FAMILY & COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES BOARD

PURPOSE:

Blackfalds and District Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) is a partnership with the Government of Alberta dedicated to enhancing the social prosperity of individuals, families, the community and district.

FUNCTION AND DUTIES:

Program funding is provided through the provincial Community and Social Services Ministry and the municipality. The arrangement with the Province of Alberta is that they are to provide 80% of the funding, with the municipality providing the remaining 20%. Blackfalds Council believes strongly in the work done in social prevention and often provides funding well above the mandated 20%.

The Blackfalds and District FCSS Board is an advisory board to Council, governed by Bylaw 1221/18, and as such provides recommendations, with support and advice from Administration, regarding direct service provision; including, but not limited to, programming, policy development, volunteer recognition, annual budgeting, partnering opportunities, and funding for other social prevention programming providers. The decisions and recommendations that come from the Board for Council's consideration are influenced by the current Social Needs Assessment and Master Plan.

TERM OF OFFICE:

Term up to 3 years;

Shall not exceed 2 consecutive terms, or 6 consecutive years.

MEMBERSHIP:

Minimum of 8 - maximum of 10 members appointed by Council;

2 members of Council appointed annually at the Organizational Meeting;

Minimum of 5 - maximum of 7 members-at-large who shall be residents of Blackfalds;

Minimum of 1 - maximum of 3 members-at-large who shall be residents of Lacombe County.

MEETING TIMES:

Meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm, no meetings regularly scheduled in July & August;

Agenda packages are distributed a week prior to each meeting enabling members the time required to arrive at meetings prepared.

TRAINING:

Board Package and orientation session is provided for new members.