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**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE NO. 23
F.C.S.S. PUBLIC MEETING
FORT VERMILION**

Tuesday, November 28, 1995

PRESENT:

Councillor, Rosenberger, Chair
Councillor Scarfe
Councillor E. Derksen

ALSO PRESENT:

Dennis Litke, C.A.O.
Joanne Mitchell, Assistant Manager, Recording Secretary
Kathy Morris, F.C.S.S. Resource/Youth Worker, Fort Vermilion
Melissa Mercredi, Part Time Youth Worker, Fort Vermilion F.C.S.S.
Pat Kulscar, F.C.S.S. Director
Judy Litke
John Fehr
Addie Noble
Karen Smith
Mike Smith
Bill Dainard, Northwest Health Services Region

Minutes of the Special Public Meeting of the Council for the Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23, held on Tuesday, November 28, 1995 in the Fort Vermilion Community Library.

CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Rosenberger called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

Councillor Rosenberger gave a brief review of F.C.S.S. goals and purposes and invited comments from the public.

INTRODUCTIONS & F.C.S.S PROGRAMS

F.C.S.S. staff were introduced and Kathy Morris described the programs offered in Fort Vermilion. In addition to the programs, F.C.S.S. helps local organizations with their projects. Special events sponsored by F.C.S.S. were reviewed. Many of these are held in conjunction with another local group and most are strictly volunteer with no profit realized for F.C.S.S. Plans are being made to increase services for Senior Citizens.

PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no formal presentations from the public and a general discussion followed.

QUESTION PERIOD

The Fort Vermilion F.C.S.S. budget for 1995 is \$47,000.00 and Pat Kulscar reported Minister, Tom Thurber announced that F.C.S.S. funding was secured until 1999.

The local High School has a priority this year to get more involved in the community and if F.C.S.S. needs volunteers, they should be able to get some from the students.

The Northwestern Health Services Board will be holding special meetings to deal with health needs and to find out what the communities feel the Board should be doing and where their resources should be focused. They would be happy to share any of the statistical information they have. There is a program for training Home Care Aides and some care is provided through the Public Health Unit.

Some discussion has taken place to coordinate seniors programs with "Homeward Bound" and to provide transportation services for seniors.

Local fund raising was discussed and this year, the profits from the Kevin Quist Family Christmas Concert will go to the Fort Vermilion F.C.S.S. programs. Other donations are made by letter writing campaigns. Alberta Forest Service donated two picnic tables and the Fort Vermilion School Division has provided a computer at \$1.00 per year.

The existing F.C.S.S. Board is a regional one with members appointed by each of the participating municipalities. That Board currently operates the F.C.S.S. program. They hire an Executive Director to operate the programs. This structure will be in place until December 31, 1995. Each community has advisory committees as required by legislation so the staff would not report directly to the Town Council. This ensured the programs remained community oriented.

Fort Vermilion should have a list of all the clubs and organizations and it should be advertised so people are aware of what's available. This may encourage more

volunteers. F.C.S.S is the ideal group to coordinate this type of effort and it may be possible to get one representative from each organization to serve on one Board.

Pat Kulscar stated her preference would be to have one stable governing body. It was suggested one person from the M.D. act as a coordinator and then continue with a local advisory committee and have council representation on that committee. If the staff report to an advisory committee, you will probably have higher staff turnover. Volunteer boards would be strengthened by a Council representative.

**COUNCILLOR'S
COMMENTS**

Councillor Rosenberger stated the Province has turned the F.C.S.S. funding over to the M.D. and it's all included in one grant. The M.D. Council has opted for unconditional funding which means the communities can decide how they want their F.C.S.S. programs handled. The general feeling is that it can be run locally but it will probably take some cooperation with other groups to do it. In some areas societies are formed to take on a role such as F.C.S.S and the M.D. would support that.

It was suggested F.C.S.S make presentations to other organizations, describing what their programs are and what F.C.S.S. has to offer the community and get their support.

F.C.S.S staff in Fort Vermilion will report to the M.D. after January 1, 1996.

CONCLUSION

The role of F.C.S.S. in Fort Vermilion should be to pull all of the local organizations together.

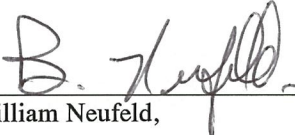
Some effort should be made to have F.C.S.S. and other organizations become self sufficient and not be dependent on government assistance. The funding for F.C.S.S. has been set for the next four years and that time should be used to get organized and plan for the future.

Councillor Rosenberger asked if F.C.S.S would contact the other organizations and see if there is some feed back from them and Kathy Morris replied, yes they will do that.


ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Rosenberger thanked everyone for attending the meeting and declared the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

These minutes were adopted the 9TH day of JANUARY, 1996.



William Neufeld,
Reeve



Dennis Litke,
Chief Administrative Officer