

FCSS Agenda

June 3, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Town Office Council Chambers 502 -2nd Avenue



VISION

Bassano FCSS is a strong partner in a healthy community.

Mission

Bassano FCSS works to build a strong community through locally driven proactive partnerships and preventative programming.

1. Call to Order

2. Attendance and Regrets

3. Adoption of Agenda for June 3, 2024

4. Adoption of Minutes

4.1 Minutes of May 5, 2024

5. Financial Summary

5.1 Financial Statement for period ending May 31, 2024

6. Director's Report

6.1 Period ending May 31, 2024

7. Unfinished Business

7.1 PFCSS014 Program Subsidy Policy

8. New Business

8.1 Summer 2024 Programming

8.2 Bassano Damfest and Culture Days

9. Correspondence

None

10. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: September 3, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BASSANO FCSS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD ON MAY 6, 2024

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

- Tammie Hauck
- Christine Petkau
- Heather Basarab
- Alice Slomp
- Evelyn Jensen
- Kevin Jones
- Skye Chartrand
- Matt Kelly

ADMINISTRATION

- Amanda Davis, CAO
- Amanda Barron, FCSS Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

CHAIR HAUCK called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

2. ATTENDANCE AND REGRETS

- Kevin Jones
- Amanda Davis, CAO

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

FCSS46/2023 Moved by **MEMBER PETKAU** that the May 6, 2024 agenda is approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. MINUTES OF April 8, 2024

FCSS47/2023 Moved by **MEMBER KELLY** to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2024 FCSS Advisory Board meeting as presented.

CARRIED

5. FINANCIAL SUMMARY

FCSS48/2023 Moved by **MEMBER BASARAB** to approve the financial summary of period ending April 30, 2024 as presented.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

6.1 Director's Report – March 31, 2024

FCSS49/2023 Moved by **MEMBER JENSEN** that the FCSS Directors report for the period ending April 30, 2024 is approved as presented and discussed.

CARRIED

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 June Programming

FCSS50/2023 Moved by **CHAIR HAUCK** that the FCSS Advisory Board provides sponsorship to the Kids Que at the 2024 Small Town Smoke Down on June 8 in Bassano. Sponsorship will include volunteer support to entrants, supply meat, and program support materials with a budget allocation of \$300.

CARRIED

FCSS51/2023 Moved by **MEMBER SLOMP** that the FCSS Advisory Board prepares a vehicle for participation in the Bassano Rodeo Parade on June 22, themed "Salute to Sports". FCSS will distribute Community Safety Net books, prevention-based materials, and candy to parade viewers with a budget allocation of \$300.

CARRIED

Member Chartrand departed meeting at 5:33pm

8.2 PFCSS014 – Program Subsidy Policy

Roundtable discussion

8.3 Women's Wellness 2025

Roundtable discussion

9. CORRESPONDENCE

None

10. MEETING ADJOURNED

FCSS52/2023 Moved by **CHAIR HAUCK** to for adjournment of the regular meeting at 6:08 p.m.

