
AGENDA
WETASKIWIN FCSS BOARD MEETING

January 6, 2026
FCSS Office

Present: Jamie Park-Nelson, Emily Thompson, Leanne Axelsen, Nancy Aikman, Jennifer LaValley, Wendy Hoyle, Wayne Neilson, Gail Hansen

1. Call to Order: 5:35pm
2. Land Acknowledgement-Jamie Park-Nelson
We are on Treaty 6 territory—the ancestral and traditional territory of the Cree, Dene, Blackfoot, Saulteaux, Nakota Sioux, as well as the Métis. We acknowledge the many First Nations, Métis and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for generations. We are grateful for the traditional Knowledge Keepers and Elders who are still with us today and those who have gone before us. We recognize the land as an act of reconciliation and gratitude to those whose territory we reside on or are visiting.
3. Approval of Previous Minutes
 - a. **Motion to Approve, Seconded, Carried.**
4. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda
 - a. Add 9.c. - Wetaskiwin/Calgary Provincial Meeting
 - b. Add 9.d. - Community Complexity Lab
 - c. Add 9.e. - 2026 Community Grant Program
 - d. Add 9.f. - Community Safety and WellBeing (CSWB) Coordinator
 - e. Add 9.g. - FCSS Grant from City of Wetaskiwin
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Board Policy Manual
 - i. No policy pulled for this meeting.
6. Policy Review
 - a. TBD - See Inclement Weather Policy (8.a.)
7. Director's Report; See attached

- a. Period Pop Up volunteers needed. Info & Referral Coordinator to spearhead volunteer campaign.
- b. Fire Dept Social Club hosts a pancake breakfast each year with proceeds supporting local organizations. FCSS is grateful to have been selected as the 2026 recipient. Date pending.
- c. ID program - Clients are eligible to receive renewals for the program due to lost/stolen ID's. If the individual possesses the means to obtain the renewal independently (i.e., income/proper documentation) then they are first redirected to the registries office to build individual capacity.
- d. Navigation - Naloxone supply is rather limited and unable to meet the increasing demand coming through the office. Navigation program is exploring avenues of obtaining more kits.
- e. External PO Box - no problems to report.
- f. Reaching Home Grant - FCSS applied for the maximum \$200,000 over the course of 2 years to sustain the Navigation Program. Decision is provided in the first week of February.
- g. Ethnocultural grant - FCSS, in collaboration with Connect Wetaskiwin, Wetaskiwin Public Library and other entities, applied for the maximum \$50,000 over the course of 1 year to implement programming to support the increasing newcomer population to Wetaskiwin. Decision is provided in the first week of February.
- h. National Overdose Response Service (NORS) - information provided to relevant clients of the Navigation program.
- i. Monthly financial statements - Director to look into the possibility of categorizing the monthly trial balances presented at board meetings.

8. Old Business

- a. Inclement Weather Policy-Motion to approve
 - i. **Motion to Approve, Seconded, Carried.**

9. New Business

- a. Staff Wages with New Budget
 - i. **Move into camera at 7:15. Seconded. Carried.**
 - ii. **Move out of camera at 7:47pm.**
 - iii. **Move that the FCSS Board actions the wage amount as discussed in camera retroactive to January 1st, 2026 for Managing Director, Emily Thompson, Seconded, Carried.**

iv. Move that Emily Thompson, Managing Director action staff wages as presented in camera retroactive to January 1st, 2026, Seconded, Carried.

- b. Grant Updates - See Director's Report (7.f. & 7.g.)
- c. Wetaskiwin/Calgary Provincial Meeting - FCSS Director invited alongside the City of Wetaskiwin to speak with the City of Calgary regarding approaches to addressing homelessness. Meeting scheduled for February 3.
- d. Community Complexity Lab - Representatives from the Community Development Unit of the Ministry of Arts, Culture and Status of Women reached out to FCSS for assistance with implementing a series of 3 half-day workshops to assist service providers in addressing complex social issues. Subsidized fee of \$25 as cost recovery for food and venue.
 - i. Workshop dates: February 5, February 19th, March 5, 2026.
 - ii. Registration deadline is January 20th with inquiring entities to contact FCSS.
- e. Community Grant Program - 2026 application period will run from February 9 - March 13. Presentation date for considered projects is March 18/19/20 depending on FCSS Board availability.
 - i. Interested members to inform the Managing Director of preferred date.
- f. FCSS Grant from City of Wetaskiwin - FCSS was awarded an additional \$146,000 on top of the required 20% from the municipal allocation to increase staff wages. FCSS to acquire the final contract from the City/GoA to finalize the 20% municipal amount for the 2026-2028 funding cycle.
- g. CSWB Coordinator - City of Wetaskiwin approved the cost to hire a coordinator to assist with the CSWB strategy in the 2026 operating budget. City/FCSS/RCMP to discuss logistics.

10. Adjournment: 7:58pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 3, 2026