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NEWS RELEASE

Public feedback sought to make Red Deer more child and youth friendly

(Red Deer, Alberta) – A new local project called Child and Youth Friendly Red Deer is seeking input from the public to help make Red Deer a more child and youth-friendly city. Children, youth, parents and stakeholders are asked to complete an online survey between March 12 and April 14. The survey is on the Family Services of Central Alberta website at www.fsca.ca.

The Leadership Networks, The City of Red Deer Social Planning department and Family Services of Central Alberta are partnering on the project, and will use the survey results to develop a strategy to make Red Deer a more child and youth-friendly city.

“This survey will help us assess the situations that children and youth face in Red Deer today,” said Ryan Hornett, spokesperson for the Leadership Networks class of 2008. “Results from this survey will be used to develop a strategy to build sustainable capacity to maintain and improve their involvement in the community.”

The survey will evaluate aspects such as safety, happiness and freedom as well as access to appropriate housing, education, health care and transportation. It will also assess current youth opportunities for part-time work, self expression, leisure activities and community involvement.

“A city fit for children and youth is a city fit for everyone. By making our city more child and youth-friendly, we are making it more livable for all our residents,” said Hornett.

The survey takes approximately fifteen minutes to complete. Participating youth will be entered in a draw to win one of three Collicutt Centre one-month Youth Passes.

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