update**

- Manager Hick talked about Seniors' Week and said that all the 11 events were well attended and enjoyed by a total of 220 attendees.
- Councillor Sands referenced the Walk & Talk with the Mayor and Council and said that he would like to see this type of event held in the evening so Council members that work could attend.
- Walking Club attendance has increased again with the repair to the elevator completed.

### **Volunteer Programmer Report**

The Volunteer Programmer has been actively assigning over 45 volunteer shifts for Blackfalds Days and more than 60 volunteer shifts for the Abbey Centre Super Kids Triathlon.

Final reporting for the National Volunteer Week Grant has been successfully completed. Additionally, an extensive event report, including recommendations for 2025 has been finalized.

Volunteer Programmer is currently reaching out to award recipients regarding nominating them for the Stars of Alberta awards, deadline to submit is June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

### **Community Engagement Programmer Report**

The Community Volunteer Income Tax Program end-of-session summary has been completed for the CRA.

Clean-Up Blackfalds – thank you texts to each group leader who signed up for the event have been sent thanking them for their volunteerism and commitment to our community.

FCSS Facebook Page had 781 followers at the end of May.

In-office support:

- 1 CRA Security Identity confirmation.
- 1 Alberta Works Application.
- 1 access Rodger account to print bill from a \$1,058 billing error!
- Assisted resident to apply for a job (Walmart now only takes online applications with an uploaded resume).

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**Youth Programmer**

Blackfalds Youth Crew:

Offered Mondays from 3:45 - 5:45pm for youth grades 4 -6, Tuesdays from 5:00 - 7:00pm for youth grades 7 – 12, and now Thursdays from 1 – 2:30pm for homeschooled youth grades 4 - 9.

- May 2 program was canceled due to facility booking
- May 6 saw 30 youth in attendance, May 7 saw 17, and May 9 saw 11 = 58
- May 13 saw 26 youth in attendance, May 14 saw 11, and May 16 there was no program due to upcoming STAT = 37
- May 20 & 21 there was no program due to STAT, May 23 saw 8 = 8
- May 27 saw 16 youth in attendance, May 28 saw 5, and May 30 saw 9 = 30

Youth participated in a variety of scheduled activities or are provided the opportunity to participate in unscheduled activities such as plasma cars or board games.

Youth Cooking Club: this 8-week program started April 7<sup>th</sup> and wrapped up on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Youth had the opportunity to show their skills to family/friends during the final meal.

FCSS Youth Programmer initiatives during the month of May:  
Finalized FCSS Summer Camp – partnered with local businesses.  
Attended 2024 Transforming Practices Conference & Human Trafficking Training  
Attended Robcan Customer Service Training  
Coffee chat with CAO  
Cybersecurity Awareness Training

Chair Thomas adjourned the the Blackfalds & District Family & Community Support Services Board Meeting at 7:54 p.m.

  
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Dena Thomas, Chair

  
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Sue Penner, Admin Staff