

INTER-CITY FORUM ON SOCIAL POLICY

May 27, 2022, 9:00am - 2:30pm

Virtual - Microsoft Teams

Time	Topic	Presenter	Outcomes
9:00am - 9:30am	Call to Order Agenda/ Amendments/ Adoption Approval of Minutes January 28, 2022 Ice Breaker Activity	Chair Tina Petrow	Carried
9:30am - 10:00am	Updates: Alberta Municipalities FCM	Kelly Santarossa Councillor Taneen Rudyk	For Information
10:00am - 10:15am	Updated Terms of Reference	Chair Tina Petrow	Carried
10:15am - 10:30am	BREAK		
10:30am - 11:00am	Survey Results	Chair Tina Petrow	For Information
11:00am - 11:45pm	Priority Setting	Chair Tina Petrow	For Decision
11:45pm - 12:15pm	Questions	Chair Tina Petrow	For Discussion
12:15pm - 1:00pm	LUNCH		
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Presentation & Questions	Kim Titus Thumbs Up	For Information & Discussion
2:00pm - 2:30pm	Next Meeting Date September 20, 2022 Closing Remarks Adjournment	Chair Tina Petrow	For Discussion

MEETING MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- Chair Tina Petrow called the meeting to order and gave the Treaty 6, 7, and 8 territories acknowledgement

AGENDA AMENDMENTS & ADOPTION

- Motion to approve the agenda as amended by Jo-Anne Wright - carried
- Motion to approved meeting minutes from January 28, 2022, meeting by Jan Gillet – carried

INTRODUCTION

Councillor Marissa Wardrop Joins us from Brooks. Councillor Wardrop is a high school humanities teacher. Originally from Brooks, Councillor Wardrop has also lived in Calgary and Lethbridge. A 2nd generation ICFSP member, Councillor Wardrop has a passion for social policy and is excited to be involved with the ICFSP.

Airdrie:	Councillor Tina Petrow Clay Aragon Manager Recreation Culture and Social Planning Barbara Reddaway Executive Assistant Alexa Cooke Executive Assistant
Beaumont:	Councillor Catherine McCook Kim Williston FCSS Director
Brooks:	Councillor Marissa Wardrop
Calgary:	Melanie Husker Director of Community Strategies Sonia Shalen Executive Assistant
Camrose:	Councillor Joy-Anne Murphy Lyndel Kasa Executive Director Camrose and District Support Services (FCSS)
Chestermere:	Danielle Fermin - Manager of Community Support Services.
Cold Lake:	Councillor Chris Vining Kim Schmidt FCSS Manager
Edmonton:	Councillor Jo-Anne Wright Judy Smith Director of Community Resources Christopher Lawson Lead Community Infrastructure and Program Development
Grand Prairie:	Councillor Grant Berg Angela Sutherland Manager of Social Development
Leduc:	Amanda Ulrickson FCSS Manager
Lloydminster:	Mayor Gerald Aalbers Patrick Lancaster Manager of Social Programs and Services
Medicine Hat:	Councillor Alison Van Dyke Leah Prestayko Director of Community Development
Red Deer:	Councillor Cindy Jefferies Ryan Veldkamp Support Supervisor Safe & Healthy Communities
Spruce Grove:	Councillor Jan Gillett
St Albert:	Councillor Shelley Biermanski Connie Smigielski Manager of Community Services
Strathcona County	Councillor Katie Berghofer Councillor Corey-Ann Hartwick Bree Claude Director of FCSS

GUEST SPEAKERS

Alberta Municipalities
FCM
Thumbs Up

Kelly Santarossa
Councillor Taneen Rudyk
Kim Titus

Senior Policy Analyst
FCM President
Founder

UPDATES

ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES Kelly Santarossa – Senior Policy Analyst with Alberta Municipalities

First concern: the demand for affordable housing and for permanent supportive housing. Alberta Municipalities is advocating that the Province shift its focus to the Housing Accelerator Fund. Alberta Municipalities are presenting to the standing committee about the Housing Accelerator Fund at the beginning of June, reiterating that the municipalities are not getting access to the funding required to construct new housing to increase supply, as well as keep people housed when they are transitioning out of homelessness.

Second concern: long term care and continuing care. For decades there has been significant neglect and underinvestment by the Province into long term care and the health system. This neglect and underinvestment has been brought to light with the pandemic. The Province has been talking a lot about transformation. What does that look like? What does access to long term care look like? What does aging in place look like?

Third concern: is mental health and addiction. Alberta Municipalities is seeing an increase in drug consumption. For example, there are drugs on the LRT. The Province has stopped the funding of the supervised consumption sites. This has contributed to the concern, so Alberta Municipalities continues to advocate for more support and reopening of the supervised consumption sites.

