

# Village Representative Position

Camrose and District Support Services (CDSS) is in urgent need of someone to represent the six CDSS Villages on the CDSS Board of Directors. Ideally, the representative will live in or near one of the six Villages (Bawlf, Bittern Lake, Edberg, Ferintosh, Hay Lakes and Rosalind) and be familiar with the social issues and needs experienced by the people and organizations of the six Villages. Some governance and/or volunteering experience is preferred, but learning and orientation is definitely expected. This is a paid position.

CDSS is the FCSS (Family and Community Support Services) program for Camrose and area. As an FCSS program, CDSS is mandated to support locally determined preventive social initiatives and programs that enhance the well-being of individuals and families living within Camrose and area, including Bittern Lake. CDSS works collaboratively with other organizations to achieve this mandate.

Eighty percent of FCSS funding comes from the province. Municipalities contribute the other twenty percent. Collectively, the six partner villages within Camrose County send close to \$45,000 in provincial FCSS grants and \$11,250 in matching municipal dollars to CDSS to deliver services on their behalf. The Villages Representative ensures that Village funds – indeed all CDSS funds – are spent appropriately and effectively.

The CDSS Board meets the fourth Monday of each month from 9:00 to 11:00 at the Camrose Community Centre in Rudy Swanson Park, Camrose. The Board Package is emailed the Wednesday afternoon before the meeting. Paper packages are then made available to pick up at the board meeting or prior to the meeting. It can take between one and two hours to review the package.

The CDSS Board does not meet in July and August. Board members have the opportunity, however, to participate in the FCSS Association of Alberta. They can attend the FCSSAA Conference and AGM every November and the East Central FCSSAA Regional meeting in the spring (different times and locations in East Central Alberta).

Check the CDSS website for more information [www.camrosefcss.ca](http://www.camrosefcss.ca) or connect with the CDSS Executive Director, Margaret Holliston ([cdss@telus.net](mailto:cdss@telus.net); 780-672-0141) or CDSS Rural Program Community Director Clarence Hastings ([cdss4@telusplanet.net](mailto:cdss4@telusplanet.net); 780-672-0141) for more information about this exciting opportunity to serve the people of The Village of Bittern Lake.