

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2006 @ 12:00 P.M.**  
**Smoky River Conference Room, Grande Cache Hotel**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Louise Krewusik  
Councillor Paul Bailey  
Councillor Terry Coray  
Councillor Jackie Dube  
Councillor Gordon Frentz  
Councillor Tony McCormick  
Darren Ottaway, Chief Administrative Officer  
Vangie Wiseman, Executive Secretary  
Lisa Brown, Executive Assistant

Carole Anne Patenaude, CEO-Northwest AB CFSA  
Rick Futhe, Manager-Northwest AB CFSA  
Renay Taylor-Besant, Manager-Northwest AB CFSA  
Ivan Strang, MLA West Yellowhead  
Terry Coray, Councillor, Town of Grande Cache  
Dianne Ireland, CFSA Board Member-Peace River  
Teresa Wouters, CFSA Board Member  
Cindy Nylander, CFSA Co-Chair  
Judy Ostrowski, Aboriginal Co-Chair-Northwest AB CFSA  
Carolyn Ferraby, Financial Officer  
Tony McCormick, Councillor, Town of Grande Cache  
Liesa Peters, CFSA, LaCrete  
Kelly Smith, F.C.S.S./Early Intervention Director  
Louise Krewusik, Mayor Town of Grande Cache  
Willard Roe, Board Member, Fairview  
Paul Bailey, Councillor Town of Grande Cache  
Grethe Jensen, CFSA Board Member  
Vivian Torrens, CFSA Board Member  
Jackie Dube, Councillor, Town of Grande Cache  
Gordon Frentz, Councillor, Town of Grande Cache  
Hildegard Campsall, CFSA Board Member  
Doris Villeneuve, CFSA Board Member-Joussard

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Krewusik called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

**2.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved by J. Dube and seconded by G. Frentz**

**78/06** RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the Special meeting be adopted as read.

**CARRIED**

**3.0 BUSINESS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING**

**3.1 Joint Meeting - Grande Cache Town Council & Northwest Alberta CFSA**

Mayor Krewusik welcomed Mr. Ivan Strang, MLA; the Board of CFSA-Northwest Alberta Region, Town Council, Administration and Staff. Ms. Judy Ostrowski, Aboriginal Co-Chair presented a Powerpoint giving an overview of CFSA. Presently, CFSA has 170 staff and 11 work sites. It's roughly a 50-50 split between rural and urban areas. The population served is 160,000. There is a 13 Member Board of community representatives appointed by the Ministry. Over half are Aboriginal.

Some challenges the Board faces are distance and population/cultural diversity. The budget established for 2007 is \$31,491,000.00.

Mayor Krewusik commended the Board for their good work and their commitment to Grande Cache. In conversation with major employers in Town, all indications are that Grande Cache is at the tip of the iceberg. More workers and families will be arriving. Some of the current challenges facing the Town are housing, labour shortages and industrial land shortages. The population growth has been overwhelming. The Town is asking the CFSA Board to establish a Parent Link Resource Centre. This request is rooted in an initiative that started in 2005. A consultant was hired to complete a Human Needs Assessment, to highlight service gaps in the area. One area identified was the lack of AADAC services. Lobbying

by the Town and by our MLA has resulted in obtaining a full-time AADAC worker.

Another area identified in the Needs Assessment was the lack of supports for parents and families. There is a lack of programs for parents of school-age children and virtually no programs for children who face challenges.

Grande Cache also poses a problem in terms of distance to other communities.

Grande Cache presented the following requests to the CFSA Board of Directors, Region 8:

- Town Council is requesting that the CFSA Board of Directors, Region 8 receive a response from the Management Team regarding the status of the Regional Planning Table as there has been an approximate increase of \$400,000.00 in the Parent Link budget for Region 8.
- Town Council is asking that the CFSA Board of Directors, Region 8 recommend to the Management Team that Grande Cache establishes its own parent Link Centre.

Carol Anne Patenaude stated she is not certain what \$400,000.00 Director Kelly Smith is referring to in the requests to the CFSA Board. Three sites were identified to use as a model with a budget of \$300,000.00, over a 3-year period. The model is now in year 2. In late Spring, CFSA was advised by the Province that 4.7 sites were identified. With the increase in sites, no new money would be forthcoming and the plan would now be a 5-year plan and not a 3 year plan as originally planned. Four sites have been fully funded, leaving .7 for another position. Work had originally been done to bring a Parent Resource Link Centre to Grande Cache; however, Ms. Patenaude had it stopped, with the full support of the Board, because she felt the rest of the Region needed to be looked at as well.

Ms. Patenaude noted it was unfortunate Grande Cache did not have a registered psychologist for CFSA to utilize.

The Board suggested partnerships with other agencies and approaching Oil and Gas companies for funding. Ms. Patenaude also suggested reviewing the E.I. Contract to see if something could be built in there, but did not commit to providing more funding.

Director Smith noted other agencies are operating at full capacity. To partner with others and have them take on more at this time is not realistic.

Mayor Krewusik thanked CFSA for coming and meeting with Council and others today.

#### **4.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by T. Coray and seconded by J. Dube**

**79/06 WHEREAS** the business of this Special meeting has now been completed;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council does now adjourn.

**CARRIED**

The meeting concluded at 1:30 p.m.

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Louise Krewusik  
Mayor

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Darren Ottaway  
Chief Administrative Officer