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## Purpose

- 1 The City of Airdrie ("the City") continues its partnership with the Province of Alberta to deliver the Family & Community Support Services ("FCSS") Program, for the purpose of strengthening social well-being in the community.
- 2 The City participates in the FCSS Program under the provision of the *Family & Community Support Services Act* ("FCSS Act") to fund or provide locally driven Preventive Social Programs and initiatives.

## Definitions

- 3 Words in this policy have the same meaning as defined in the *Municipal Government Act*, unless defined in this otherwise.
- 4 In this policy:
  - (1) "Family & Community Support Services ("FCSS") Board" the committee appointed by City Council to oversee the FCSS Program;
  - (2) "Family & Community Support Services ("FCSS") Program" the development and/or delivery of preventive social services funded in a cost-sharing agreement with the Province of Alberta under the terms and conditions of the *Family & Community Support Services Act and Regulation*;
  - (3) "Preventive Social Program" a program that supports individuals, families, or communities in achieving social well-being, and prevents the development of social problems at the earliest opportunity; and
  - (4) "social well-being" a state of positive social relationships in a community. This state is characterized by social acceptance (a willingness to respect difference in others), social contribution (a desire to give back to society), social inclusion (a sense of belonging), social support (close relationships with others), and social capital (the means, knowledge, and relationships required to access resources).

### **Scope**

- 5 This policy applies to City Council, Community Safety and Social Committee (“CSSS”), and administration.

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- 6 The City of Airdrie will participate in the FCSS Program.
- 7 City Council will:
- (1) authorize agreements between the City and the Province of Alberta;
  - (2) authorize the CSSS to act as an FCSS Board; and
  - (3) approve annual budgets for FCSS, contributing a minimum of 20% of the costs based on the 80/20 funding criteria of the FCSS Program; and
  - (4) approve City policy governing FCSS.
- 8 Community Safety and Social Services Committee will:
- (1) for the purposes of FCSS funding decisions, act as the FCSS Board;
  - (2) consider FCSS funding priorities, recommendations, and policy directions from administration; and
  - (3) approve funding based on FCSS funding priorities and administration’s recommendations, ensuring they align with the annual budget set by City Council.
- 9 Administration will:
- (1) oversee agreements with the Province of Alberta;
  - (2) oversee agreements with organizations for the delivery of Preventive Social Programs;
  - (3) inform the FCSS Board of the process used to make recommendations on funding allocations;
  - (4) oversee evaluation and reporting to the Province of Alberta;
  - (5) provide information to CSSS and City Council on the current social conditions;
  - (6) provide recommendations on FCSS funding allocation to the FCSS Board based on the City’s FCSS funding priorities; and
  - (7) evaluate funded programs to ensure alignment with the City’s FCSS funding priorities.

## **Relevant legislation**

*Family and Community Support Services Act*  
Municipal Government Act  
*Council Social Policy*

## **Appendices**

(List of appendices, if any)

## **History**

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