CARRIED

Chair Signature

Director Signature

Unapproved



TOWN OF BASSANO
 (51) 2024 FCSS Departmental Budget
 YTD

| General Ledger | Description | 2024 Budget | 2024 Actual | 2024 Budget Remaining \$ |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Revenue | | | | |
| 1-51-00-590-00 | FCSS - GENERAL REVENUE | (2,560.00) | (5,235.00) | 2,675.00 |
| 1-51-00-595-00 | FCSS - COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DONATIONS | (5,000.00) | 0.00 | (5,000.00) |
| 1-51-00-840-00 | FCSS - CONDITIONAL GRANT | (40,835.00) | 0.00 | (40,835.00) |
| 1-51-00-850-00 | FCSS - GRASSLANDS FCSS /TOWN CONTRIB. | (47,245.00) | (12,760.00) | (34,485.00) |
| 1-51-00-710-00 | TSF FROM FCSS RESERVE | (3,500.00) | (323.90) | (3,176.10) |
| 1-51-00-590-03 | FCSS - DONATIONS | 0.00 | (1,000.00) | 1,000.00 |
| * | TOTAL Revenue | (99,140.00) | (19,318.90) | (79,821.10) |
| Expenditure | | | | |
| 2-51-00-110-00 | FCSS - SALARIES | 58,000.00 | 22,459.58 | 35,540.42 |
| 2-51-00-130-00 | FCSS - EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS | 3,650.00 | 1,758.70 | 1,891.30 |
| 2-51-00-135-00 | FCSS - AUMA BENEFITS | 7,000.00 | 2,880.01 | 4,119.99 |
| 2-51-00-137-00 | FCSS RRSP CONTRIBUTION | 1,200.00 | 490.08 | 709.92 |
| 2-51-00-150-00 | FCSS - ADM TRAINING & EDUCATION | 3,800.00 | 845.00 | 2,955.00 |
| 2-51-00-200-00 | FCSS PROGRAMS | 14,100.00 | 6,149.91 | 7,950.09 |
| 2-51-00-211-00 | FCSS -TRAVEL/LODGE/PHONE & BOARD DEVEL. | 1,970.00 | 105.61 | 1,864.39 |
| 2-51-00-220-00 | FCSS - ADVERTISING & MEMBERSHIPS | 620.00 | 214.09 | 405.91 |
| 2-51-00-510-00 | FCSS - GENERAL GOODS & SUPPLIES | 3,800.00 | 0.00 | 3,800.00 |
| 2-51-00-595-00 | FCSS - COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS | 5,000.00 | (27.85) | 5,027.85 |
| * | TOTAL Expenditure | 99,140.00 | 34,875.13 | 64,264.87 |

*** End of Report ***

FCSS Director's Report

Period Ending: May 31, 2024

Prepared By: Amanda Barron, Director

Supporting Community Members



SUPPORTS

Seniors Benefits

Throughout May we provided service to 5 individuals in submitting Seniors Benefits.

Referrals/ Supports

As part of our services FCSS provides support to individuals in aiding access to various supports such as government programs, housing assistance and food bank access. During May we provided 3 clients with referrals to various supports and aided through the application process.

PROGRAMS

Rural Pop Up

The next upcoming session is to be held on July 16 at the Community Hall from 10-11:30, with the addition of the Car Seat Clinic.

Community Garden

Members of the Off-Leash Dog Park pilot project consulted with FCSS on April 30 to discuss fencing around the Community Garden area. Both parties agreed it is beneficial to fasten a temporary fence until their pilot has been completed, and once successful move to a permanent fence. The entrance to the garden has been moved to the Southeast corner, and water accessibility has been maintained with hoses that can pass through the fencing, however concerns have been raised surrounding accessibility to the garden for those with mobility issues and the need to bring supplies into the space. We will continue to work with the Dog Park Committee to reach a mutually beneficial resolution allowing Garden patrons ease of access.

Canadian Volunteer Income Tax Program

The April 30 deadline by the Canadian Revenue Agency for penalty free tax filing has passed. Tax preparations have slowed, however FCSS will maintain this service for the remainder of 2024 to allow community members to file as needed. To date 43 preparations have been completed in the office.

Beginners Yoga

Our first yoga session took place on May 5th at the Bassano Community Hall. We have 17 individuals registered and participate weekly. Program surveys will be distributed at the last session to help us determine interest for additional sessions possibly this upcoming fall.

Bike Safety Rodeo

In collaboration with Brooks Safe Communities, Bassano RCMP, and Bylaw Enforcement we successfully delivered the Bike Safety Rodeo to the Grades 1-4 students at Bassano School. They

FCSS Director's Report

Period Ending: May 31, 2024

Prepared By: Amanda Barron, Director



Supporting Community Members

learned about the purpose of helmets, roadway safety skills and practices then put this knowledge to practice in navigating their way through the bike course designed to reinforce those practices in safety.

Earth Day Craft Kits

We prepared 25 Earth Day Craft kits containing Seed Bombs, Bird Feeders, Recycling awareness and Nature Journaling for distribution locally. All of our kits went out to local children between the ages of 4 – 12 and were designed to promote actions that protect and preserve our planet.

