



Family and Community Support Services Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

**Municipality of Crowsnest Pass
Monday September 11, 2023 – 4:30 PM
MDM Community Centre- Rm 11**

Chairperson: Kate McNeil

Secretary: Kim Lewis

Present: Kate McNeil – Chairperson
Cathy Painter – Member at Large
Margaret Thomas – Vice Chairperson
Barb Kelly – Member at Large
Miriam Thielen – Member at large
Dean Ward – Council Representative
Lisa Sygutek – Council Representative
Kim Lewis – FCSS Programmer
Trent Smith – Manager of Community Services

Absent:

1.0 Call to Order

K. McNeil called the meeting to order at 4:36pm.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

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That the meeting agenda be adopted as presented.

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3.0 Adoption of Minutes

4.0 Correspondence

5.0 Delegations

5a) Family Resource Centre

Margret Byrne presented on behalf of the Family Resource Centre. The Family Resource Centre has applied for \$25,000 for operational costs. The Family Resource Centre offers many programs and services to the community and acts as resource hub. Funds requested for wages, equipment, phone, supplies and staff and volunteer training. The centre reports seeing an increase in the number of people accessing their services.

5b) Kids Kollege

Jessie (Kids Kollege Treasurer) presented on behalf of the Kids Kollege. Kids Kollege has applied for \$23,000 for their Nursery School Program. Kids Kollege provides a safe and structured play-based learning environment for children ages 3-5 to develop their social skills for school readiness. Kids Kollege enrollment is up quite a bit from last year. They are enhancing their program with new toys, and refreshed space. Kids Kollege is currently operating 3 ½ days per week.

5c) BRAT Pack

The BRAT Pack program is a partnership program between Brighter Futures, the Library and Friends of the library. It is a free literacy-based program for families and children of all ages offered every Tuesday. Each session incorporates at least one book being read out loud followed by extension activities such as crafts, songs, experiments, cooking and outdoor activities. BRAT Pack had applied for \$1,500 for 2024.

5d) Volunteer Crowsnest

Desiree Erdmann presented on behalf of Volunteer Crowsnest. Volunteer Crowsnest aims to support teens, seniors, non-profits, charitable organizations, and our community in the area of volunteerism. The Goal is to build and strengthen the community while providing the opportunity to build professional and personal network, communication skills and leadership skills while experiencing something new. The Volunteer Program is requesting \$18,000 to enhance volunteering in our community.

5e) CNP40

Katherine Mertz and Stephanie Olsen presented on behalf of the CNP 40. CNP 40 has applied for \$20,000 to work with youth and the community to increase awareness of the 40 Assets and support their taking action to build assets. CNP40 offers drop in teen events encouraging youth to be social and try new things in a safe and positive environment. Existing services, programs and events within the community are supported and promoted by CNP40 in their efforts to build assists in children and youth. A main project of CNP40 is the Amazing Teen Race held each September.

5f) Crowsnest Pass Indoor Playground

C. Williams presented on behalf of Indoor Playground. Indoor Playground has requested \$3,500 Funding is requested for Advertising, program materials and volunteer recruitment.

6.0 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

7.0 New Business

Administration Reports

8a) FCSS Programmer Update

9.0 Committee Member Reports

N/A

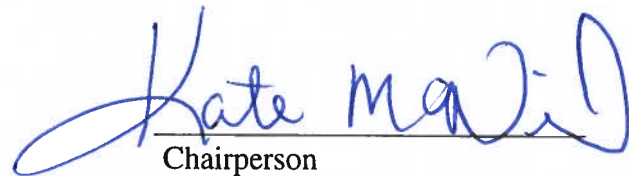
10.0 In Camera

11. Adjournment

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That the meeting be adjourned at 7:07pm.

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Chairperson