

FORT VERMILION & AREA
SENIORS AND ELDERS LODGE BOARD 1788
Approved Meeting Minutes – May 29, 2025

Present: Kevin Marten - Chairman; Raymond Friesen - Vice Chairman (Arrived at 7:12PM); Jed Randle – Treasurer. Directors - Vina Marten, William Ducharme, Wendy Ward, Michael Congo and Con Mercredi.

Bobbi Paul-Alook - Appointed Director-FV Metis District

Jeff Anderson - Advisor to the Board

Absent: N/A (Full Crew)

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order by Kevin Marten at 7:05 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda:

Michael Congo **MOVED** acceptance of agenda.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Previous Minutes: April 24, 2025 minutes read by Kevin Marten.

Con Mercredi **MOVED** acceptance of minutes.

CARRIED

— With following change: Remove Vina Marten as being present at meeting.

4. Financial Report: Kevin Marten presented financials.

Opening Balance - **\$44,367.23** (Website and L7 Architecture)

Closing Balance - **\$34,777.20**

Vina Marten **MOVED** acceptance of financial report William Ducharme Seconds.

CARRIED

5. Open Issues/Business:

A) FVASELB1788 / OMG Update

a. Steering Committee met with OMG on May 14, 2025 to have quick initial discussion since signing the ToR/MOU. Comments regarding the next steps and the Community Supper Event were main topics.

b. Community Supper Event

i. Thursday July 3, 2025 at the FV Community Complex.

- ii. Doors Open at 5:30pm | Supper at 6:00pm | Presentation to Follow
- iii. 10 Min Board Update | 10 Min OMG (Who we are...What we Do) | 10 Min ToR/MOU.
- iv. Bobbi will organize advertising and invite local paper.
- v. Wendy/Raymond/Con organizing facility, food and refreshments.
- vi. Fort Vermilion Heritage Centre has volunteered to provide a people-history slide show during supper.

B) Business Plan Development

a. L7/Make update

The Steering Committee has been working hard with L7/MAKE team regarding the completion of a draft business case. Have met 18 times over the past 8 months. Discussion on near-final draft L7 is to deliver by mid-June along with L7 presenting the near-final draft at the June 26, 2025 Regular Board Meeting. Discussion on concerns with deliverables, invoicing and contract expectations of the Board.

C) Charity Status Application SUBMITTED

- a. The FVASELB1788's charity application was submitted to the CRA on April 25, 2025. Administrative completeness review should be no longer than 2-3 months with CRA completing its review and decision within 6-9 months.
- b. Total cost over the years to get to the submission: \$9,070.00. Cost over runs of \$2,000.00 due to constant moving chairs with directors coming and going, Bylaw revisions and the nature of our business/partnerships changing the scope and administration of the application. Going to need to have some extra monies approved by the Board to catch-up and to address time spent by Volkenant Law if and when CRA responds to the application.
- c. Michael Congo **MOVED** to increase the budget by an additional \$3200.00
Vina Marten Seconds.

CARRIED

D) Tallcree Fuels – Letter

- a. Jed delivered the letter shortly after the last Regular Board Meeting to Mark Miller who will forward to Phillip. Jed will follow up with Phillip.

E) Annual Return

- a. Kevin has submitted the Annual Return and amendments to Service AB and has received official certification.

6. New Issues/Business:

A) Officer Position – Secretary

- a. IT IS CRITICAL that the Board find someone who is able and willing to fulfill this role. Wendy has a community member in mind who supports our work and is able...just need to see if they are willing.

B) Seniors BBQ

- a. Scheduled for Thursday June 12th at the Fort Vermilion Seniors Centre. Folks should be there by 5:30PM
- b. Jed Randal, Mike Congo and Con Mercredi have volunteered.

7. Committee Updates: NTR

8. Correspondence: NTR

9. Round Table: NTR

10. Next Meeting: June 26, 2025

11. Adjournment: Con Mercredi **MOVED** to adjourn 8:45pm.

CARRIED