



COUNCIL – AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: 21 January 2025
Subject: FCSS Policy Amendments
Directorate: Community Safety and Social Services

Issue:

Council is being asked to repeal the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) 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 preventative 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 purpose.

Council Committee Routed Through:

The report was routed through The Community Safety and Social Services Committee, who endorsed the amendments unanimously.

Administration Recommendation:

That Council endorses Family and Community Support Services Policy COM-71-C as presented and repeals Family and Community Support Services Policy COM-62-C.

Alternatives/Implications:

Council could choose to direct Administration to return with additional, specific 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 Council endorses 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: Draft Family and Community Support Services Policy