



COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 6 p.m.

Community Engagement Space

414 King Street

Spruce Grove, AB T7X 2C7

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REQUEST FOR DECISION

MEETING DATE: March 10, 2026

TITLE: Adoption of the Agenda - Community Services Advisory Committee - March 10, 2026

DIVISION: Strategic and Communication Services

SUMMARY:

Committee members are provided the opportunity to add items they would like to discuss during the meeting, remove items, or change the order of proceedings.

PROPOSED MOTION:

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:

The agenda sets the course of action for the meeting. This ensures the business of the day is followed through and completed as required.

The agenda is approved by a motion of the Committee and must be passed by a majority of the members present. Once the agenda is approved, no further changes may be made unless approved by the majority of the Committee members present.

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

If changes need to be made to the Agenda, a motion to amend the Agenda is required. An example of a motion to amend is, THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT:

n/a

IMPLEMENTATION / COMMUNICATION:

n/a

IMPACTS:

n/a

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

n/a



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REQUEST FOR DECISION

MEETING DATE: March 10, 2026

TITLE: Minutes - Community Services Advisory Committee Meeting - February 10, 2026

DIVISION: Strategic and Communication Services

SUMMARY:

The minutes of the previous Community Services Advisory Committee meeting are placed on the agenda for approval.

PROPOSED MOTION:

THAT the February 10, 2026, Community Services Advisory Committee meeting minutes be approved as presented.

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:

The Community Services Advisory Committee meeting minutes are the official written record of the actions that took place during the meeting; a snapshot of the decisions that the Committee made and the outcome of the vote.

The minutes are written without notes or transcribing of discussions that may have taken place during an agenda item.

Committee members review the minutes prior to the meeting to review for any changes that may need to be made. A motion for an amendment is required if an error has been noted. If there are no amendments to the minutes, a motion to approve the minutes as presented is made by a member of the Committee. The minutes are signed by the Chair and the Recording Secretary.

A copy of the minutes will be included in a future Regular Council Meeting agenda package.

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

If the Committee would like to make changes to the minutes, a motion to amend the minutes is required. An example of a motion to amend the minutes is, THAT the February 10, 2026, Community Services Advisory Committee meeting minutes be approved as amended.

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT:

n/a

IMPLEMENTATION / COMMUNICATION:

n/a

IMPACTS:

n/a

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

n/a



THE CITY OF SPRUCE GROVE

Minutes of Community Services Advisory Committee

February 10, 2026, 6 p.m.

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Members Present: Councillor Carter
Kimberley Shuya, Chair
Neil Quaid, Vice-Chair
Gene Kushnir
Hannah Dunbar
Kim Fisher
Lisa Iwanyk
Lori Bethel
Tessa Scott (attended virtually)

Members Absent: Ambili Rose
Shae Douglas

Also in Attendance: David Wolanski, Administrative Liaison (attended virtually)
Laura Hall, Deputy City Clerk
Jeanine Merkus, Director, Recreation and Culture
Scott Rodda, Director, Community Social Development

Corrie Priebe, Strategic Initiatives Lead
Shelley Tunney, Supervisor of Strategic Initiatives

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kimberley Shuya called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. AGENDA

2.1 Adoption of the Agenda - Community Services Advisory Committee - February 10, 2026

Resolution: CSAC-012-26

Moved by: Hannah Dunbar

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Moved by: Hannah Dunbar

That the agenda be amended to reorder the items in Closed Session to consider 8.2 2026 Microgrant Applications Evaluations and Approvals before item 8.1 Civic Wayfinding Initiative.

Unanimously Carried

Resolution: CSAC-012-26

Moved by: Hannah Dunbar

THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

Unanimously Carried

3. MINUTES

3.1 Approval of Minutes - Community Services Advisory Committee Organizational and Regular Meeting - January 13, 2026

Resolution: CSAC-013-26

Moved by: Hannah Dunbar

THAT the January 13, 2026 Community Services Advisory Committee Organizational meeting and January 13, 2026 Regular meeting minutes be approved as presented.

Unanimously Carried

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Community Development Framework - February 10, 2026

Scott Rodda, Director of Community Social Development, provided a presentation on Community Development Framework.

Committee thanked Scott Rodda for the presentation.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

There were no Administrative Updates on the agenda.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

6.1 2026 Community Services Advisory Committee Work Plan Approval

David Wolanski, Administrative Liaison, provided a presentation on the 2026 Community Services Advisory Committee Work Plan.

