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## **Purpose**

- 1 This policy establishes a set of guiding principles and roles to facilitate the development of social well-being in Airdrie and promote a socially sustainable community.

## **Definitions**

- 2 In this policy:
- (1) “administration” means any individual who reports to the City Manager or designate;
  - (2) “City Council” means the duly elected Council of the City of Airdrie;
  - (3) “City of Airdrie” or “City” means the municipal corporation of the City of Airdrie, or the areas contained within its boundaries; and
  - (4) “social well-being” means 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**

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

## **Policy**

- 4 The City of Airdrie believes that the strength of a community rests, in part, on the social well-being of its residents. Social well-being depends on a diverse, inclusive, connected, equitable, and proactive community.
- 5 The City will uphold the social well-being principles in its governance and service delivery. These principles are:

**(1) Diversity and Inclusion**

A strong community supports and encourages diversity. People of all ages, genders, sexes, sexual orientations, ethnicities, cultures, races, physical and mental abilities, incomes, educational backgrounds, religions, and other characteristics and experiences are included, valued, and empowered.

**(2) Connectedness**

A community thrives when residents feel a sense of belonging and have the ability to participate in social and civic life.

**(3) Equitable Access to Quality Services**

A resilient community depends on universal access to quality public services, which is essential for ensuring a high standard of living for all residents.

**(4) Proactivity**

A vibrant community is prepared for the future and prevents social problems at the earliest opportunity. Proactive communities are socially, environmentally, culturally and economically sustainable.

6 The City of Airdrie commits to strengthening social well-being in Airdrie.

7 City Council will:

- (1) take into account social well-being in its decision-making processes;
- (2) consider the recommendations of the CSSS on matters relating to social well-being; and
- (3) advocate to other governments, and within the community, for policies and actions that support social well-being.

8 The Community Safety and Social Services Committee will:

- (1) consider the principles within the Social Policy when making their recommendations to City Council.

9 Administration will:

- (1) make recommendations to the CSSS on matters relating to social well-being;
- (2) measure and report to City Council on the state of social well-being in Airdrie; and
- (3) review the Social Policy and make recommendations to City Council on policy amendments as necessary.

**Relevant legislation**

N/A

**Appendices**

N/A

**History**

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