

FORT VERMILION & AREA
SENIORS AND ELDERS LODGE BOARD 1788
Minutes of Regular Meeting – December 9, 2021

Present: Kevin Marten, Kevin Smith, Michael Congo, Jed Randle, Peter Friesen, Bill Boese (zoom) Noreen McAteer (zoom)

Absent: Raymond Friesen, Keith Lambert

Guests: Jeff Anderson (zoom)

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order by Kevin Marten at 7:11pm.

2. Approval of Agenda: Michael Congo **MOVED** acceptance of the Agenda with changes **CARRIED**

3. Adoption of Previous Minutes:

- a) Draft minutes of Oct 28, 2021 Regular Meeting were read by Kevin Marten
 - a. **Michael Congo MOVED to approve** the minutes with corrections:

Corrections: 5.b) remove typo "a signature"
d) remove "volunteer tracking sheet"
7.a) specify 2020 audit

CARRIED

4. Financial Report

- a. Financials were not available as Bill had yet to receive account documentation in the mail;
- b. \$16,000.00 to be paid to the Rural Development Network ('RDN') as per the Board's contract with RDN. **Kevin Smith MOVED to accept; Seconded by Peter Friesen**

CARRIED

5. Open Issues/ Business

- a. Peter Friesen will get a self picture to Raymond Friesen for the brochure.
- b) Sit Rep: The Proposal (Phase 1 Implementation):
 - a. Roles changing in the Board's partnership with RDN now the key partnership involved in the project.

- b. Jeff Anderson comments that due to Kevin's 'uptake' on the project he has been able to step back into more of an advisory role.
- c. Jeff also brought forward some discussion pieces regarding:
 - 1. Find creative ways to connect with our community during the pandemic;
 - 2. Board agrees with Jeff that though performing face to face in-person interviews with seniors and elders is important, the project needs to be completed this year. This needs to be messaged to Kevin's working group.

1. Discussion around facilitating an Elders gathering at the complex.

1 day workshops? Costs?

ACTION: Jed Randle will talk to Bobby Paul, President of Local 74 to see if they could assist with bringing some elders into town for event.

- c) Metis Region 6 Partnership/Relationship Exploration
 - a. Jed read a letter of support for our project dated November 18, 2021 from Regional 6 Metis Nations of Alberta.
- d) CRA Status Update
 - a. Kevin confirmed last steps taken in the project being we await to hear back from Lawyers as to whether or not CRA can produce the original rejection letter.

6. New Issues/Business

- a) Michael Congo to bring the River Road Trading Post and FVASELB1788 MOU to Ena Simpson as requested during the 2021 AGM.
- b) Michael Congo moved to remove Bill Boese and add Kevin Smith as signatory for Fort Vermilion Seniors and Elders Lodge Board business. **Jed Randle Seconds**

CARRIED

7. Committee Updates

- a) 20/21 Financial Audit is submitted
- b) Kevin Marten volunteers to take over for Bill Boese on Finance Committee

8. Correspondence

- a) Chief Rupert Meneen shared with the Board a letter dated November 29, 2021 from Minister Jason Coping announcing the first phase of the Annual Continuing Care Capital Grant Program.

9. Roundtable

10. Next Meeting: January 27, 2022 at 7:30pm.

11. Adjournment: Kevin Smith MOVED to Adjourn at 8:57 pm.

CARRIED