

MEETING MINUTES

May 4, 2026

Time: 6:00 pm (Town Council Chambers)

CALL TO ORDER: Cindee called meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

- Claresholm and District FCSS Board of Directors
- General Meeting
- In attendance: Delma Austin, Director Barbara Bell, Kimberley Berreth (Writer), Councilor David Knox, Vanessa McKenzie (via phone), Councilor Kandice Meister, Cindee Schlossberger
- Regrets: Earl Hemmaway

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Cindee moved to adopt agenda.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: David moved adoption of the minutes from Monday, March 2, 2026.

CORRESPONDENCE: See attached *Thank You letter from Claresholm Health Foundation, FCSSAA Newsletter.*

Health Foundation sent a letter of thanks on behalf of Stephen Ulrich and the Chaplaincy Program.

REPORTS: See detailed staff reports included in the Board Package for Director, Outreach, Seniors Services, Granum, and the Monthly Resource Log. Notable mentions below.

Director:

We welcomed 240 guests to the Volunteer Dinner April 14, 2026 at the Community Centre.

We unfortunately did not receive the homelessness grant again this year that has been used to support local individuals struggling to pay damage deposits/rent.

There were about 450 individuals who took part in the volunteer tax program March through the end of April.

AB Support offered a webinar around income supports. Discussion re: whether FCSS should be providing help for people applying for income supports, as this is not within our mandate. People need email addresses to sign up for income support, and many people do not have one. It takes up a lot of our time.

Upcoming webinar at the end of May re: ADAP/AISH changes

Barb has met with individuals from the province auditing FCSS programming. This may change the type of support we can provide going forward for a variety of events and programming we currently offer. More to come on this.

We received a Healthy Aging grant for \$37,000 for two years. We are unable to advertise the grant. We are working closely with Claresholm Transportation to identify needs, as well as working together with home care and palliative care. Barb is also planning to speak with Fort Macleod FCSS re: possibly sharing rides info and ideas to see how we could work together.

We did not receive a home supports grant this year.

Director's Network in Edmonton – Indigenous speaker discussing the Indian Act and issues Indigenous individuals face in Alberta. Keynote speaker focused on the importance of social prevention programming; interesting conversation.

Barb will be off for 6-7 weeks while recovering from surgery

Most FCSS programming stops for the summer but we will be offering some day camps in July.

Outreach and Senior Supports:

Starla and Jen reports: upcoming: event for Seniors Week – shredding truck at the arena June 6, serving lunch at the soup bowl; providing Elder Abuse information

Granum – 10 good food bags distributed; 20 kids for recent Movie Mill outing; brought a van full of people to Claresholm for Family Bingo; welcomed 26 people for April paint night

Westwinds grants are still available, which helps with housing costs, which has become extremely expensive, even in small centres.

NEW BUSINESS:

Volunteer event – great meal; a few Granum attendees mentioned they feel excluded from citizen and junior citizen part of program; Starla has explained this is separate and distinct program from the Volunteer Appreciation, it is announced at event as it makes sense to celebrate both at the same time but the citizen/jr citizen is a Claresholm initiative

OTHER BUSINESS: Drumming circle – our facilitator has been available only sporadically so Barb is looking into getting certified.

NEXT MEETING: Monay Sept. 7, 2026, 6:00 PM, Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT: Cindee moved to adjourn at 7:06 PM.

Date

Signature

Chair Approval

Sept 7/2026

Andrew Schlossberg

Director Approval

Sept. 7 /26

Barbara Beal