



November 6, 2019

News Release

Parent Link and Other Grant Funding Discontinued

The Municipality of Jasper received notice on Monday, November 4 that a number of Government of Alberta contracts that fund Jasper's Community and Family Services have been discontinued, with existing contracts ending March 31, 2020.

The Government of Alberta is cancelling contracts across the province for Parent Link and other family support programs. These contracts made up more than half of Community Outreach Services' annual staffing budget and have been in place for more than a decade.

The Government of Alberta has indicated it is adopting a new model of prevention and early intervention service delivery guided by its Well-Being and Resiliency Framework and it will be announcing new funding and accepting proposals beginning Thursday, Nov. 7. Jasper's Community and Family Services department will pursue these new contract opportunities.

The Municipality of Jasper will share more details on the future of these services as they become available.

Background:

Community Outreach Services (COS) is a made-in-Jasper solution to providing comprehensive human support services and complementary programming in a small, remote setting. Through the pooling of federal and provincial contracts, COS was created in 1998, offering a one-stop-shop for community programming, resources and confidential, non-judgmental support for all ages.

Parent Link is run by an Outreach Worker who facilitates programs and services that support parents and caregivers with children aged 0 to 5. Jasper's Parent Link playroom offers parent education, information about early childhood development, as well as developmental screening and opportunities for parents to connect with their children and other families.

– 30 –

For more information, contact: Kathleen Waxer, Director of Community & Family Services
780-852-8139, kwaxer@town.jasper.ab.ca

For media inquiries, contact: Christine Nadon, Legislative Services Manager
780-852-4724, cnadon@town.jasper.ab.ca