Gratitude Journals

The last of our Gratitude Journals have been distributed, in total we prepared 70 journals. These were free for pick up at local businesses, and the second journal in our journey toward creating whole-body wellness within the community. The third installment of journals will go out this fall with our “Manifestation Journal”.

Babysitters and Home Alone Courses

Many parents with school aged children are facing the end of the school year, this can be a stressful time as they face challenges in acquiring adequate care for children. To help prepare children for the possibility of being home alone and or to become a caregiver to a younger child or sibling we offered Red Cross Home Alone and Babysitters Courses designed to provide foundational skills and knowledge to build confidence for both children and parents. We had 6 students attend the Babysitters Course and 12 attend the Home Alone program from Bassano and the County of Newell.

INITIATIVES

Welcome Wagon

There were 3 Welcome Packages distributed in May to new residents.

| | |
|--------------------|-----------|
| 409 3rd Ave Unit C | 22-May-24 |
| #18 831 2nd Ave | 24-May-24 |
| 616 4 Ave | 27-May-24 |

GENERAL UPDATES

Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta -

Bassano FCSS attended the Community Grant Presentation on May 29th at the CPR Engineers house in Brooks as a result of receiving grant funds. All grant recipients were asked to give a presentation regarding their program providing insight into the development, needs and potential impact of programming. Tammie and Heather attended the presentation with myself to accept our grant award, and have pictures taken for the Brooks Bulletin.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

FCSS Director's Report

Period Ending: May 31, 2024

Prepared By: Amanda Barron, Director



Supporting Community Members

Small Town Smoke Down – FCSS Kids Q – June 8

We have begun accepting registrations for our FCSS sponsored Kids Q occurring on June 8, 2024 at the 3rd annual Small Town Smoke Down. This is the first year FCSS will be sponsoring the event. As part of the program participants receive a Kids Q apron, swag bag and free entry with meat provision. The program offers an excellent opportunity to teach safe food handling, hand washing and personal safety while preparing food.

In keeping with previous programming, the age range was kept consistent with the original ages of 6-14 and we opted to prepare boneless pork loin for two reasons a) Hamburgers are quite messy and b) judging process does not allow for the use of buns/condiments.

In learning from errors program details will be fully disclosed to Advisory Board members before program advertising goes to the public to ensure all parties are sharing accurate information.

Bassano FCSS will also be receiving an interview Saturday June 5th at 6:50 am by CBC during the Pancake Breakfast to discuss programming priorities, and initiatives locally.

- 55+ Digital Literacy – June 6 - Bassano Memorial Library @ 9:30am
- CRA Seniors Education – June 5 - Prairie Damsiters @ 7 pm
- Rural Pop Up June 18 – Carseat Clinic
- Bassano Pro Rodeo – Parade – June 22

Attachments

1. Action Items

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|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| January 8, 2024 Regular Board Meeting | | |
| Barron, A | Book Delete Hate Workshop upon confirmation of Grant Funding | In progress March 28,24 |
| April 8, 2024 Regular Board Meeting | | |
| Barron, A | Prepare program materials to facilitate Babysitter and Home Alone Courses | Completed May 25/24 |
| Barron, A | Distribute Moose Hide Campaign materials to local business | Completed May 24/24 |
| May 6, 2024 Regular Board Meeting | | |
| Barron, A | Rotate Minutes | Completed May 7/24 |
| Barron, A | Resolution Index | Completed May 7/24 |
| Barron, A | Plan and Prepare Small Town Smoke Down Kids Que Sponsorship Swag bags, Aprons and Food | Completed May 28/24 |
| Barron, A | Organize Kids Que Volunteers for June 8 | |
| Barron, A | Plan and Prepare Rodeo Parade Float , organize volunteers for facilitation | In progress May 28,24 |

P-FCSS014 FCSS Program Subsidy Policy

BACKGROUND

At the April 8, 2024 FCSS Advisory Board meeting members expressed an interest in providing program subsidy on a program to program basis to help create equitable access to FCSS preventative education and programs for community members. This prompted the development of a policy that lays out the guidelines for access to program fee subsidy.