FCM Taneen Rudyk – Councillor Town of Vegreville, FCM President

FCM recently held its first ever National Housing Summit

President Taneen Rudyk presented some of the critical findings including the need for:

- streamlining policy, delivery of money
- quality housing – current lack of quality housing across the country, across the population: homeless, first-time homebuyers, those changing jobs, retirees
- larger investment in the Housing Accelerator Fund
- to build more responsibly and more sustainably, including respect of:
 - panel construction
 - build off site
 - increase jobs for youth in trades
 - hemp building materials
- housing that has/is:
 - proximity to transit
 - inclusionary zoning
 - climate resilience
 - barrier free; and
 - senior's housing (bungalows)
- the requirement, for 30% deeply affordable, and indexed housing
- energy efficiency requirements
- affordability requirements
- municipal leadership to talk about what their municipality needs because it is different in each community.

Question has come up in transferring ownership of affordable housing as properties change ownership; how do you still ensure that there is still supporting those that are in highest need?

TERMS OF REFERENCE Chair Tina Petrow (see attachment)

- Joy-Anne Murphy moved to approve the amended terms of reference - carried

SURVEY RESULTS

- Affordable housing is a top concern across the province
- Moving forward we will be using a hybrid meeting approach alternating between Calgary and Le Duc due to the proximity to the airports
- Unless we are combining with another meeting, we will continue with full day Friday meetings, 3 times a year (January/February, April/May/June, and Fall)
- We are looking at collaborating on some issues rather than trying to tackle the issues individually
- The idea of presenting to the different municipalities and to the Alberta Municipalities Board regarding what the ICFSP does using a slide show, video, or webpage was introduced

PRIORITY SETTING

- We have identified housing, drug use, and mental health as concerns across the province.
- The province has approached the things we have identified as top issues. They have committees, and they have written action plans.
- Following discussion, it was decided that the Chair would send out a document to each municipality who would report back regarding what subject matter experts they currently have in place and what they are currently working on to improve the areas of concern so that the efforts were not duplicated.
- It was also discussed that one-page letters on the top three identified concerns (housing, drug use and mental health) could be prepared by this group (as a whole or as sub committees) that are easy to digest and could be presented to municipal elected officials to advocate to the Province with consistent messaging.
- Support was requested from Edmonton and Wetaskiwin as they are putting forth a motion this fall to the Alberta Municipalities Convention in advocating to the Province for more support to address the rising drug crisis coupled with rising homeless and mental health and addiction challenges come together to elevate the voice around **the issues they are facing**.

MUNICIPAL HIGHLIGHTS

AIRDRIE

SOCIAL WELL BEING SURVEY will be rolled out in 2 phases starting this summer

BEAUMONT

Will be opening a COMBINED THRIFT STORE/FOOD BANK supported by council

BROOKS

Global Village Center Association has developed a program called the JOHN WARE YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM. Combines community, mentorship, and skill building. Helping youth define career goals and find resources. It is modelled around John Ware, who was a who was born in the US. He was a slave and he settled around the Brooks area.

CALGARY

COMMUNITY SAFTY INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK \$16 million partnership with Calgary Police Service to change the crisis response system

MENATL HEALTH AND ADDICTION STRATEGY created last March which links addictions and mental health with three pillars: Being Well (prevention), Getting Help (services), and Staying Safe (crisis response).

EDMONTON

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELLBEING FRAMEWORK passed by Edmonton City Council The police have a help team, a transit teams, a cultural outreach team, peace officers who have specifically been trained, especially in the indigenous culture. We have developed shelter strategies. In the past months we also passed an anti-racism policy.

GRAND PRAIRIE

STREET OUTREACH CENTRE established and funded by the local Rotary club.

LLOYDMINISTER

Undertaking a SECOND SOCIAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT in the last 5 years and is currently in the data gathering phase.

RED DEER

SOCIAL DIVERSION TEAM created to divert calls away from emergency service providers and provide intervention to individuals in a time of crisis that do not necessarily require an emergency response. Council has agreed to provide that ongoing funding.

SPRUCE GROVE

LATE NIGHT CAFÉ Addressing homelessness in Spruce Grove through winter. A collaborative group with local churches, organizations, the police, taxi companies, and hosted at a local church.

STRATHCONA COUNTY

PARENTS EMPOWERING PARENTS SOCIETY- PEPS pepsociety.ca

Nonprofit association works with parents dealing with addition issues in their youth.

New violence trauma and suicide prevention protocol designed to integrate all the different committees: Alberta Health Services, child youth and family services, Elk Island Catholic and public schools, the royal, the RCMP, emergency services, family, and community services, as well as safe place –

THUMBS UP Kim Titus (see attachment)

Kim Titus presented to the Committee on the Thumbs Up Foundation. The Foundation ran a pilot project in 2017 and has had very high success rates with their Harmonized Health Model. Where traditional treatment models focus on one treatment method in a controlled environment, the thumbs up model focuses on a blend of knowledge, assessment, treatment, resiliency, recovery, support, and continuing care from the community and family. They acknowledge the essential elements of biology and family in mental health. As well as ownership, accountability, and responsibility for self.

PROPOSED NEXT MEETING

Hybrid in person and virtual meeting the evening of September 20 or the morning of September 21, 2022, in Calgary to join with the Alberta Municipalities conference

CLOSING REMARKS

Chair Tina Petrow thanked everyone for all their hard work and great conversation.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 2:21 pm