

# COMMUNITY SAFETY AND SOCIAL SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

## MINUTES

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

HYBRID - COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND MICROSOFT TEAMS  
400 Main Street SE

### PRESENT

Councillor R. Chapman (Chair) (Voting)  
Councillor D. Belyk (Voting)  
Councillor C. Kolson (Voting)  
D. Ansah (Non-Voting)  
T. Spahmann (Non-Voting)

### STAFF

Inspector L. Weare, Airdrie RCMP  
K. Weinberger, Director of Safety & Social Services  
T. Evans, Transportation Officer/Training Coordinator  
K. Jiang, Legislative Officer II/ Committee Clerk  
N. Parkinson, Legislative Officer I  
K. Rushford, Recording Technician

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Chapman called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and confirmed that quorum has been met for this meeting.

### 2. DIRECTOR'S BRIEF (verbal only)

K. Weinberger, Director of Safety & Social Services, advised that Alberta Municipalities is hosting their fall meeting starting on September 25<sup>th</sup>. We have an opportunity to meet with the new CEO, Rob Hill, and are preparing questions to be ready for that. The Southern Alberta Regional Victims Services Society will begin operations on October 1st. Jerry Cook has been announced as the CEO and Jeff Follett is the SARVSS Board Chair and Treasurer. ADVAS held their Farewell this past weekend in Nose Creek Park.

Social Planning came forward to meet with ELT last week to discuss extreme heat and cold emergencies and a plan going forward for this winter. We have agreements in place with a couple of community members and places for drop-in shelters.

Affordable Housing has been very active going through grant applications. They had booths at the Farmers Market and at AirdrieFest, discussing the HAF program and affordable housing throughout the city. Habitat for Humanity has a new 11 home project in Airdrie. The opening celebration is this Thursday. There is a communications plan underway for affordable housing actions coming up across the community.

Airdrie Fire Department will be bringing an update on the Highland Park Fire Station at our next meeting. They are in the process of procuring the construction architect to start the project moving forward next year.

### **3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

#### **3.1 Regular Meeting of July 9, 2024**

**2024-CSSS-024**

**Moved By** Councillor Kolson

That the Community Safety and Social Services Standing Committee adopts the minutes of the regular meeting of July 9, 2024 as presented.

**Carried**

### **4. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS AND QUESTIONS**

#### **4.1 Rocky View Foundation Overview (Chris Rowe, Chief Administrative Officer)**

Mr. Chris Rowe, Chief Administrative Officer of Rocky View Foundation, provided the Community Safety and Social Services Standing Committee with an overview of the Rocky View Foundation, including projects completed in the last few years, affordable housing challenges, positive stories, and the focus moving forward. Mr. Rowe thanked City Council and the community of Airdrie for their support over the last number of years.

A question was asked about the number of people on the wait list and factors for eligibility. Mr. Rowe advised that there currently are 300 unique individuals on the wait list. Rocky View Foundation has 84 senior independent living units and there are 160 people on that wait list. Eligibility is need-based. All of the 84 units are well below market rent. There are some market rate units in Abrio as CMHC is looking for a mixed market model.

Mr. Rowe advised that the Rent Assistance Benefit program was turned over to Rocky View Foundation last year. The Foundation's mandate includes community housing as well as seniors housing. Airdrie is the largest residential population within the Foundation's mandate area and has the greatest need. The Foundation receives 5-8 inquiries per day.

It was asked whether Rocky View Foundation provides housing for individuals with complex needs such as dementia. Mr. Rowe advised that the lodges are SL2 facilities, not medical facilities, and that residents must be functionally independent. It was asked whether age-in-place spaces will be created. Mr. Rowe confirmed that there is a gap in barrier-free senior specific housing. Our demographics are aging and there are residents in the community whose rental accommodations cannot meet their needs.

In response to a question, Mr. Rowe advised that the directors of Airdrie Housing and Rocky View Foundation speak several times a month and have toured each other's facilities. They also have a good working relationship with Jessica DeVreeze at the City and meet together once a quarter. Affordable housing is a huge issue and we need to build relationships and partner together.

A comment was made that the Foundation's mission and vision on the website are different from what was presented today. Mr. Rowe advised that the Foundation has revisited its mission and vision over the last four months. The new mission and vision statements will be presented next week.

**2024-CSSS-025**

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Belyk

That the Community Safety and Social Services Standing Committee accepts the Rocky View Foundation Overview for information.

**Carried**

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

There are no items.

**6. AGENDA REPORTS**

**6.1 2024 RCMP Q1 Update (Inspector Lauren Weare, Airdrie RCMP)**

**2024-CSSS-026**

**Moved By** Councillor Kolson

That the Community Safety and Social Services Standing Committee accepts the RCMP Q1 presentation for information.

**Carried**

**6.2 Transportation and Training Overview (Tony Evans, Transportation Officer/Training Coordinator)**

**2024-CSSS-027**

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Belyk

That the Community Safety and Social Services Standing Committee accepts the Transportation and Training overview report for information.

**Carried**

**7. ITEMS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL**

There are no items.

**8. UPDATE OF COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS**

There are no items.

**9. CLOSED SESSION**

There are no items.

**10. ITEMS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

There are no items.

## 11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Councillor Chapman adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

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Committee Chair

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Committee Clerk