POLICY OVERVIEW

Bassano FCSS will reserve \$500.00 annually commencing January 1, 2025 to be allocated to program fee subsidy based upon the current Low Income Cut Off or Alberta Seniors Benefits eligibility income threshold. Individuals may apply for the subsidy on a program-to-program basis, the Director will ensure those meeting the criteria will receive 50% program subsidy until allocated funds have been dispersed.

OPTIONS:

#1 – That the Family and Community Services Advisory Board approves P-FCSS014 Program Subsidy Policy as presented.

#2 – That the Family and Community Services Advisory Board approves P-FCSS014 Program Subsidy Policy as amended. *Define amendments.*

#3 – That the Family and Community Services Advisory Board rejects P-FCSS014 Program Subsidy Policy

DIRECTOR COMMENTS:

Through the provision of an FCSS Program Subsidy program equitable access to programs is possible through defined parameters that allows those in need of subsidization the ability to access funds.

ALIGNMENT WITH OPERATIONAL POLICIES

1. P-FCSS006 Financial Planning Policy
2. P-FCSS007 Programming Policy

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

#1 – That the Family and Community Services Advisory Board approves P-FCSS014 Program Subsidy Policy as presented.

Prepared by: Amanda Barron, FCSS Director

Reviewed by: Amanda Davis, CAO

Attachments:

1. P-FCSS014 Program Subsidy Policy
2. P-FCSS014 Program Subsidy Policy - Schedule A

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Policy Title | Family and Community Services Advisory Board – Program Subsidy Policy |
| Authority | FCSS Director |
| Approved (Dates/Motion #) | |
| Policy Number | P-FCSS014 |
| Review | To be reviewed annually at AGM |
| Reviewed by | FCSS Advisory Board |

Policy Statement

The FCSS Advisory Board is responsible to develop, maintain, and provide preventative based social programs and support services in Bassano pursuant to the Family and Community Support Services Act, the Family and Community Support Services Regulation, and the Town’s strategic plan.

Purpose Statement

To provide low-income individuals/families with the opportunity to receive a full program subsidization to increase accessibility to FCSS facilitated social and educational programs.

Definitions

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) – means the administrative head of the municipality.

Council – means the elected body of the Town.

Director – means the FCSS Director, an employee of the Town, that is dedicated to the FCSS Advisory Board managing social programs and services.

Bassano FCSS – means Family and Community Support Services.

FCSS Advisory Board – a volunteer advisory board of directors appointed by council with the responsibility of leading and managing social programming in the Town.

Town – means the incorporated municipally of Bassano.

Participant – means the person registering for a program.

Subsidy – money given as part of the cost of something.

Low Income Cut Off (LICO) – represents the poverty line as set by Statistics Canada, updated yearly based on the inflation rate.

Responsibility

It is the responsibility of the Director to ensure this policy is implemented.

Guidelines

1. These guidelines set out the minimum requirements for a resident to be accepted into the Fee Assistance Program. To be eligible for fee assistance, applicant's income must fall below the Government of Canada's Low Income Cut-Off or Alberta Seniors Benefits eligibility income threshold.

| Size of Household | Total Income of All Adults (Line 150) |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 1 | \$28,217 |
| 2 | \$35,128 |
| 3 | \$43,187 |
| 4 | \$52,434 |
| 5 | \$59,470 |
| 6 | \$67,073 |
| 7 or more | \$74,675 |
| Size of Household | Total Income of All Seniors (Line 150) |
| Senior (65 years or older) – Single | \$31,080 |
| Senior (65 years or older) - Couple | \$50,720 |

2. Applicants must provide the following information:
 - a. Address proving, that they are a resident of the Town or Division 6 of the County of Newell.
 - b. Current proof of their Canada Revenue Agency Notice of Assessment or Reassessment for each household member over the age of 18 – Total income is shown on line 150.
3. If accepted into the program applicants will receive a non-cash subsidy applied to 100% of the registration fee.
4. Access to the Program is non-transferable and does not carry forward year-over-year.

