



COMMUNITY SAFETY & SOCIAL SERVICES – AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: 12 November 2024

Subject: FCSS Policy Amendments

Directorate: Community Safety and Social Services

Issue:

The Community Safety and Social Services Committee (CSSS) is being asked to recommend that Council repeal the Family and Community Support Services Policy and approve a new version with amendments that align with Council's new committee structure, current policy standards, and minor edits to better reflect the intent of the principles.

Policy / Council Direction:

FCSS aligns with Council's 2023-26 Caring Community Focus Area and Council's 2020 Social Policy.

Background:

FCSS is an 80/20 funding partnership between the Province of Alberta and municipalities to invest funds in programs that prevent social issues at the earliest opportunity. There are two governing documents that guide the allocation of FCSS funds in preventive social programs, the FCSS Act and Regulation and Council's endorsed existing [FCSS Policy COM-62-C](#).

There are two primary purposes for the policy amendments:

1. To highlight the changes made to Council's committee structure within the FCSS Policy.
2. To simplify the language in the FCSS Policy as it relates to FCSS accountabilities and funding requirements as legislated in the FCSS Act.

Proposed Changes to the FCSS Policy:

Administration is proposing a new policy that reflects the following changes:

- Edits to reflect the changes made to Council's committee structure

- Edits for clarity and alignment with current policy standards
- Reflect alignment to FCSS Funding Model priorities and Evaluation Framework

These amendments do not alter the intent, meaning or purpose of the original FCSS Policy, as they are proposed amendments that reflect Council's new standing committee structure and Airdrie's FCSS program's purpose.

Administration Recommendation:

That the Community Safety and Social Services Committee recommend that Council repeal Family and Community Support Services Policy COM-62-C and approve Family and Community Support Services Policy COM-71-C as presented.

Alternatives/Implications:

CSSS could direct Administration to return with more information.

Budget Implications:

There are no budget implications associated with this report.

Communications and Engagement:

A Communications and engagement plan is not required

Recommendation:

That the Community Safety and Social Services Standing Committee recommends that Council endorse Family and Community Support Services Policy COM-71-C as presented, and repeals Family and Community Support Services Policy COM-62-C.

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Attachments:	#1: FCSS Policy – New Format #2: Redline Tracker