

FORT VERMILION & AREA
SENIORS AND ELDERS LODGE BOARD 1788
Approved Meeting Minutes – January 30, 2025

Present: Kevin Marten, Michael Congo, Vina Marten, Wendy Ward, Con Mercredi and Linda Dyck

Absent: Raymond Friesen, Jed Randle and William Ducharme

Guests: Jeff Anderson, Board Advisor

Bobbi Paul-Alook, Appointed Director for FV Metis District

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order by Kevin Marten at 7:04 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda: Vina Marten **MOVED** acceptance of the Agenda **CARRIED**

3. Financial Report: Kevin Marten reviewed the current bank statement: \$48, 542.08

Con Mercredi **MOVED** to accept. Second by Wendy Ward **CARRIED**

4. Adoption of Previous Minutes: December 5, 2024, minutes read by Kevin Marten.

Name correction for Kevin Marten and Vina Marten last name spelled incorrectly.

Kevin Marten **MOVED** to accept name correction. Second by Vina Marten **CARRIED**

5. Open Issues/Business

a) Business Plan Development

a. Progress report

- IndigenUS Consulting and the Working Group – Data has been successfully gathered and submitted to the Rural Development Network. Needs Assessment from 2023 has been updated. There are changes to the amounts of DSL beds as well as lodge beds. This has been submitted to L7 Architecture for inclusion into the Business Plan development.
- Mike McMann, Superintendent of The Fort Vermilion School Division has provided a letter of support.

- We are still waiting for the letter of support from Beaver First Nation. Sharon and Natalie are working on this.
- Otipemisiwak Metis Government - TOR is largely done with the Steering Committee submitting final thoughts on draft. The Steering Committee continues to wait for a first draft of the MOU.

b. K-Lands and M-Lands Acquisition - No updates. Ongoing.

c. AHS Land acquisition - No updates. Ongoing.

b) Charity Status Application Update

- Final tweaks being made by lawyer to the application including new Board directors, statement of activities and inclusion of amended Bylaws. Aiming for an end of February submission however the lawyer would like to append the draft MOU and Business Plan to the application.

c) Signing Authority

- Jed Randle will take the approved minutes to the bank to verify signing authority.

d) Acceptance of Appointed Director for the Metis Nation within Alberta, Fort Vermilion District No. 15 (Otipemisiwak Metis Government) - Bobbie Paul-Alook

- Kevin Marten reads a letter dated January 30, 2025 from the Citizens' Representative, Secretary of Health and Seniors appointing Bobbi Paul-Alook to the FVASELB1788.

Wendy Ward **MOVED** to accept Bobbi Paul-Alook to the board as per *Section 5.3* of the Bylaws. **CARRIED**

Kevin officially welcomes Bobbi to the Board as an Appointed Director on behalf of the Metis Nation within Alberta - Fort Vermilion Metis District.

e) Society Director Position Discussion

Con Mercredi **MOVED** to accept Gary Smith's resignation **CARRIED**

Vina Marten **MOVED** to appoint Michael Congo to fill in the now vacant director position in accordance with *Section 5.25* of the Bylaws. **CARRIED**

6. New Business/Issues - No updates

7. Committee Updates: Nothing to report.

8. Correspondence: Nothing to report.

9. Round Table:

- Lengthy discussion about the number of proposed lodge beds. Wendy Ward is concerned that the numbers may be too high. Jeff and Kevin explain in detail how the Business Planning process come to these projections through a Demand for Service analysis and as we go, we will find the right model. It is also mentioned that the Otipemisiwak Metis Government may want to conduct its own internal Needs Assessment so as to ensure the housing models it employs aligns with the needs of the community and region.
- Boreal Housing renovated an old 4-plex that had minor damage from the 2020 flood and placed it in the newly developed neighbourhood and is operating as seniors housing.

10. Next Meeting: February 27, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

11. Adjournment: Wendy Ward **MOVED** to adjourn at 7:55 pm.

CARRIED