

COUNCIL REPORT FOR JANUARY 2018

Respectfully submitted by Cyndy Heslin, Deputy Mayor

Health Care Attraction and Retention Committee:

This committee has been invited to attend the Tofield and Area Health Foundation on February 21st to collaborate efforts going forward as we have a doctor finishing his three month assessment and will soon be integrating into his office in Tofield. This will entail welcoming him and his family into the community and introducing him to all areas of Tofield, Ryley and Beaver County and seeing what their needs are going forward.

If you would like to go to YouTube under RPAP (Rural Physician Action Plan) there are amazing videos of what a “Skills Weekend” is as the A&R Committee of considering hosting one at the Tofield Health Center in the coming months. Medical/nursing students participate to see what healthcare is like in a rural community and learning and honing their skills.

RPAP Annual Conference is coming up in April and they have invited myself to attend as part of the A&R Committee. It would be very beneficial to go and learn what is being done by many disciplines; Medical Affairs, AHS, RPAP, Health Minister and what they are doing in Alberta to Attract and Retain all health care professionals to our rural communities.

FCSS Board:

I was nominated to be Chairperson for this Board of which I accepted.

The FCSS Youth Worker resigned and there is no replacement as of yet. Ruth Gill, Director for FCSS is taking this time to re-evaluate the program, hours needed, what services are overlapping others (AHS, PCN, BRSD etc) and to what capacity FCSS can fulfill the needs of Tofield, Ryley and Beaver County youth. There have been many challenges for the Youth Worker including crisis management for

teens and this is way above the scope of this position. All of these factors need to be looked at before another advertisement goes out to hire a new Youth Worker.

FCSS is still looking for a permanent place in Ryley that the Youth can meet with FCSS and have a “drop in” type of program. Any ideas???

Advertisements are going out in the Mercury and via social media/Facebook pages (Tofield Today, Ryley Today) for Public at Large (PAL) for the FCSS Board for Tofield, Ryley and Beaver County Reps. If you know of someone that might be interested please have them contact Ruth at 662-7067.

FCSS is also in need of volunteer drivers for 1-2 hours per week to help deliver Meals on Wheels. Please call Jamie at FCSS office for details at 662-7067.

Upcoming meetings to attend in January:

Christmas Hamper Jan 17, Victim Services Board Jan 18, Meet with Chair Tofield Health Foundation Jan 19, Clean Harbors Liaison Committee Jan 24.