

Bon Accord Community Services Advisory Board

Meeting Agenda

Town Office, Council Chambers

June 18, 2025, 4:15 pm – 5:15 pm

Time	#	Item	Type	Who	Attachments
4:15pm	1.	Call to Order		Chair	
	2.	Additions or Deletions to the Agenda	Approval	All	
	3.	Approval of the Agenda	Approval	All	Attached
4:20pm	4.	Approval of Minutes from March 20, 2025 meeting	Approval	All	Attached
4:30pm	5.	Reports a) Community Services Report	Information	CF	Attached
4:40pm	6.	New Business: a) Rooted in Wellness series update b) Bon Accord Connects c) Upcoming events preview d) Board Chair role	Information		
5:00pm	7.	Round Table	Information	All	
5:15pm	8.	Adjournment	Approval	Chair	

Community Services Advisory Board

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

4:15 pm – 5:15 pm

Council Chambers

Board Member Attendance:

Mayor Brian Holden	Attended
Anne Lawrence	Attended
Steve Milne	Absent
Cryslin Temporal	Absent
Pamela Stuart	Attended
Shannon Loehr, Vice Chair	Attended
Jess May	Absent
Dwayne Betchuk	Attended

Administration Present:

Christina Fedorak, Community Services Coordinator

Falon Fayant, Corporate and Community Services Manager

Nicole Paproski, Administration and Community Services Assistant

• CALL TO ORDER

Shannon called the meeting to order at 4:15pm.

• ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Christina added under New Business F – Board Chair position

• APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Anne moved to approve the agenda as updated.

CARRIED

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Brian moved that the minutes from the December 18, 2024, Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

- **INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

All committee members introduced themselves.

- **REPORTS**

Community Services Report - Christina Fedorak

Christina presented her report as attached. Anne moved to approve the report as presented.

CARRIED

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- A) Grants/Funding – Christina has applied for seven grants so far this year. We have been awarded \$500.00 from FireSmart Canada, this will support the Bon Accord Connects event in September. We have been awarded \$600.00 from Volunteer Alberta, which will support our Volunteer Appreciation event in April. We have also received funding to help support the Music in the Park series.
- B) Rooted in Wellness series update - We have applied for a grant through the Edmonton Community Foundation to help us host this event. Our goal is to host this event on the last Sunday of each month, with a free dinner and education component, childcare included. Once this grant has been approved (or not), details will be put into place.
- C) Men's Collective – this is a new initiative for 2025, and we are looking for a few male volunteers to lead this opportunity for new connections, social and emotional wellbeing and community involvement. Our goal is to create an environment together where men can meet on a regular basis for their mental health and wellbeing. Dwayne has volunteered to lead this for us. Christina and Dwayne will meet to plan the first session.
- D) Seniors BBQ Event – Christina asked for feedback on entertainment for this event. Everyone agreed that a live band wasn't needed, and that a DJ would work fine.

- E) Upcoming events preview – We reviewed the list of upcoming events. Christina will also provide an updated version.
- F) Board Chair Position – Our Board has been without a Chair for the past year. We will assess interest at the June meeting, and if possible, vote for a new Chair.

ROUND TABLE

- Shannon is available to volunteer for the Easter Egg Hunt after church.
- Brian is available to volunteer for the Easter Egg Hunt.
- Dwayne and his daughter are available to volunteer for the Easter Egg Hunt in the morning.
- Christina will send a copy of the 2025 Sponsorship Guide to Dwayne, along with the list of businesses that received a copy.
- Shannon shared that the Golden Gems will be celebrating their 50th anniversary in November.

G) NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in-person on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 4:15 p.m. at the Town Office, Council Chambers.

H) ADJOURNMENT

Shannon motioned to adjourn the Community Services Board Meeting at 5:10 pm.

Shannon Loehr
Vice Chair

Christina Fedorak
Community Services Coordinator

COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT April, May, June 2025

Programs & Events

Event Name	Date	Actual # of attendees	Notes
April Field Trip – Strathcona Antique Mall	12-Apr-25	13	Last field trip until Fall.
Free Tax Clinic	April 14, 15, 16, 2025	18	Our tax volunteer, Penny, completed the income tax returns for our residents, for free.
Community Art Night Out	15-Apr-25	9	We had a good turn out for this event.
Easter Egg Hunt	18-Apr-25	125	This event was held in Centennial Park for the first time. It was nice to see families staying to visit and play in the park. In 2026, I think we should use the funds normally kept for Family Day activities, used for Easter. We could get a face painter, ice cream etc.
Earth Day Picnic	22-Apr-25	5	This evening was windy and cold. A community picnic might would better in the summer months, not around Earth Day.
Ready, Set, Adult Youth Series – Financial Literacy	26-Apr-25	7	This was the first session of 10 monthly sessions planned. We also had pizza for the attendees.
Volunteer Appreciation event	30-Apr-25	50	We hosted approximately 50 people at this event.
Plant, Grow, Share a row	May		we received 100 packages of garden seeds with our CiB membership. They were offered to the community to supplement their garden planting. We only have a few packages left.
Town Wide Clean-up	09-May-25		Both BACS and LS students participated in this yearly event.
Mother's Day Bloomery Workshop	08-May-25	7	A small group enjoyed this workshop at the arena. The vendor was willing to come even with the small group.

Bike, Board and Blade Safety Rodeo	14-May-25	14	We decided to postpone this event. Many of our event partners were working the front lines of the Redwater wildfire.
Stuff-a-Bus Food Bank fundraiser	15-May-25		We collected 1280 pounds of food and \$750.00. This was less than last year but was somewhat expected due to the price of groceries.
Ready, Set, Adult Youth Series – Etiquette	24-May-25	7	This was our second session.
Community Art Night Out	20-May-25	0	Cancelled, no interest.
Seniors Appreciation and Celebration BBQ	04-Jun-25		

Meetings, Training & Webinars

Date	Category	Description
02-Apr	Meeting	Met with Shannon Loehr regarding the Golden Gems 50 th Anniversary celebrations.
07-Apr	Training	Regional emergency training session in Morinville
09-Apr	Meeting	Virtual meeting with Sturgeon Adult Learning Consortium.
16-Apr	Meeting	Virtual Capacity Building Network meeting with St. Albert FCSS.
25-Apr	Meeting	Virtual meeting with Jasmyn Middleton, St. Albert FCSS to review and discuss the Ready, Set, Adult sessions.
29-Apr	Training	Emergency social services and reception centre training session in Morinville.
May 6-9		Worked as Co-ESS Manager at the Emergency Coordination Centre for the Redwater wildfire.
12-May-14		Worked as Co-ESS Manager for the Redwater wildfire.
20-May	Meeting	Regional Older Adult Coordinators Meeting
22-May	Meeting	ESSNA North Central Meeting
10-Jun	Webinar	Webinar Filling Your Toolbox: Strategies to Promote Emotional Development and Connection in Children (CASA)