Committee thanked David Wolanski for the presentation.

Resolution: CSAC-014-26

Moved by: Gene Kushnir

THAT the 2026 Community Services Advisory Committee Work Plan be approved as presented.

Unanimously Carried

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no Information Items on the agenda.

8. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution: CSAC-015-26

Moved by: Neil Quaid

THAT the Community Services Advisory Committee go into Closed Session at 6:23 p.m. under section(s) 29 and 34 of the *Access to Information Act* for the following matters:

Item 8.1 2026 Microgrant Applications Evaluations and Approvals - February 10, 2026
Item 8.2 Civic Wayfinding Initiative

Unanimously Carried

8.1 2026 Microgrant Applications Evaluations and Approvals - February 10, 2026

The following persons were also in Closed Session to provide information or administrative support for item 8.1 2026 Microgrant Applications Evaluations and Approvals - February 10, 2026:

David Wolanski, Shelley Tunney, and Laura Hall.

8.2 Civic Wayfinding Initiative

The following persons were also in Closed Session to present item 8.2 Civic Wayfinding Initiative:

Sarah Doi from Cygnus Design Group.

The following persons were also in Closed Session to provide information or administrative support for item 8.2 Civic Wayfinding Initiative:

David Wolanski, Jeanine Merkus, Corrie Priebe, and Laura Hall.

8.3 Return to Open Session - February 10, 2026

Resolution: CSAC-016-26

Moved by: Kim Fisher

THAT Committee return to Open Session at 7:23 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

9. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Resolution: CSAC-017-26

Moved by: Lori Bethel

THAT the Community Services Advisory Committee approve funding of \$1,500 to Africentric Arts for Black History Month - Candlelight Stories.

Unanimously Carried

10. ADJOURNMENT

10.1 Adjournment - Community Services Advisory Committee - February 10, 2026

Resolution: CSAC-018-26

Moved by: Hannah Dunbar

THAT the Community Services Advisory Committee adjourn at 7:27 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

Kimberley Shuya, Chair

Laura Hall, Recording Secretary

Date Signed

DRAFT



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REQUEST FOR DECISION

MEETING DATE: March 10, 2026

TITLE: Youth Integrated Services and Youth Programming

DIVISION: Community and Protective Services

SUMMARY:

The Youth Integrated Mental Health Initiative (known as Kickstand) is a service delivery model aimed at providing a continuum of accessible resources and supports in a timely and integrated manner to youth between the ages of 11 – 25 years.

City Council supported both a Capital and Operating Business Case in 2024 and provided Administration direction to develop the initiative by utilizing the cabin facility located at 447 King Street.

PROPOSED MOTION:

A motion is not required.

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:

Administration has been focusing on developing the tri-region mental health initiative with its key partners: Kickstand (provincially funded), WestView Primary Care Network, various community partners, Town of Stony Plain and Parkland County. The City of Spruce Grove through the Community and Social Development department, has been approved as the Lead Agency and effective October 1, 2025, was granted the operating dollars to move from a Development Site to an Operating Site; subsequently, will receive \$500,000 annually to deliver the services in April of 2026. (Operating Funding).

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

Spruce Grove Council has already signaled their support for this initiative by providing funding and approving the facility.

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT:

Significant engagement has occurred to develop the initiative to the state it is today; furthermore, a key piece to the Kickstand model is for continual collaboration and engagement to occur.

IMPLEMENTATION / COMMUNICATION:

There will be a communication plan developed to align to that of the opening date of the Kickstand site.

IMPACTS:

Kickstand will have a positive impact for any youth/young adult seeking support and timely resources to help navigate their personal journey around mental health, and related issues.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Operational dollars are provided through Kickstand via Provincial Government funding.



