



INFORMATION BRIEF

Meeting: February 9, 2026

AISH CHANGES

DESCRIPTION: to ask Town of Claresholm Council to advocate to the Government of Alberta to pause the implementation of the new program ADAP (Alberta Disability Assistance Program) that is to replace AISH. Also request the Government to discuss the plan for the implementation of the program to persons with disabilities, advocates and community partners (FCSS) prior to implementation and to publicly report the social and economic impacts of these changes.

BACKGROUND:

- Important to our community, this may push our persons with disabilities deeper into poverty. There will be more demands on community agencies providing food and housing.
- Whole program of AISH will no longer exist. All people receiving AISH will be automatically switched to ADAP. This was passed by the UCP government in December 2025
- ADAP will be \$200 less than what they receive on AISH, but the money they make in employment will be extra and will not be taken off the AISH cheque.
- This is causing much distress and anxiety that adds to the already struggling people
- No suggestions as to how this program will take effect so we cannot be prepared to help our clients. Who will decide which of the AISH recipients will have to get a job. What is the process like for the AISH recipients that are unable to work
- FCSS staff are already taxed with helping many clients outside of our mandate
- This pushes more responsibility onto municipalities
- Ask council to advocate these issues to Alberta Municipalities and the Inter-City Forum on Social Policy
- FCSS staff are handling the last change to AISH with much difficulty. Canada Disability Benefit was introduced by the Federal Government to offer help to persons on AISH to receive up to \$200 per month. All provinces except Alberta have allowed the full benefit to add to AISH payments. Alberta is clawing the amount back from the AISH payments, dollar for dollar.
- FCSS staff are already seeing the negative effects of the CDB and the jumping through hoops to receive the extra funding only to have it taken back.

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