

FORT VERMILION & AREA

SENIORS AND ELDERS LODGE BOARD 1788

Minutes of Special Meeting – February 28, 2019

- Present:** Jeff Anderson, Jed Randle, Bill Boese, Raymond Friesen, Kevin Smith, Eric Jorgensen, Marilyn Boissy and Frank Bueckert (RRTPB)
- Absent:** Noreen McAteer, Keith Lambert
- Guests:** Cameron Cardinal – Mackenzie County - Ward 7; Mike McMann – Fort Vermilion School Division #52 ('School Division')
Natalie Gibson - Board Researcher (via Teleconference)
- Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Jeff Anderson at 7:20 pm.
- Adoption of Agenda:** Bill Boese moved acceptance of the Agenda as presented. **CARRIED.**

Discussion Highlights on GOA's offer of the St. Mary's School

- a) Presentation by Mike McMann explaining that St. Mary's Elementary School may become available as the principle foundation for a Senior's/Elder's Lodge in Fort Vermilion. The School Division is looking at moving the 100 students from St Mary's school to the FV Public School increasing its student body to ~200 students. The FV Public School is being considered for a modernization project that would allow for a much larger student capacity than the current 250.
- b) Holy Family Catholic School Division & Fort Vermilion School Division Boards are 100% in support of this new initiative. Mike advises that there would be no capital transfer costs.
- c) Mike also discussed in detail about how this partnership with our Board would positively affect education/employment in the community and for the region. ie. We grow our own employees through the current Health Care Aid & PCA/LPN program training available in our local area. This is a concrete opportunity to be explored and a great partnership to be struck and there will be a lot of fun and exciting work ahead of us. Yet, it is a place to start and would be a significant reduction in our capital ask.
- d) Mike highly recommended the Board look at completing a Scoping Exercise which will synthesize Alberta Health Service's structure/service requirements along with our current need's assessment data. Mike has worked with ONPA architects and has received incredibly positive results delivering the qualitative & quantitative numbers senior government officials need. Usual costs associated to this scoping exercise is 15-20k.
- e) The Board toured the St Mary's school facility with Mike McMann. The Board learned that there is enough square footage to realize ~20 living units, a robust commercial grade kitchen is available, the four (4) modular units at the end of the South wing would be demolished by the School Division before property transfer,

and overall the Board directors on the tour also believed the structure would serve a repurpose as an assisted living facility.

- f) Next Steps to be discussed at the next meeting.

Round Table: General discussion concerning Seniors and Elders facility.

Next Meeting: March 7, 2019 at 7:00 pm. At the Senior's Centre.

Adjournment: Eric Jorgenson moved to adjourn meeting at 9:15 pm.

CARRIED.

Approved