

**TO:** FCSSAA Members

**DATE:** October 7, 2024

**RE:** Resolutions for the 2024 FCSSAA Annual General Meeting

Attached are the two resolutions that will be heard at the FCSSAA Annual General Meeting on Friday November 15, 2024. The resolutions will be included in the FCSSAA Annual Report that will be available on the FCSSAA website and e-mailed prior to the conference.

The FCSSAA Board urges all FCSS programs to engage in detailed discussions about the resolutions, ensuring that your AGM delegates fully understand the viewpoints you wish to support during the resolutions debate.

The guidelines for late and emergent resolutions are described in the [FCSSAA Resolutions Procedures Manual on our website](#). A late resolution is a resolution received after the deadline of 60 days prior to the AGM, and not fitting the definition of an emergent resolution. Late resolutions will not be considered by the AGM assembly.

Emergent resolutions must deal with an issue of significance to FCSS programs that arises after the deadline for submitting resolutions. Emergent resolutions must be received by the FCSSAA Secretary at least three (3) days prior to the AGM and members of the Resolutions Committee must agree that the issue requires debate prior to next year's AGM.

Each FCSS program that is a member of the FCSSAA is entitled to appoint two voting delegates for the AGM. Please ensure the appointments have been made before the conference. Voting delegates must register at the AGM registration table prior to the AGM. There is no charge to attend the AGM.

If you have questions regarding the attached resolutions or resolution procedures, please contact me at [lsmid@town.stpaul.ab.ca](mailto:lsmid@town.stpaul.ab.ca) or Mellissa Kraft, FCSSAA Executive Director, [director@fcssaa.org](mailto:director@fcssaa.org). I look forward to seeing you at the FCSSAA conference and AGM.

Sincerely,



Lynn Smid  
Secretary  
FCSS Association of Alberta



## RESOLUTION 2024-01

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

**TOPIC:** Commitment to Address Food Security in Alberta

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The FCSSAA advocates to the Government of Alberta 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.

### **Background:**

Food security is a fundamental human right and is essential for the health and well-being of all Albertans. The rate of food insecurity in Alberta is rising, affecting approximately 1 in 5 households, with low-income families, Indigenous communities, and seniors being particularly impacted. Recent economic challenges, inflation, and supply chain disruptions have exacerbated food insecurity, placing additional strain on food banks, community organizations, and vulnerable populations.

Food insecurity in Alberta is driven by several interconnected factors that impact the availability, accessibility, and affordability of nutritious food for residents. Economic disparities have created a significant gap between high- and low-income households, with many families struggling to afford healthy food amid rising living costs. The high cost of living, including increased housing, utility, and transportation costs consumes a large portion of household budgets, leaving less money available for food. For example, according to the Alberta Consumer Price Index, between January 2023 and January 2024, electricity costs rose by 119%, and rental accommodations increased by 10.6%. Food prices in Alberta have steadily risen, with average retail food prices increasing by 26.81% from January 2019 to January 2024. If these costs continue to climb, Alberta's social systems will face even greater strain, and more individuals will struggle to meet their basic needs.

Addressing food insecurity requires a comprehensive approach, including economic reforms, improved social services, support for local agriculture, and targeted policies to ensure all residents have reliable access to nutritious food. Between 2022 and 2024, the Government of Alberta dedicated \$20 million to address food security through food banks and food-serving organizations. This investment was essential in responding to the ongoing crisis of food insecurity. However, this assistance alone is insufficient to address the social safety nets and policies that fail to tackle the root causes of food insecurity. Programs providing financial assistance, affordable housing, and food subsidies are crucial components of a comprehensive approach to food insecurity. It is vital that the province continues to invest in supporting a broad spectrum of community programs that address poverty reduction and enhance food security.

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### Sources

Average Retail Food Prices Data Visualization Tool ([statcan.gc.ca](https://statcan.gc.ca))

“Canada’s Food Price Report, 12 Edition 2022” . Dalhousie University. [Food Price Report - EN 2022.pdf \(dal.ca\)](#)

Canadian Income Survey, Centre for Income and Socioeconomic Well-being Statistics, Statistics Canada.

Statistics Canada. [Table 13-10-0835-01 Food insecurity by selected demographic characteristics](#)

[Food security | Alberta.ca](#)

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**  
**Proposed to the Annual General Meeting**  
**of the Family and Community Support Services Association of Alberta (FCSSAA)**

**Edmonton, November 15, 2024**

**BACKGROUND:** The Family and Community Support Services Association of Alberta (FCSSAA) has determined by deliberation and discussion of the Association Board and Members to amend its Bylaws, and the Association Board has determined that the following amendments are in order and in keeping with the good governance and administration of the organization.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Bylaw amendments proposed by Special Resolution to the Members on November 15, 2024 be approved.

**Whereas**, the FCSSAA Membership appoints a board based on the recommendations of the regions at the Annual Meeting;

**Whereas**, the current one (1) year term for the board members does not provide the continuity that may be achieved with a two (2) year term.

**Whereas**, the above proposal requires Bylaw Amendments to be approved by the Membership;

**Therefore be it resolved that**, the FCSSAA Bylaws be amended as to read as follows:

#### **4.3 Election and Appointment of Board Members**

4.3.1 The Full FCSSAA Members shall elect by nomination and a clear majority a President at the Annual Meeting by voting delegates.

The President shall be elected for a two (2) year term beginning in 2025 at the Annual Meeting. This term shall commence at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting at which they are elected, and shall, unless sooner vacated, terminate at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting two (2) years hence. The President position will have a cumulative term limit of six (6) years.

4.3.2 A call for nominations for the President position will be issued at minimum four (4) weeks prior to the nomination deadline.

Interested persons must submit a completed nomination package electronically to the Association at least two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. The nomination must be endorsed by at least one FCSSAA Member in good standing.

The Membership will be informed of the nominees prior to the Annual Meeting.

4.3.3 If there are no nominations received prior to the nomination deadline for the President position, nominations from the floor at the Annual Meeting will be accepted.

4.3.4 The Member who made the nomination has no more than two minutes to speak to the nomination. If the Member is not present, the written statement from the nomination package will be read.

4.3.5 Each candidate for the position of President has up to five minutes to speak in response to the nomination. The order of speaking is determined by a drawing of lots by the person presiding over the election.

4.3.6 If a vacancy occurs in the office of the President, between Annual Meetings it shall be filled by the Vice President as selected by the Board, for an interim period until the next Annual Meeting, with the Vice President's consent. The Vice President who moves to the interim President position shall vacate their position as Vice President on the Board and a new Vice President will be selected by the Board.

4.3.7 Representatives from the Regions are elected or appointed at Regional meetings whenever held, at which those Members present from the particular region may nominate and vote on the election of representatives for their respective region.

4.3.8 The representatives of Directors' Network Committee shall be nominated prior to the Annual General Meeting. These nominations will be ratified by the Board of Directors at their first meeting following the Annual General Meeting.

4.3.9 Members of the Association Board serve two (2) years, or until their successors are elected or appointed.

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The Board of Directors is instructed to file the Special Resolution as adopted, with Alberta Corporate Registry in accordance with the Societies Act. RSA 2000 c. S-14