5. Failure to attend the subsidized program will result in forfeiture of opportunity to apply for future programming subsidy for a term of one year.

Process

The FCSS Advisory Board shall allocate \$500.00 per annum to the Program Subsidy, access the Program Subsidy is based on a first come first served basis.

1. If residents wish to participate in the program, they must submit an application (Schedule A) to the Town.
2. The form will be reviewed by the FCSS Director.
3. Once approved, applicants will be required to pay the remainder of the 50% registration fee.

Policy Reference

1. P-FCSS006 Financial Planning Policy
2. P-FCSS007 Programming Policy

Attachments

1. Schedule A - Bassano FCSS Program Subsidy Application

END OF POLICY

Bassano FCSS Program Subsidy Application

The FCSS Program Subsidy was developed to help low-income individuals and families access Bassano FCSS programs requiring registration fees. This program is first come, first serve as funding is limited. To participate in the program, complete the form below.

CONTACT INFORMATION

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Applicant Contact Information | First Name* | Middle Initial | Last Name* |
| | | | |
| | Preferred Name (if different from the one above) | | Date of Birth* (YYYY-MM-DD) |
| Alternate Contact Information | First Name* | Middle Initial | Last Name* |
| | | | |
| | Preferred Name (if different from the one above) | | Date of Birth* (YYYY-MM-DD) |
| Residential Address | Address* (Unit #, Street #, Street Name, City) | | Postal Code* |
| Mailing Address | Address* (Unit #, Street #, Street Name, City) | | Postal Code* |
| Email Address | | Phone Number | Alternate Phone Number |
| | | | |
| Program Requested for Subsidy | | | |

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Adults – List all adults living in the family household. Attach a copy of the Canada Revenue Agency Notice of Assessment or Reassessment for each adult family member.

| Last Name | First Name | Relationship | Birth Date YYYY-MM-DD | Total Annual Income before Tax (Line 150 from Revenue Canada's Notice of Assessment) | Request Subsidy | |
|---------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----|
| | | | | | Yes | No |
| | | | | | Yes | No |
| Grand Total Annual Income | | | | | | |

The personal information requested on this form is being collected for the purpose of course/seminar registration under the authority of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPP). If you have any questions about the collection of this information, please contact our FOIPP Coordinator at the Town Office (403) 641-3788

FEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND PROGRAM TERMS:

1. The Fee Assistance Program is first come first serve and will be closed when available funds have been allocated.
2. Participants must be a resident of the Town of Bassano or Division 6 of the County of Newell.
3. The total annual household income falls below the Government of Canada's Low Income Cut Off and Alberta Seniors Benefit eligibility. See income thresholds below.

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The applicant must provide their Canada Revenue Agency Notice of Assessment or Reassessment for each household member over the age of 18 - Total income is shown on line 150

OR

Alberta Works/Income Support or Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH)
Health Benefits Card Number

4. The subsidy does not carry forward to future FCSS programs. Applicants must reapply on a program-to-program basis.
5. Failure to attend subsidized program will result in forfeiture of opportunity to apply for future program subsidy for a term of one year.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the fee assistance application requirements and program terms above.

Signature of applicant

Date

OFFICE PORTION

Confirm Total Annual Income (Income falls below the Government of Canada's Low Income Cut-Off income threshold)

Yes No

OR

Alberta Works/Income Support or Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) Health Benefits Card Number

| Name | Age | Subsidy Amount |
|-----------------------------|-----|----------------|
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| Total Subsidy Amount | | |

Approval for the total subsidy amount: Yes No

Director Authorization

Date

COMMENTS

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SUMMER 2024 PROGRAMMING

BACKGROUND

Bassano FCSS has created a focus on whole body wellness since 2023 by providing programming options that help promote physical, emotional, and spiritual wellbeing through capacity building, awareness, and inclusive accessible programs. Understanding that each of these elements of wellbeing are interconnected. The programs FCSS offers are designed to engage a wide variety of demographics enhancing the wellbeing of our community members and the County of Newell.

