



**Family and Community Support Services Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Municipality of Crowsnest Pass  
Monday April 24, 2023 – 6:30 PM  
MDM Community Centre**

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**Chairperson:** K. McNeil

**Secretary:** Kim Lewis

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**Present:** Kate McNeil – Chairperson  
Margaret Thomas – Vice Chairperson  
Lisa Sygutek – Council Representative  
Dean Ward – Council Representative  
Cathy Painter – Member at Large  
Mirjam Thielen- Member at Large  
Barb Kelly – Member at Large  
Kim Lewis – FCSS Programmer

**Absent:** Trent Smith – Manager of Community Services

**1.0 Call to Order**

K. McNeil called the meeting to order at 6:34pm.

**2.0 Adoption of Agenda**

**#28 - 23 MOVED BY: D.WARD**

That the meeting agenda be adopted with amendments.

**CARRIED**

**3.0 Adoption of Minutes**

**3a) Adoption of Family and Community Support Services of March 27, 2023**

**#29 - 23 MOVED BY: K. MCNEIL**

That the meeting minutes of March 27, 2023, be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

**4.0 Correspondence**

**5.0 Public Input Period****6.0 Delegations****6a) Desiree Erdmann - Volunteer Crowsnest**

Desiree Erdmann attending the FCSS meeting to provide an update on Volunteer Crowsnest.



Bridging the gap between non-profit  
organizations and volunteers



Volunteer Crowsnest is a new program funded by FCSS and aims to support non-profits, charitable organizations, volunteers and our community as a whole. Our goal is to build and strengthen the community while providing the opportunity to build a personal and professional network, communication skills and leadership skills. The initiative will enhance the social well-being of individuals and families in our community while building confidence, promoting volunteerism and strengthening connection.

Non-profit organizations can register to post volunteer opportunities, upcoming fundraisers, and events at [volunteercrowsnest.ca](http://volunteercrowsnest.ca). Volunteers do not need a profile to view current volunteer opportunities and will apply directly

to the organization they are interested in via the website. Opportunities can also be viewed at IGA and Pharmasave in the near future.

Volunteer Crowsnest exists as a support network to help bridge the gap between non-profit organizations and volunteers. The opportunities to make a positive impact on our community are endless and together we can build a stronger, more vibrant community.

Keep your eyes open for information on an upcoming non-profit luncheon and round table discussion.

Questions can be directed to Desiree Erdmann at [volunteercrowsnest@gmail.com](mailto:volunteercrowsnest@gmail.com).

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Soon, volunteer boards will be up in IGA and Pharmasave with other locations being explored. Desiree will provide quarterly updates on the uptake and success of this program.

**#30 - 23      MOVED BY:      C. PAINTER**

The Family Community Support Service Advisory Committee accepts the presentation made by Volunteer Crowsnest as information.

**CARRIED**

**7.0 Business Arising from Previous Minutes****8.0 New Business****8a) 2024 FCSS Funding Application Review**

The 2024 FCSS Funding Application has been provided for review and or changes. The 2024 FCSS Funding Application will go out to the community the first week of June with the deadline for applications being July 31, 2023.

**#31 - 23 MOVED BY: M. THOMAS**

The Family Community Support Service Advisory Committee approves the 2024 FCSS Funding Application with amendments.

**CARRIED**

## **8.0 Administration Reports**

### **8a) FCSS Programmer Update**

- Asist (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) planned for April 15 & 16, 2023. We had 18 people attend. Positive feedback.
- Working on May Seniors newsletter.
- Volunteer Appreciation - Friday April 21 at the MDM.
- Schedule is out for Youth week - May 1-5<sup>th</sup>.
- Planning for Seniors week
- Planning Spring BBQ- June 1.
- Roller Night Fever - Roller skating scheduled for June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Coleman Complex
- Meals on wheels
- Subsidized taxi program
- Information & community referrals.

**#32 - 23 MOVED BY: K. MCNEIL**

The Family Community Support Service Advisory Committee accepts the FCSS Programmer update as information.

**CARRIED**

## **9.0 Committee Member Reports**

L. Sygutek advised that Council had made a motion to sell the RIDECrowsnest bus.

## **10.0 In Camera**

## **11. Adjournment**

**#33 - 23 MOVED BY: K. MCNEIL**

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:57Pm.

**CARRIED**

  
Chairperson