

January 2026

# ADVOCACY BULLETIN

## Welcome to the FCSSAA Advocacy Bulletin Share this with your local representatives, boards and councils

The FCSSAA has been actively advocating for programs, with a significant focus on additional funding, over the last six months. We are pleased to share an update on these efforts in this second issue of the FCSSAA Advocacy Bulletin.

### FCSS Funding in Budget 2026 Championing FCSS with Government

At the November 2025 Alberta Municipalities Convention, FCSSAA President Kayla Blanchette shared the impact of FCSS during a panel discussion, highlighting how prevention-focused supports strengthen communities.

Kayla was also quick on the mic and was able to address both Premier Danielle Smith and several other Cabinet Ministers, including Honorable Jason Nixon and Honorable Nate Horner, about funding for FCSS in Budget 2026 that will better reflect the needs of Albertans.

[Watch the Videos with the Premier and Minister Nixon](#)

[View the Panel Presentation](#)



### FCSSAA Budget Letter Funding Request Made for Budget 2026

FCSSAA has submitted a formal budget request to Minister Nate Horner, calling for increased funding for FCSS programs in the 2026 provincial budget. The request reinforces the essential role FCSS plays in prevention and community wellbeing, and reflects our ongoing commitment to ensuring municipalities have the resources to support families and individuals.

[Read the FCSSAA Budget Letter](#)



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## How do you tell the story of something that never happened? Advocacy Resources and Campaign makes a solid impression

The FCSSAA Communications and Advocacy Committee recognized the importance of equipping local programs with tools to spark meaningful conversations about the value and impact of FCSS across Alberta. To support this goal, the committee developed a set of advocacy postcards to help programs elevate their messaging, celebrate community successes and strengthen public awareness.

### Interested in learning more?

Check out the [campaign details](#) and [downloadable postcards](#) [here](#).

**fcssaa**  
Family and Community Support Services Association of Alberta

**How do you tell a story about something that *never happened*?**

Our province's legacy of being **Alberta Strong** is based on individuals coming together, supporting each other within diverse communities. Our province shines amidst crisis, but what we seldom hear about is the **impact of the programs that prevent crisis**.

FCSS is about crisis too; we're just at a different point on the timeline.

**Dealing well with crisis is good.**  
**Preventing crisis is better.**

### ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN DETAILS

As a natural evolution, the FCSSAA developed a corresponding social media campaign that ran in the weeks prior to the municipal elections.

**Time period of campaign:** August to October 2025

**Platforms used:** Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn

Total reach  
(Facebook & Instagram)

**5,330**

Total engagement  
(clicks, likes, shares)

**400**

**Total impressions 10,618**



### Sparking Meaningful Conversations Cross Border Network Podcast August 2025

In August, FCSSAA President Kayla Blanchette and Tyler Gandom, President of Alberta Municipalities spoke about FCSS funding and the vital role FCSS plays in empowering Alberta communities on the Cross Border Network podcast hosted by Chris Brown.

[Listen to the  
podcast](#)

[Watch the video  
on YouTube](#)

**We are pleased to continue to work with AB Munis and RMA.  
These positive partnerships help amplify our voice, proving we are stronger together.**



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## FCSSAA Annual IMPACT Conference Welcoming conversations with Government

Each year, the FCSSAA invites the Premier to offer remarks to delegates. This year, despite confirming, Premier Smith had an unexpected conflict. We are thankful to Brandon Lunt, MLA for Leduc-Beaumont for bringing greetings from the province in her place. Minister Nixon and Leader of the Opposition, Naheed Nenshi were also invited to speak.

We are grateful for an excellent relationship with our elected officials and were pleased to see so many MLAs join us for the MLA breakfast on Thursday, November 27.



## Community Impact How-to Video New video showcases the advocacy power of the Community Impact tool

The FCSSAA Community Impact Tool is live, which means it's ready to help you show the true value of your work to councils, MLAs, boards and communities. Check out this NEW how-to video to see just how easy—and powerful—this tool can be in your advocacy efforts.

[Watch the How-to Video](#)

## Open Resolutions: Guiding advocacy efforts

Approved resolutions help guide the Association's advocacy efforts, driving potential changes in policy or legislation to strengthen and streamline FCSS work across the province

The 2026 Resolution Committee will meet in January to review and plan next steps for the open resolutions.

## Equitable Access to Funding for Rural and Remote Housing and Homeless Resources, Resolution 2021-02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the FCSSAA advocate to all levels of Government to commit funding and support that all Municipalities can access for the provision of safe and affordable housing options; and remove the systemic barriers which have favored designating resources to the seven cities and instead create funding opportunities to address homelessness and affordable housing supports for all Municipalities in Alberta.

*SUBMITTED BY:  
County of Grande Prairie Family  
and Community Support Services  
Advisory Board*

[Read the full resolution](#)



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## Centralized Call Centre Process to Access Alberta Supports Services, Resolution 2022-01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the FCSSAA work with the Provincial Government to reduce barriers for accessing Alberta Supports Services for people who do not have the financial or technological means for reliable telephone or internet service. Utilizing call centres to access services created barriers for people who need Alberta Supports Services the most.

*SUBMITTED BY:*

*Lac La Biche County Family and Community Support Services*

[Read the full resolution](#)

## Commitment to Address Food Security in Alberta Resolution 2024-01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The FCSSAA advocates to the Government of Alberta to partner with a food security focused organization to maintain its current commitment of funding to address food security through a range of strategies that ensure access to food while also tackling the root causes of food insecurity.

[Read the release](#)

*SUBMITTED BY:*

*County of Grande Prairie Family and Community Support Services Advisory Board*

[Read the full resolution](#)

**Read the full list of resolutions at:**

**[fcssaa.org/about-fcssaa/resolutions](http://fcssaa.org/about-fcssaa/resolutions)**

**Stay tuned for more updates in future bulletins.**

**Questions?**

Please email FCSSAA's Executive Director at [director@fcssaa.org](mailto:director@fcssaa.org).

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