

## Camrose Collective Impact Series

### Shaping how Camrose's social service sector coordinates and grows together

**How do we share responsibility for meeting Camrose's growing community needs and manage the pressure points that come with it?**

**What social infrastructure does our sector need to respond to what's ahead?**

This fall, [Camrose & District FCSS](#), [Camrose Helps Foundation](#), and the [Community Development Unit](#) are convening a three-part series to shape how the social service sector works together as one system.

This is not about individual organizations. It is about what can be achieved together at a system level and exploring what becomes possible when we ask the right questions.

The series is designed to shape how the sector works together in an adaptive manner to serve the community.

### Why Participate?

Camrose's ability to serve residents well depends on how effectively organizations work together with clarity, coordination, and trust. This series is where that gets built.

- **Help write the playbook, not just follow it.** You will directly shape roles, responsibilities, and social infrastructure for the sector.
- **Tackle the real challenge, not a symptom.** This isn't about deciding which organization should do what. It's about building the relationships, shared stewardship, and capacity the community needs to respond to emerging opportunities and challenges.
- **Bridge the informal and the formal.** Explore how the social services organizations can work as one system, connecting the informal and the formal.
- **Be part of a critical mass.** You will be in the room with 25-30 engaged peers from across the Camrose social services ecosystem, including members of the Interagency network, the Foundation's board, and community volunteers.
- **Walk away with next steps, not just insight.** The series moves deliberately from shared understanding to collective decisions you can act on.

### What This Series Covers

- **Shared Understanding:** Ground the group in the current context, relationships, and the real challenges partners are navigating.
- **Governance in Practice:** Explore governance tensions, gaps, and opportunities and identifying what is needed to support future collaboration.
- **Collaborative Alignment:** Clarify how the Interagency and the Foundation complement, rather than compete with, one another.

- **Decisions & Direction:** Identify preferred directions and opportunities to strengthen collective impact moving forward.

## What to Expect

Facilitated, hands-on sessions that build on each other and your strengths as a part of the system. Think of it less as a series of meetings and more as an opportunity to strengthen the sector's capacity for collective decision-making.

## Format & Commitment

The engagement consists of **three in-person sessions** and **one virtual check-in** (*optional, but recommended*), designed to build system awareness, strengthen relationships, and lay the groundwork for collective action.

Please note full participation across all three in-person sessions is requested. Because each session builds on the last, attending all three matters for building shared understanding and maintaining momentum. Organizations are encouraged to send two to three representatives — board members, staff, and volunteers are all welcome.

| Date               | Format & Time                              | Session                                                            | Focus                                                                                                                           |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>November 9</b>  | In-Person (Half-Day)<br>1:00 PM to 4:30 PM | <b>Session 1: Introductory Session on Collective Impact</b>        | Build a shared understanding of the context, relationships, and challenges shaping collective impact and social infrastructure. |
| <b>November 24</b> | Virtual<br>1:30 PM to 2:30 PM              | <b>Virtual Check-In</b> ( <i>Optional but Recommended</i> )        | Reflect on emerging themes, test assumptions, and validate key insights.                                                        |
| <b>December 2</b>  | In-Person<br>9:00 AM to 2:00 PM            | <b>Session 2: Applied Governance and Collaboration</b>             | Explore governance tensions, opportunities, and future needs in greater depth.                                                  |
| <b>December 14</b> | In-Person (Half-Day)<br>1:00 PM to 4:30 PM | <b>Session 3: Next Steps for Decision-Making and Collaboration</b> | Develop prototype approaches for social infrastructure that supports collective impact in Camrose.                              |

## Cost & Registration

There is no cost to participate; Camrose FCSS is covering food for all three sessions.

**Please register by October 30th: [Reserve My Seat](#)**

## Potential Impact and Outcome

- **For your organization:** For your organization: greater clarity of role, stronger relationships, and a more informed position from which to engage in future community planning initiatives.

- **For the sector:** a shared governance direction that connects informal and formal collaboration.
- **For the community:** a stronger, more coordinated social service system ready to meet what's ahead.

This series aims to develop a community-informed governance direction that clarifies how Camrose's informal and formal collaborative structures can work together, strengthens collective leadership, and positions the community to respond effectively to emerging needs and opportunities. It is a foundational step toward a more coordinated, resilient, and collaborative social service system for Camrose.

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