



## COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

### 2021 Annual Report and 2022 Work Plan

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the April 27, 2022, Office of the City Manager report OCC00968, be received for information.

#### Report Purpose

**Information only.**

#### REPORT

At the April 27, 2022, City Council Non-Regular, Scott Wright, Chair, will present the 2021 Annual Report and 2022 Work Plan.

The Community Services Advisory Board advises Council and the Community Services Department of the City of Edmonton on programs, projects and policies related to social development, arts and heritage, multiculturalism, recreation and sports and other areas of work provided by the Department that enhance quality of life in Edmonton.

The Board looks forward to being engaged and providing advice and citizen perspective on a variety of projects and work led by the department. Board members see these opportunities as an important part of the City's public engagement process. Members participated in regular board meetings and committee meetings in 2021.

Highlights for 2021 include:

- Working with the leadership team of the Community Services Department to identify priorities where input, ideas and advice from the Board would be beneficial.
- Engagement and learning opportunities on Department projects including:
  - Emerging Immigrant and Refugee Community Grant Program - proposed new look;
  - Alcohol Consumption in Parks (2x);

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- Indigenous Framework - shared presentation from the Community and Public Services Committee; and
  - Community Safety and Wellbeing Task Force Recommendations and the impact on the Community Services Department (2x).
- Discussion about key work of the Department included:
  - 2022 Department Business Plan;
  - 2023-2026 Strategic Planning Timeline; and
  - Discussion of Priorities with the Department Leadership Team.
- Worked with Administration on the development of priorities and updating the FCSS funding program for 2023 - 2025.
- Awarding of funding for the 2021 Community Investment Operating Grants to 281 not for profit organizations whose mandates included social services, multicultural programming, recreation, and sport. Of those organizations, 163 received the maximum award of \$16,500. The budget for this program was \$3,617,775.
- A review committee was established to review the Community Investment Operating Grant program for 2022, working with Administration and community partners. The result was to ensure community organizations receiving this funding would be working to increase social inclusion and equitable access to participation. The committee recognized that reporting on outcomes would be a big change and maybe challenging for some groups, so tools will be developed. It is important to ensure funding is going to support the City's goals and aspirations. Organizations will also be expected to increase the knowledge, with all involved in the organization, of diversity, inclusion, and anti-racism.

The 2021 Annual Report of the Community Services Advisory Board (Attachment 1) provides detail regarding board activities as well as information on grants and funding. The Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) program section features the activities and outcomes achieved in 2021 through this funding partnership with the Government of Alberta to provide preventive social services.

The Community Services Advisory Board has developed a work plan for 2022 (Attachment 2) based on their core responsibilities and discussions with the Community Services Leadership Team. The Board recognizes that circumstances and priorities may change and the work plan may need to be adapted throughout the year.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. CSAB 2021 Annual Report
2. CSAB 2022 Work Plan