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Dear Members of Council:

RE: Funding Request for FCSSAA Conference Attendance

On behalf of the Bonnyville & District Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) Board, we formally request your support in ensuring continued representation from both municipalities at the annual Family & Community Support Services Association of Alberta (FCSSAA) Conference held in Edmonton.

Historically, the costs associated with sending all board members, including two elected officials and one community representative from each municipality, have been covered by the Bonnyville & District FCSS program budget. However, due to increasing fiscal pressures and our ongoing commitment to protect and prioritize community programming, we are finding it increasingly difficult to absorb these expenses without compromising services.

As such, we respectfully request that moving forward, our municipal funding partners each assume responsibility for the costs associated with their respective board members' attendance at the annual FCSSAA Conference. This includes registration fees, travel, accommodations, and per diems.

The estimated cost per person to attend the FCSSAA Conference is approximately \$1,525, covering:

- Conference registration: \$500
- Hotel accommodations (2-3 nights): \$600
- Travel expenses: \$350
- Meals and per diem: \$75



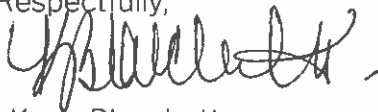
This would amount to approximately \$4,575 per municipality annually for all three of your appointed board members.

The FCSSAA Conference provides valuable learning, networking, and strategic alignment opportunities for staff and board members, helping to strengthen the overall effectiveness and advisory capacity of our local FCSS program. Continued participation in this event ensures our Board remains well-informed and connected to provincial trends, best practices, and advocacy efforts.

We sincerely appreciate your ongoing partnership and investment in preventative social services. Your support in this matter will help us preserve core programming while continuing to build a strong, informed advisory body.

We appreciate your consideration.

Respectfully,



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Chair, Bonnyville & District FCSS Board



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