FORT VERMILION & AREA SENIORS AND ELDERS LODGE BOARD 1788
MAKE-UP MEETING
Thursday, October 12, 2017
7:00 p.m.
Seniors Centre
Fort Vermilion, Alberta

Present:  
Jeff Anderson  Chairman
Raymond Friesen  Vice-Chairman (arrived at 7:10 p.m.)
Bill Boese  Treasurer
Eric Jorgensen  Director (arrived at 7:05 p.m.)
Jed Randle  Director
Keith Lambert  Director (arrived at 7:12 p.m.)
Kevin Smith  Director

Minutes of the Fort Vermilion & Area Seniors and Elders Lodge Board 1788 held on Thursday, October 12, 2017 at the Seniors Centre in Fort Vermilion, Alberta. Taken by Kevin Smith in Marilynn Boissy’s absence

Call to Order:  
1. Call to Order

Jeff Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Adoption Of Agenda:

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION MOVED by Bill Boese
That the agenda be adopted as presented.
CARRIED

Eric Jorgensen arrived at 7:07 p.m.

Adoption of Previous Minutes:

3. Adoption of Previous Minutes

Jeff Anderson read aloud the draft minutes of the June 29, 2017 Fort Vermilion & Area Seniors and Elders Lodge Board 1788 meeting.

Raymond Friesen arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Jeff Anderson made the following change to the minutes on page 3 under Round-Table: “DAL project” should be “DSL project”.

Keith Lambert arrived at 7:12 p.m.

MOTION MOVED by Eric Jorgensen
That the minutes be accepted as amended.

Bill Boese gave a verbal financial report; we are roughly $800.00 to the good.

MOTION

MOVED by Jed Randle
SECONDED by Keith Lambert

That the financial report be accepted as presented.
CARRIED

6. New Issues/Business (7:30 p.m.)

6 a) Update from the Feasibility & Needs Assessment Committee – Kevin, Sara & Jeff

Jeff Anderson read aloud Actionable Items to be Forwarded to the FVASELB1788 on the last page of the FVASELB1788 Project Summary Update. Eric Jorgensen requested “Mackenzie County” be added before the word letter on the last page in the Risk row under the Solution/Recommended action/Explanation for change column. To read “The Mackenzie County letter sent to BHF indicates…” Eric Jorgensen also requested the word “only” be removed on the last page in the New Issue row under the Solution/Recommended action/Explanation for change column.

6 b) Review/Approval/Next Steps of FVASELB1788’s 12 Month Action Plan – Natalie & ALL

Natalie Gibson entered the meeting via conference call at 7:30 p.m.

Natalie Gibson provided an overview of activities and key findings since the ‘Refresh’ document completed in June 2017. A key issue is how the census figures for Fort Vermilion and La Crete in the 12 Month Action Plan gathered by Stats Canada are unfortunately inaccurate; in addition, the census figures reported for First Nations are understated and inaccurate or in some cases non-existent. Stats Canada data is only 25-50% and they are self-reporting (meaning they can opt out), FN demographics are grouped into three categories versus seven in a general population. The County administered census gathered in 2015 does not include First Nations. As a result, there is no current, accurate demographic data for the region.

There is need for a Northern Metrics to capture the correct figures. “There needs to be the right care, at the right time, in the right place for every patient as well as the aggregate population.” This can only be achieved through collaboration across all healthcare systems to gather accurate numbers that properly reflect remote, rural and Northern Alberta. Natalie Gibson and the FNAC presented the Action Plan for Fort Vermilion & Area Seniors & Elders Lodge Board 1788. On page #2 there are areas highlighted in green where Natalie and the FNAC are recommending updated wording that better reflects our work. As it reads now it makes it look like we are building the lodge when we are looking for partners and facilitating partnerships.
Eric Jorgenson mentioned Dementia Care. Robyn Maddox had mentioned to him and Wendy Ward back in June 2016 to add Dementia units to the lodge. There was some discussion on the different challenges that exist regarding adding dementia units to the lodge. Dementia patients require specialized programming and care. This links back to specialized training and staff requirements.

Page 4: Natalie Gibson touched on the different types of positions that the Board members can assume and their roles and how she envisions our board at different points in the process.

Page 6: Natalie Gibson explained the four strategies to facilitate the overarching goal ‘the creation of a culturally inclusive DSL facility by 2020’. All strategies basically start at the same time and the first 2 strategies are underway now. The funding for the Northern Metrics, (Strategy #1), is proposed to come from either the provincial or federal governments or a partnership of the two. Government has to be involved in order for the project to be credible and used by health agencies afterwards.

Natalie Gibson explained how Stats Canada gets its census data for La Crete. There are six ‘zones’ instead of one like normal small town or hamlets.

