

## Community Services Advisory Board

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**Meeting Minutes**  
Wednesday, March 20, 2024  
4:15 pm – 5:15 pm  
Council Chambers

### Board Member Attendance:

Mayor Brian Holden	Attended
Anne Lawrence	Absent
Chris Giles	Attended
Christina Romanowski	Absent
Carole Mackay	Attended
Shannon Loehr	Attended

### Administration Present:

Christina Fedorak, Community Services Coordinator

Nicole Paproski, Administration and Community Services Assistant

Falon Fayant, Corporate and Community Services Manager

### • CALL TO ORDER

Christina Fedorak called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm.

### • ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

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### • APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Carole Mackay moved to approve the agenda.

**CARRIED**

### • APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Shannon Loehr moved that the minutes of December 20, 2023, be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**



## • REPORTS

### **a) Community Services Report - Christina Fedorak**

Christina presented her report as attached.

Shannon Loehr moved to accept the Community Services report as presented.

**CARRIED**

## • NEW BUSINESS

**a) Dark Sky Ad Hoc Committee Members** – Six (6) individuals filled out application forms to be a part of the committee including 5 adults and one minor. The board reviewed all six applicants.

Shannon moved to change the terms of reference to 5 members plus two youth.

**CARRIED**

Carole moved to accept all the applicants as discussed.

**CARRIED**

**b) CSAB Membership** – we are still in need of two youth members, and one more member at large. We also need to vote in a committee chair. Christina will contact the counsellor at Lilian Schick School to see if she has youth interested in being a part of the committee.

**c) Community Collaboration Night** – This meeting took place on February 7, 2024, at the Bon Accord Community Hall. Approximately 20 members from local community groups attended. It was a great opportunity to share struggles/challenges and come up with solutions. Christina has some follow-up to work on, the next meeting is in May.

**d) Upcoming Events** – Bon Accord Connects Spring Edition – At the collaboration night, it was suggested that perhaps we have a spring BA Connects event to not lose any momentum of making connections within our community. It is also a great opportunity for our local groups to recruit new members and volunteers. We were approved for a grant with FireSmart Canada to put towards a wildfire preparedness event, so it will be a larger event now. The grant money will still be put towards the original idea (hot dogs, door prizes), and the event will feature emergency and wildfire preparedness, as well as community connections.



e) Find Your Village – During a meeting with Sturgeon Public Schools, Helen Lawrence from SHINE program shared information about an event that happened regularly before the pandemic. It was held once a month, in the same location, during an evening, and everyone from Sturgeon County was welcome. Families, Seniors, Singles – all welcome. Dinner was served, there was often an educational component, like parenting or budgeting. Childcare was provided. The purpose of the event is to “find your village”, find friends, connections etc. Helen still has this money in her budget and needs somewhere to host. I volunteered Bon Accord to be the host for this event. I shared that our arena mezzanine space would be perfect. We do not have to pay for anything, just provide the space and staff to help (Nicole and I). I think that this is a great opportunity for Bon Accord. This event will be in our residents back yard, making very few barriers to attend. It is a free meal for residents that need it. Shannon asked that we not book this event on a Wednesday or Thursday due to Golden Gem and Library events.

f) International Women's Day 2025 – Nicole and I attended a Women's Day event in Morinville. It was a nice event and after speaking with the FCSS team in Morinville, we have agreed to partner with them next year for the event. It will more than likely be at the MCCC, and we can bring a bus of attendees to enjoy the event. I have added this to our tentative budget for 2025.

g) Pickle Ball Update – Guidelines have been created for this program and Christina will be contacting the interested parties soon.

#### Round Table:

Shredding Event – Shannon asked if this event will be taking place again, especially for the local seniors. We do not have this event planned for 2024. Carole suggested that seniors use AMA for their services. Christina will investigate Morinville Seniors shredding resources.

#### • CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to review.

#### • NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in-person on June 19, 2024, at 4:15 p.m. at Town Office, Council Chambers.

#### • ADJOURNMENT

Brian motion adjourned the Community Services Board Meeting at 5:16 pm.

**CARRIED**







**Christina Fedorak, Community Services Coordinator**

