

FORT VERMILION & AREA
SENIORS AND ELDERS LODGE BOARD 1788
Approved Meeting Minutes – September 25, 2025

Present: Kevin Marten - Chairman; Jed Randle -Treasurer; Directors - William Ducharme, Wendy Ward, Michael Congo and Vina Marten.

Bobbi Paul-Alook - Appointed Director – OMG

Jeff Anderson - Advisor to the Board

Absent: Raymond Friesen and Con Mercredi

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Kevin Marten at 7:08 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda: William Ducharme **MOVED** acceptance of the Agenda. **CARRIED**

3. Adoption of Previous Minutes: *June 26, 2025* Regular Board Meeting | *September 3, 2025* Special Board Meeting (L7 Business Case Presentation) | *September 12, 2025* Special Board Meeting (Discussion/Motion to Accept Final Business Case) all read by Kevin Marten.

Vina Marten **MOVED** to accept the three sets of minutes.

CARRIED

4. Financial Report: Kevin Marten presented financials.

Opening Balance - \$32,632.26

Closing Balance - \$13,571.91(Outstanding: Cash from the ice cream sales at 2025 Ag Fair. Raymond has cash)

Vina Marten **MOVED** to accept. Second by Michael Congo

CARRIED

5. Open Issues/Business:

A) Final Business Plan

- a. Board reviewed and discussed its decision to accept the Business Case and with the final payment being made the General Service Contract with L7 Architecture is now closed.
- b. The Steering Committee assigned to represent the Board and work with L7 Architecture in the development of the Business Case has completed its duties.
 - o Vina and Wendy are organizing a thank you gift for Natalie for her leadership on the Steering Committee. Michael Congo **MOVED** that up to \$500.00 can be spent on a gift, if required. Second by Wendy Ward. **CARRIED**

B) OMG/FVASELB1788

- a. Kevin/Bobbi Meeting with MLA Williams

- Met with MLA Williams on August 5, 2025 with the meeting going very well. The new partnership between OMG and FVASELB1788 was discussed. The MLA remains very supportive of the project and requested that upon the Final Business Case being completed that he and his office receive a copy.
 - i. Discussed that a joint covering letter from both the OMG/FVASELB1788 with the attached Final Business Case should be sent to the MLA. Touch base with OMG on joint letter at next Working Group meeting to get input.
- b. Next Steps: Kevin will reach out to OMG to organize the next Working Group meeting.
- c. FVASELB1788 Working Group Participants:
 - Board assigns Kevin Marten, Jed Randle and Bobbi Paul-Alook. Kevin will reach out to Natalie to ask if she can continue with the group.
- C) Charity Status Application
 - a. No news from our lawyer which is a good thing as that indicates the application is administratively correct and complete. Now just to wait for CRA's decision.
 - b. Lawyer will continue to coordinate with CRA throughout the process as required.
- D) Tallcree Fuels Letter
 - a. Jed Randle confirms that the letter was delivered, and the first funding cheque was recently provided (~\$1300). Jed will keep in touch with Tallcree Fuels and if another letter is required in April 2026, we will know sooner rather than later.
- E) Officer of the Board
 - a. An individual from the local community joined our meeting tonight to see if they would have the time for filling the Secretary role on the Board.

6. New Issues/Business:

- A) AGM 2025 Planning
 - a. AGM set for November 20, 2025 at the FV Complex.
 - Doors open: 5:30PM Supper: 6:00PM AGM: 7:00PM
 - b. Wendy Ward will book the FV Complex
 - c. Kevin Marten will prepare the roast beef
 - d. Kevin Marten to ask Raymond Friesen to get the AGM posters completed meetings details. TO BE POSTED BY NOVEMBER 1st in community and on website.
 - e. The Test-Fit design diagrams/placards from this summer's community event to posted.
 - f. Volunteers at entrance to take the \$5 membership fee and log each member on the Board's official Membership List.

7. Committee Updates: NTR

8. Correspondence: NTR

9. Round Table: NTR

10. Next Meeting: October 30, 2025

11. Adjournment: William Ducharme MOVED to adjourn at 8:46 PM

CARRIED