This year Bassano will also be co-hosting the bi-annual Bassano Damfest and Culture Days event organized by Bassano Arts Council. This event celebrates a wide variety of arts and culture locally, live music, art displays, culinary classes and Indigenous culture celebration are among programming.

Last summer our programs focused on active living across the age span, Social Skill development, and Aquatic Safety. We also created Craft and Activity packages that engaged children in artistic and physical wellness.

Programs we offered in Summer of 2023 that we could offer again include:

RETURN PROGRAM OPTIONS

Drowning Prevention Week

Summer sunshine and warmer climates encourage many Albertans to enjoy aquatic pursuits. Alberta has an impressive number of unmonitored bodies of water creating a need for water safety education. Drowning Prevention Week which occurs July 21-27 provides an opportunity to provide preventative education to all demographics. We collaborated with Bassano Outdoor Pool to provide drowning prevention education and lifesaving skill games in the pool. Knox Presbyterian Church supplied the Outdoor Pool rental for this event in 2023, with open swim from 1-3. FCSS supplied educational materials and a free sundae to all in attendance. From this baseline FCSS could facilitate collaborations to run a drowning prevention event this summer at the Bassano Outdoor Pool. Knox Presbyterian Church has asked FCSS to partner with them for an open swim day at the Bassano Outdoor Pool on July 7th tentatively. This is an opportunity to also partner with Newell County Fire Services to facilitate a boat safety presentation.

This year we received the grant from the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta to provide free swimming lessons to the students at Bassano School, Lifesaver Sundae provides supplemental information the ties closely to our commitment in providing aquatic prevention barrier free to our subscribers.

Bassano FCSS would allocate \$300 to facilitation.

Summer Social

The Summer Social was a program created last year to engage elementary school aged children in expanding their understanding of their thoughts, feelings, and emotions, allowing growth in social understanding and emotional intelligence. In 2023 we ran 2 one-week sessions consisting of an hour each. Through the stories by Jory John students can enter the shoes of the characters, gaining insight and perspective aiding in social development. This program was paired with Emotional Regulation Yoga adding the physical wellness element and could possibly be expanded upon to include healthy eating, vision boards and artistic self-expression.

Bassano FCSS would allocate \$150 to facilitation.

Open Sport Days

Bassano FCSS hosted open sporting days last spring and summer to engage the community in outdoor leisure activities and provide the ability for individuals to access partnered sports aiding in the reduction of social isolation. Some of the sports offered included Tennis, Disc Golf, and Bowling. With the Communities Choosewell Grant receipt of \$5,000 we have an opportunity to begin expanding and improving upon Open Sports and allowing continuation through winter months as well. FCSS would provide 2 opportunities weekly to engage participants in opportunities that require another person to play.

There would be no additional budget allocation to facilitate.

Summer Craft Kits

Bassano FCSS created 60 craft kits last summer that were distributed to Bassano and County of Newell residents. Each kit contained several hours of enjoyment for children 4-12 years of age. These kits included games, crafts and activities that promoted social, emotional and physical wellness. They also promoted the development of gross and fine motor skills, lessening the chance of summer regression in skills.

Summer kits were extremely popular last year, we received feedback from locals stating that they had utilized the contents multiple times and that the recipients enjoyed the crafts and activities within.

If choosing to prepare kits in 2024 a program budget of \$300 would be allocated to development.

Parade of Garage Sales

Each year Bassano FCSS provides administrative support to the development of our local Parade of Garage Sales. Each year we have seen an increase of advertised sales and the volume of shoppers that are coming from the county to partake in these sales. We have also noted that some local

groups/organizations have also begun programming for this event. This is a cost-free program requiring administrative time.

NEW PROGRAM OPTIONS

Strollin with Seniors

This program would be a weekly collaboration with Bassano Playfair Lodge. Bassano FCSS and other local volunteers could provide outdoor walking to seniors at our local lodge on a once weekly basis. This will provide a break from social isolation and allow much needed outdoor time for seniors faced with mobility issues. These outings could include the occasional ice cream stop or snack in the park providing additional social interactions. Bassano FCSS will provide volunteer recruitment for this program.

