

CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN

Bylaw C3-17 – Repeal Bylaw 1903 – Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) Advisory Board

Motions:

1. That Council give first reading to Bylaw C3-17, which repeals Bylaw 1903 to establish a Family & Community Support Services Advisory Board.
2. That Council give second reading to Bylaw C3-17, which repeals Bylaw 1903 to establish a Family & Community Support Services Advisory Board.
3. That Council provide unanimous consent to proceed with third and final reading to Bylaw C3-17, which repeals Bylaw 1903 to establish a Family & Community Support Services Advisory Board.
4. That Council give third reading to Bylaw C3-17, which repeals Bylaw 1903 to establish a Family & Community Support Services Advisory Board.

Purpose:

To provide Council with information on the rationale to repeal Bylaw 1903, which will disband the FCSS Advisory Board.

Background:

The Fort Saskatchewan FCSS Advisory Board was created in 1981. The intention of establishing an advisory board was to ensure that the community had an opportunity to provide input into FCSS programs and services. A formal body, such as an advisory board, was beneficial at the time it was created since community groups were not yet well established in Fort Saskatchewan. The FCSS Advisory Board was deemed the core social link to the community.

In 2008, the FCSS Department implemented 'Building Bridges' meetings. These meetings started out as a half-day community workshop held on a quarterly basis which allowed agency and organizational representatives to get together to network, learn about local initiatives, and work together to respond to current social issues. Members of these workshops expressed the value in having a formalized outlet to discuss social issues and work together to create solutions. In 2012, these workshops evolved into monthly board meetings with an action focus component.

This move towards collaborating with community partners on social issues and programs has allowed FCSS staff to utilize their time more efficiently. The needs of the community transitioned from the advisory board to the Building Bridges group. With the implementation of Building Bridges, the FCSS Advisory Board members' ability to be more involved was limited. Collaborating with the Building Bridges group provides the greatest value for City resources. City Administration will work to find other important community roles for the current FCSS Advisory Board members interested in continued community involvement.

Plans/Standards/Legislation:

Consulting with representatives from the Family and Community Support Services Association of Alberta (FCSSAA) and a review of provincial legislation have confirmed that an advisory board is not a legislated requirement. Rather, a board is established under the direction and at the discretion of a municipal Council.

Recommendation:

That Council give three readings to Bylaw C3-17, which repeals Bylaw 1903 to establish a Family & Community Support Services Advisory Board.

Attachments:

1. Bylaw C3-17
2. FCSS Board Bylaw 1903 and amending Bylaw C12-85.

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