kickstand



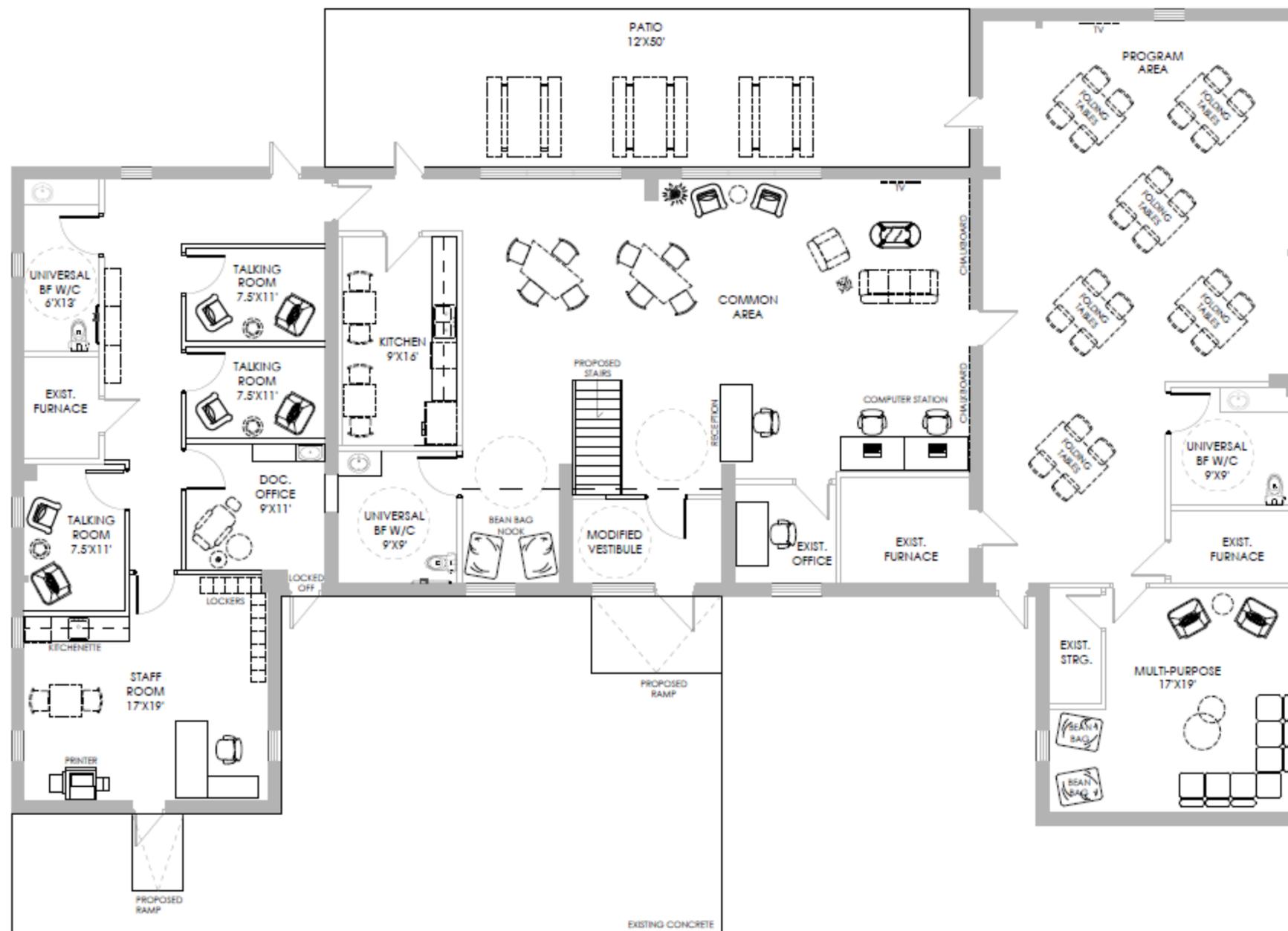
kickstand

- What is Kickstand
- Who we serve
- Community partnerships
- Schedule
- Timeline and updates
- Questions

