

**FORT VERMILION & AREA**  
**SENIORS AND ELDERS LODGE BOARD 1788**  
**Approved Meeting Minutes – December 5, 2024**

**Present:** Kevin Marten, Michael Congo, Vina Marten, William Ducharme, Wendy Ward, Raymond Friesen and Jed Randle, Con Mercredi and Linda Dyck

**Absent:** Gary Smith

**Guests:** Jeff Anderson, Advisor to the Board

**1. Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Kevin Marten at 7:07pm.

**2. Approval of Agenda:** Wendy Ward **MOVED** acceptance of the Agenda **CARRIED**

**3. Financial Report:** Kevin Marten reviewed the current bank statement of \$88,321.63

Con Mercredi **MOVED** to accept. Second by William Ducharme **CARRIED**

**4. Adoption of Previous Minutes:** October 30, 2024, minutes read by Kevin Marten.

Vina Marten **MOVED** to accept minutes **CARRIED**

**5. Open Issues/Business:**

a) Business Plan Development

i. Progress report

- Summary of survey results will be completed this month. The engagement and surveys collected data for Demand for Service (ie. how many and type of beds)
- Wendy and Jeff discuss the Data that is still missing from BFN. Wendy will find where the data is. Wendy states that they have the data but are waiting for the BFN letter of support.
- Where do we go from here? Following process/Steering Committee
  - Discussion on whether or not the numbers of beds could be too high. The number of beds correlates to the quantitative and qualitative data which demonstrates needs now and 30 years into the future.

ii. K-Lands and B-Lands Acquisition Update

- Knelsen Land paperwork being finalized.
- Geo Tech report insufficient unfortunately.

iii. AHS Land Acquisition Update

- Ongoing.

iv. Metis Nation within AB - ToR & MOU Update

- Metis Nation considering building, owning, operating and managing health service contracts.

- Steering Committee believes the ToR and MOU drafting should be completed by the middle of December.

v. Charity Status Application Update

- Michael and Linda working on the Annual return as certified copies of the updated Bylaws and Directors List is required for the application.
- Aiming for an end of January – early February 2025 application submission.

**6. New Issues/Business:**

- i. 2024 AGM discussion and signing of the Bylaws
  - Board signs the Bylaws.
- ii. Acceptance of Appointed Director for the Metis Nation within Alberta Fort Vermilion District No. 15 (Bobbi Paul-Alook)
  - As per the Bylaws, a letter is required from the Metis District No. 15 indicating that Bobbi Paul-Alook will represent the District. **ACTION:** Jed will work on this.
- iii. Signing Authority
  - The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer will have signing authority.

Wendy Ward **MOVED** Kevin Marten, Raymond Friesen and Jed Randle have signing authority. Second by Vina Marten. **CARRIED**

- vi. Society Director Position Discussion
  - Board discussed Gary Smith's absences from the past meetings and the importance of attendance of all. Directors have reached out to him but are not able to get a response. There may be health considerations. Con will reach out to Gary to see if he can continue as a Director of the Board.

**7. Committee Updates:** Nothing to report.

**8. Correspondence:** Nothing to report.

**9. Round Table:**

- Jeff suggests that Mike Congo help Linda Dyck with the transition of the Secretary duties and responsibilities of Secretary. Mike accepts to help Linda.
- Due to the Canada Post strike, Kevin needs some cash to send cheques to L7 Architecture and Volkenant Law so as to pay recent invoices.

Con Mercredi **MOVED** to spend up to \$100.00 on courier fees. Wendy Ward seconds.

**CARRIED**

- Kevin is in the process of ordering a new book of cheques from ATB.

**10. Next Meeting:** January 30, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

**11. Adjournment:** Vina Martin **MOVED** to adjourn at 9:30pm

**CARRIED**