

## Appendix 7

### FORT SASKATCHEWAN VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS ASSOCIATION

My name is Rosanna Frey, and I am the chair of the Fort Saskatchewan Volunteer Programs Association.

Our umbrella organization has been active in this community since 1989. We currently oversee three important community programs including,

- 1) The volunteer Centre
- 2) The Victim Services Unit
- 3) The Restorative Justice and Mediation Program

I am here this evening to ask you for continued funding for the Volunteer Centre. The Volunteer Centre was the very first program to come under our umbrella. The City and Family and Community Support Services have been providing funding, support and guidance to the Volunteer Centre for the past 26 years.

As you may know the VPA Board took over this City and FCSS run program at the request of the FCSS Director with the understanding that the funding and support would continue as long as the Volunteer Centre existed.

With this in mind, I am asking City Council for \$45,200 to fund the operation of the Volunteer Centre and its various activities in 2016.

#### The Volunteer Centre

Provides a welcoming place for new residents, and a resource for community programs and facilities.

Promotes and raises awareness of the need for volunteers in our community, and recognizes the contribution that volunteers can and do make.

Works in partnership and collaboration with community organizations and agencies, connecting people with opportunities to serve.

Plans and hosts the Volunteer Week Celebration event to be held in the Shell Theatre in April 2016.

On behalf of the Fort Saskatchewan Volunteer Programs Association I would like to thank Council for their ongoing support of the Volunteer Centre and for your consideration of this important funding request.