What is Kickstand

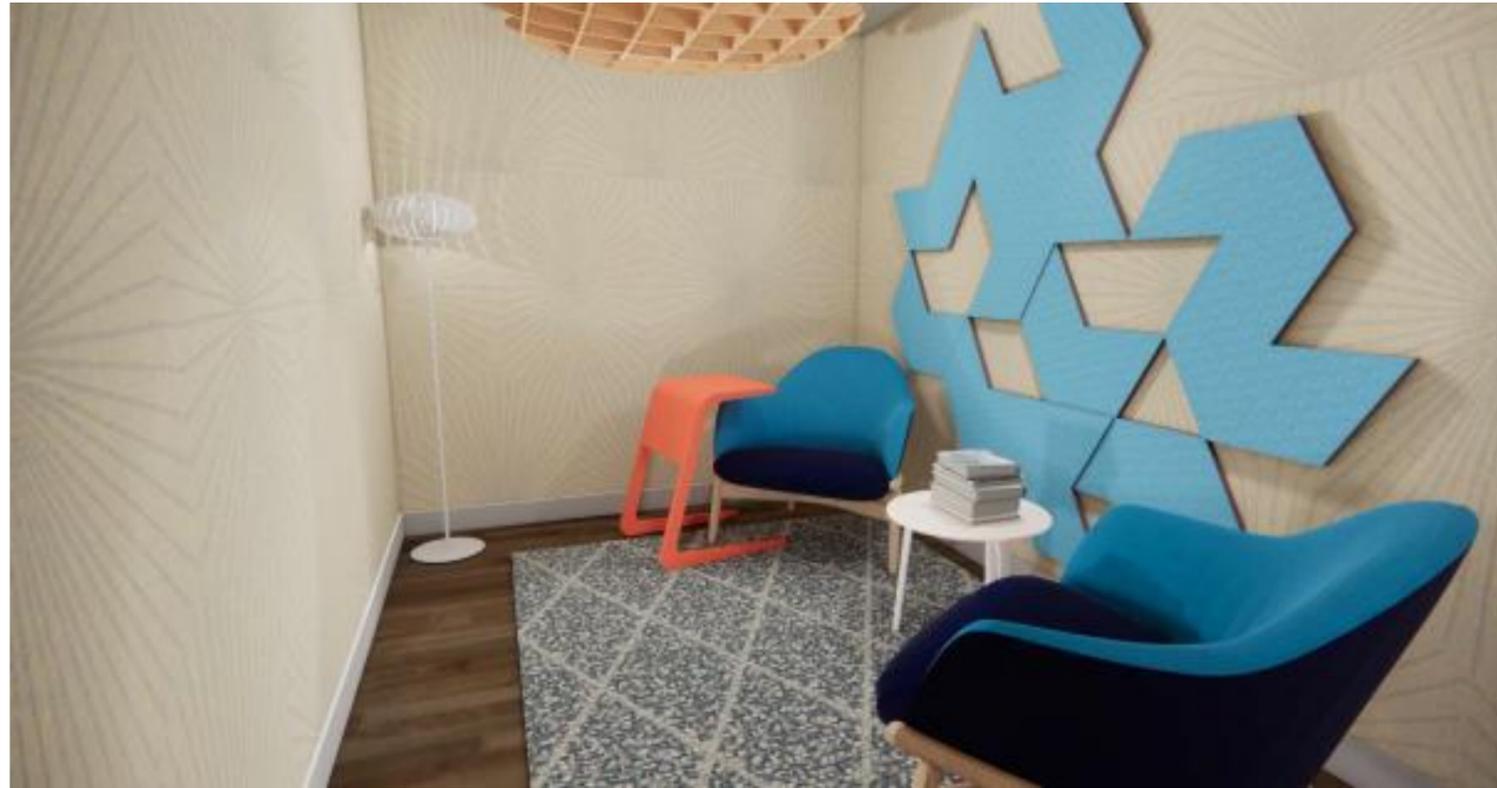


- Alberta's Integrated Youth Services (IYS) Network (we will be the 8th location in the Province)
- 6 Core Streams: mental health, substance use, peer support, Indigenous wellness, primary health care, and a variety of social services.
- Co-located “one stop hub” - built on collaboration
- Accessible & reduced barriers, integration of care
- Youth-friendly/designed, trauma-informed, inclusive
- Governance, Operations and Youth Committee
- Capacity building for resilience and thriving