The conference call with Natalie Gibson ends at 8:15 p.m.

**MOTION**

**MOVED** by Keith Lambert
That the Fort Vermilion and Area Seniors & Elders Lodge Board 1788 Action Plan, dated Sept. 18, 2017, be accepted as presented by InnoVisions and Associates with identified amendments.

**CARRIED**

6 c) Discussion and follow up motion regarding Diplomacy Trips & Funding - Jeff
The Fort Vermilion & Area Seniors & Elders Lodge Board 1788 received $9,250.00 from the River Road Trading Post for 2 unanticipated trips; 1 to Edmonton to meet with Ministers and 1 Diplomacy trip to Ottawa.

**MOTION**

**MOVED** by Bill Boese
**SECONDED** by Raymond Friesen
Fort Vermilion & Area Seniors & Elders Lodge Board 1788 intends to repay the $9,250.00 back to River Road Trading Post by September 1, 2018.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION**

**MOVED** by Eric Jorgensen
Fort Vermilion & Area Seniors & Elders Lodge Board 1788 apply to Mackenzie County for a grant for Non-Profit Organizations.
CARRIED
Bill Boese to get dollar figures to Kevin Smith. Eric Jorgensen to get the grant application form to Kevin Smith. Kevin Smith to complete the grant application.

6 d) Presentation of Bylaws Updates & Approval – Bylaw Committee – Noreen & Jed
Jeff Anderson presented the draft Fort Vermilion & Area Seniors & Elders Lodge Board 1788 bylaws with changes highlighted in yellow.

MOTION
MOVED by Jed Randle
The Fort Vermilion & Area Seniors & Elders Lodge Board 1788 bylaw amendments be accepted as presented and the amended bylaws be presented at the next Annual General Meeting.
CARRIED

6 e) Strike the Annual General Meeting and Elections Ad hoc Committee - ALL
There was discussion on what date the next Annual General Meeting will be held.

MOTION
MOVED by Eric Jorgensen
The Fort Vermilion & Area Seniors & Elders Lodge Board 1788 Annual General Meeting be held on Wednesday, November 22, 2017.
CARRIED

Eric Jorgensen, Jed Randle and Kevin Smith volunteered to be on the AGM organizing committee.

Open Issues/Business: 5. Open Issues/Business (9:00 p.m.)

5 a) Fundraising reports (Event synopsis & amount raised) - ALL
Bill Boese reported a total of $18,000 has been raised since the Board was formed from the following events: Airport Renaming Ceremony, Ag. Fair, Rodeo Breakfast, First Town Foods Bar-b-q, Get to Know You Night - pie auction and by individual donations.

5 b) Board Brochure & Business Cards – Raymond & Jeff
Jeff Anderson handed out business cards. Raymond Friesen reported he will have the brochure ready for next meeting; Rudy has a draft done but wanted to tweak it.

5 c) Update on ‘Blurb’ in community column in local newspaper - Bill
Bill Boese read aloud the blurb he had sent out on October 10th.
5 d) Update on ‘Eric Blog’ of Facebook page – Eric & Jeff
Facebook has been intermittent since Klaus moved & Eric’s busy schedule. This is ongoing.

5 e) Senior’s Centre Access Key Update - Jeff
Ongoing.

5 f) Pictures and Bio’s for Website - ALL
Bios are to be submitted to Jeff – ongoing.

Committee Updates: 7. Committee Updates (9:30 p.m.)

7 a) Bylaw Committee (Jed & Noreen); Public Engagement Committee (Eric & Raymond); Finance Committee (Bill & Raymond)
Jeff Anderson reported that Noreen McAteer, due to other commitments, will no longer be able to Chair the Bylaw Committee. Committees will be further discussed and discerned after the AGM.

Correspondence: 8. Correspondence (9:45 p.m.)
Jeff Anderson reported and submitted four letters:
Feb 27, 2017 Letter of support from Boreal Housing Foundation supporting concept in principal.
Aug 25, 2017 County letter to Boreal Housing Foundation pursuant to the following County motion made on August 23, 2017: “That the Boreal Housing Foundation be requested to support the Fort Vermilion Seniors & Elders Lodge Board with support to move a lodge forward in Fort Vermilion.”
Sept 6, 2017 letter from Minister Sigurdson.
Sept 28, 2017 letter from Minister Hoffman.

Round Table: 9. Round Table (10:00 p.m.)
There was no Round-Table discussion.

Next Meeting: 10. Next Meeting
The next regular meeting to be held October 26, 2017.
The AGM to be held November 22, 2017.
The first regular meeting after the AGM to be held November 30, 2017.

Adjournment: 11. Adjournment

MOTION MOVED by Eric Jorgenson
That the meeting be adjourned at 10:54 p.m.
CARRIED