This is a cost-free program requiring only the procurement of volunteers, if incorporating stops budgetary allowance of \$100 would be provided.



Classroom Kits for Kids

Every September the kids say goodbye to summer holidays and make preparations to head back to school. For some families this can be a stressful and financially taxing time of year. Many local families are struggling to afford not only the fees to attend school but also the additional costs of purchasing supplies. Bassano FCSS has an opportunity to engage the community in aiding these families by doing a school supply drive. Locals could donate any unopened school supplies they no longer need or make a financial contribution. FCSS would then create backpacks for children and donate them to Bassano School to distribute to students in need. If choosing to proceed with this program, FCSS would research grant funding availability to help offset costs.

A budget allocation of \$250.00 would be allocated to this program.

Pool Pop Up Art Shop

Let's bring a fun aquatic based activity to the kids!

Each year the Bassano Pool draws in a big crowd from all over the County. Families take in the day relaxing, enjoying the water and getting a kiss from the sun. To engage the community and provide a mini break to swimmers Bassano FCSS could provide a free crafternoon at the pool for children.

This program would allow children to create their own Ocean in a Jar or an Ocean Floor Diorama. FCSS could set up supplies in the joint use area so as to not interrupt within the pool area.



- Supplies Needed
- Mason Jars
 - Mini sea creatures
 - Plastic plants
 - Aquarium Gravel
 - Glitter
 - Water – Blue food coloring

- Ocean Floor Diorama
- Supplies Needed
- Box
 - Colored paper
 - Shells
 - Sea creatures/ colorable cut outs
 - Glue/hot glue guns
 - Pipe cleaners
 - Rocks/pebbles
 - Tissue paper



Budget allocation of \$150 would be allocated to preparing this program.

CLARIFICATIONS/CONSIDERATIONS

Throughout the summer months FCSS provides administration to the Parade of Garage Sales and Kick it to the Curb as per our policy P-FCSS011 – Recurring Programs.

Due to the new grant funding distribution model on behalf of Grasslands FCSS, we will require additional administrative hours dedicated to presentation preparation in early September therefore additional programs reflect allowance for completion.

This open discussion is intended to provide guidance and direction. The outcome of the discussion will result in program development.

Prepared by: Amanda Barron, FCSS Director
Reviewed by: Amanda Davis, CAO

Bassano Damfest and Culture Days - Children's Watercolor Painting

BACKGROUND

Bassano Damfest and Culture days is slated to occur on September 13-14, 2024 thanks to the hard work of the Bassano Arts Council and community partners. For this year's programming Bassano FCSS has partnered with Bassano Arts Council to help prepare programming that aligns with National Day of Truth and Reconciliation to provide a variety of Indigenous based activities including a Kiros Blanket Exercise, Dancing, Drumming and a Bannock Taco Lunch. Bassano FCSS has also provided administrative support in the procurement of grant funding that allows for free programming throughout the event.

To further support the events at Bassano Damfest and Culture Days Bassano FCSS could provide a children's art-based activity, consisting of watercolor painting on a predesigned canvas, to help encourage youth to develop artistic skills. The program would be one hour long, hosted in the Community Hall or greenspace. Bassano FCSS at present has these supplies to accommodate 40 participants. No additional budget allocation would be required for delivery. FCSS volunteers (2) would be needed for approximately 1 hr for program support.

OPTIONS:

#1 - That the Family and Community Services Advisory Board approves facilitation of Children's Watercolor Painting at Bassano Damfest and Culture Days. Schedule to be determined closer to date.

#2 - That the Family and Community Services Advisory Board declines the facilitation of Children's Watercolor Painting at Bassano Damfest and Culture Days.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS:

None

ALIGNMENT WITH OPERATIONAL POLICIES

1. P-FCSS006 Financial Planning Policy
2. P-FCSS007 Programming Policy

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

#1 – That the Family and Community Services Advisory Board approves facilitation of Children’s Watercolor Painting at Bassano Damfest and Culture Days. Schedule to be determined closer to date.

Prepared by: Amanda Barron, FCSS Director

Reviewed by: Amanda Davis, CAO