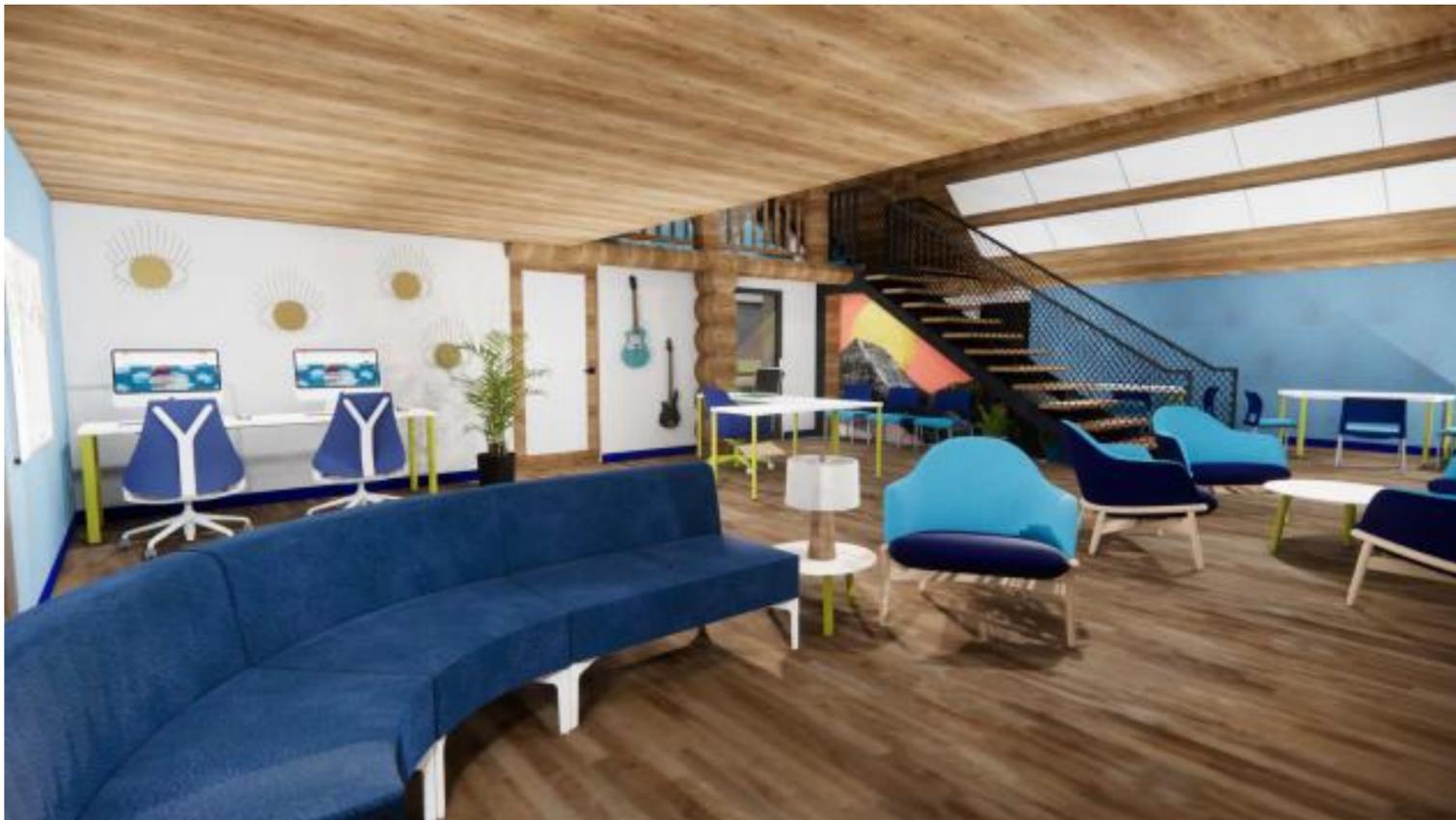
Located at
447 King
Street
Log Cabin

Currently
under
renovation



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Who we serve



- Young People 11-25 years
- Caregivers
- Tri-Region residents

Community Partners



- WestView Primary Care Network
- apfa (FRN)
- Bredin
- TriCala
- Recovery Alberta
- Dochas
- BGC Bigs
- Action for Healthy Communities
- Skydancer
- Spruce Grove Rotary
- Native Counselling Services of Alberta

Schedule and Access

Drop In
No Cost

Bridge support in
Stony Plain

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
10am-5pm	11am-6pm	10am-6pm	11am-6pm Evening Program	10am-5pm

Groups/workshops: DnD, Young Parents, Fitness, Talking Circle, Employment, Wellness/Creative/Life Labs, Caregiver support, Leadership Club, Medicine wheel

- INDIVIDUAL SERVICES
- Counselling
 - Support Navigation
 - Nurse Practitioner
 - Newcomer support
 - Mentorship training
 - Education support
 - Mental health and substance use



Timeline



Opening mid April 2026



**We will share print and digital material
with partners and community**



Help us build awareness



kickstand

Community Services Advisory Committee

- Anything you think we need to consider?
- Ideas for ongoing engagement?
- Opportunities to spread awareness?
- Questions?



Thank you!

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REQUEST FOR DECISION

MEETING DATE: March 10, 2026

TITLE: Accessibility Initiatives

DIVISION: Community and Protective Services

SUMMARY:

To provide the Committee with some background as to the City's approach to accessibility, including past and future initiatives as well as additional considerations.

PROPOSED MOTION:

A motion is not required.

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:

For any municipality, accessibility has shifted dramatically over the years beyond just physical infrastructure, encompassing all aspects of municipal services, including digital, informational, and social environments. Increased focus on accessibility means proactively identifying, removing, and preventing barriers that hinder the full and equal participation of people within community life.

