

FORT VERMILION & AREA
SENIORS AND ELDERS LODGE BOARD 1788
Approved Meeting Minutes – July 25, 2024

Present: Kevin Marten, Michael Congo, William Ducharme, Vina Marten, Jed Randle
Absent: Raymond Friesen, Wendy Ward, Gary Smith
Guests: Jeff Anderson, Board Advisor (via Zoom)

- 1. Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Kevin Marten at 7:04 pm.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** William Ducharme **MOVED** acceptance of the Agenda. **CARRIED**
- 3. Adoption of Previous Minutes:** June 27, 2024 meeting minutes read by Kevin Marten.

Correction should read: “Jed Randle **MOVED** to accept minutes from May 30, 2024 minutes.”

Jed Randle **MOVED** to accept minutes with correction. **CARRIED**

- 4. Financial Report:** Nothing to Report.

Jed Randle **MOVED** to accept. Second by Vina Marten **CARRIED**

5. Open Issues/Business

- a) Business Case Development (FVASELB1788 - L7 Architecture)
- a. Contract Agreement with L7 finalized on July 2, 2024. Kevin Marten and Jeff Anderson reviewed the scope of work details and anticipated milestone invoice dates.
 - b. Start Up Meeting on July 17, 2024. Kevin & Jeff reviewed the meeting minutes. The Board’s Steering Committee (Kevin, Jeff & Natalie) will meet with L7 each Thursday prior to the Board’s Regular Meetings.
 - c. Land Acquisition has become a TOP PRIOTITY for the Board (AHS, Knelsen, School Div., Parcels). Kevin reviewed the requirements so as to have a comprehensive business case & initial desk-top land-viability assessment.
 - i. The Society must have now gain title to land or, at the very minimum, obtain a promissory letter from the owner. The details of what a promissory letter shall contain have been provided by L7.
 - ii. Kevin touched base with Raymond and the Knelsen family is currently working with its lawyers in drafting such a letter.

- iii. Gary Smith was unable to attend the Board meeting to provide an update on his conversations with the FVSD Superintendent and the FVSD's 8 lots. L7 has provided early high-level comments that obtaining the 8 lots from the FVSD would increase the viability of the Knelsen land parcel due to its size and shape.
 - ✓ Jed Randle will reach out to the FVSD Superintendent to see where we are at regarding the ongoing 8 lots conversation.
- iv. Kevin Marten read his response to AHS' latest correspondence regarding the September 2023 Land Acquisition Proposal. The Board is adamant that Kevin and Jeff will continue to pursue acquisition of the AHS land parcel.
- d. IndigenUS Consulting is beginning its engagement strategy.
 - i. The Steering Committee have introduced L7's engagement consultant via correspondence to the health directors that the NPTC Chief's have said to work with along with the Metis Secretary of Health and Seniors.
 - ii. Over the coming weeks, IndigenUS Consulting will connect with these folks. A tentative community engagement session has been earmarked for September 24, 2024; however, targeted engagements may be required stemming from conversations with the health directors.
 - ✓ Jed Randle will reach out to the Fort Vermilion Seniors Society to plant a seed regarding the September engagement session possibly being hosted at the Seniors Centre.
 - ✓ Kevin Marten will ensure that the September 24th the date is scheduled at the Fort Vermilion Seniors Centre.
- e. AREF – Investment Grant Awarding Meeting was attended by Kevin Marten & Jeff Anderson on July 11, 2024. Kevin Marten signed the Agreement on behalf of the Board on July 16, 2024.
- f. Charity Status Application – Final documents have been submitted to Dejager Volkenant on July 16, 2024.

6. New Issues/Business: Nothing to Discuss

7. Committee Updates: The Fort Vermilion AG-Fair is scheduled for August 9-10, 2024. Kevin Marten will reach out to Raymond Friesen to see if the annual ice cream stand is viable for this year. If so, Kevin will initiate a call for volunteers to assist the event.

8. Correspondence: No correspondence

9. Round Table: Nothing to Discuss

10. Next Meeting: August 29, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

11. Adjournment: Vina Marten **MOVED** to adjourn at 8:23pm

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APPROVED