Key aspects of accessibility include:

- **The Built Environment:** Creating barrier-free access to public spaces, including municipal buildings, parks, sidewalks, trails, and, in some cases, accessible housing.
- **Information and Communication:** Ensuring websites, documents, and public communications are accessible, often adopting formats like plain language, large print, or screen-reader-compatible digital content.

- **Programs and Services:** Providing accessible public transit, recreational facilities, and services that allow for the use of assistive devices, such as mobility aids or service animals.
- **Civic Engagement:** Creating opportunities for residents with disabilities or other challenges to participate in public meetings and consultations.
- **Employment:** Implementing policies for accessible hiring, accommodation, and career advancement within the municipal workforce.
- **"Nothing Without Us" Approach:** Actively involving people with disabilities in the planning, development, and evaluation of policies to ensure they are effective.

The City of Spruce Grove has slowly been maturing in this particular area over the years due to increased societal awareness, subject matter expertise, and enhanced focus through Council prioritization and direction.

The City has taken several steps in improving accessibility across all service areas while keeping in mind other municipal priorities, including affordability as this particular concern fits within the realm of accessibility as well when one thinks of “financial accessibility”.

While not an exhaustive list, the presentation will provide the CSAC with some highlights from past initiatives, as well as outline some upcoming plans.

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

City Council and Administration will have several considerations, both philosophically and financially in the coming years. Additional awareness and feedback from community members and those with lived experience will be critical.

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT:

Dependent on future initiatives and direction.

IMPLEMENTATION / COMMUNICATION:

Dependent on future initiatives and direction.

IMPACTS:

The ultimate goal of enhancing accessibility in the community is to reduce barriers that limit ones full participation in community life.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Dependent on future initiatives and direction. There are many aspects of accessibility that are more philosophical and cultural vs. financial.

Community Services Advisory Committee

Accessibility Initiatives

Presentation Outline

Background

Previous Initiatives (highlights)

Planned Work

Future Considerations

Background

General comments and observations

- Trends and shifts in accessibility thinking
 - Beyond just physical infrastructure and “disability”
- Range of municipal services
- Key aspects of accessibility
 - Built Environment
 - Information and Communication
 - Programs and Services
 - Civic Engagement
 - Employment and Volunteering
 - Utilizing “lived experiences” in planning and decision making
- Spruce Grove’s journey

Previous Initiatives

- HMP
- Advocacy – AB Muni’s resolution
- Facility Assessment 2021 (Jubilee, Agrena, Elks Hall, City Hall)
- Fees/Charges Review (Recreation and Culture)
- City Centre Area Redevelopment (mobility plan)
- Low Income Transit Pass
- Youth local transit pass subsidy
- Free transit cost for “aids” for those requiring assistance
- Bus pad installation (several each year)

Previous Initiatives

- Liberty swing Jubilee Park
- Enhanced accessibility elements Re-imagined Central Park
- Road refurbishments include accessibility improvements when scheduled
- City Hall improvements
- City Centre storefront improvement program (accessibility criteria)
- Civic Grant program
- Transportation Master Plan, MDP, Social Sustainability Plan
- Agrena railing

Planned Work

- Wayfinding improvements
- Website redevelopment
- Council strategic plan actions
- Auditory improvements at crosswalks (new and existing)
- Crosswalk improvements
- Trail reconstruction
- Pedestrian walkways (missing links)
- Increased scrutiny on developers
- Programming

Future Considerations

Parks/playgrounds (developer built)

Playground replacement

Fiscal responsibility

Municipal Standards

Transit improvements

Questions/Feedback?

What should be top 2 or 3 areas of focus on accessibility improvements in the City?

Slow measured improvements or accelerated?

What are additional opportunities outside of “built environment”?

Is there a greater role for CSAC?



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REQUEST FOR DECISION

MEETING DATE: March 10, 2026

TITLE: Adjournment - Community Services Advisory Committee - March 10, 2026

DIVISION: Strategic and Communication Services

SUMMARY:

Adjournment indicates the end of the meeting and the completion of the agenda items.

PROPOSED MOTION:

THAT the Community Services Advisory Committee adjourn at TIME p.m.

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:

The Chair shall ask for a motion from the Committee. Once the motion has been made and the members vote, the meeting is now complete.

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

n/a

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT:

n/a

IMPLEMENTATION / COMMUNICATION:

n/a

IMPACTS:

n/a

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

n/a