

FORT VERMILION & AREA
SENIORS AND ELDERS LODGE BOARD 1788
Approved Meeting Minutes – April 8, 2026

Standing Invitees: Kevin Marten – Chairman; Raymond Friesen - Vice Chairman; Jed Randle – Treasurer; Regina Friesen – Secretary (not present). Directors: Wendy Ward, Vina Marten, Con Mercredi, and Michael Congo

Appointed Directors: Bobbi Paul-Alook, OMG

Advisor to the Board: Jeff Anderson – (participated remotely)

Call to order by: Kevin Marten called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

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

Financial Report: Statement of Financial Position Detail read.

Michael Congo **MOVED** acceptance of the financial report.

SECOND by Con Mercredi. **CARRIED**

Previous Meeting Minutes: February 29, 2026 regular meeting minutes read by Kevin Marten.

Con Mercredi **MOVED** to accept the meeting minutes. **CARRIED**

Open Issues/Business

- a) Otipemisiwak Metis Government /FVASELB1788 Working Group UPDATE
 - Bobbi hasn't heard back from OMG. Need a letter sent to ensure the project continues to move forward. Bobbi would work on a draft for Kevin.
- b) Land Committee Update
 - Raymond to reconnect with Mr. Al Toews about cost of transfer.
 - Discussion on land acquisition with charity status and without charity status.
- c) Charity Status Application
 - Working with our lawyer, Jeff, Raymond, Jed, and Kevin finalized the Board's response with the lawyer formally submitting to CRA on April 2, 2026.

Commented [1]: Is more information needed about the financial report that needs to be listed here?

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- The Board's response describes the Board's current draft of a lease agreement with OMG and offers a draft copy upon its second review, if CRA so desires. It is anticipated that CRA will complete its review by mid-May. Thus, an Agreement in Principle of some sort needs to be completed by the end of May 2026, in case CRA asks.
 - Another timing consideration discussed is that OMG's grant writers will want to start their provincial funding applications around mid-October at the very latest.
- d) Website Management
- Jeff and Con to discuss soon (April)
- e) Appointed Directors' Letter
- A reminder letter is in process.

New Issues/Business

- a) Annual Return (*Alberta Societies Act*)
- Kevin to work with Regina and last year's auditors. Deadline is May 15, 2026.

Board Committees

- a) Land Committee (Raymond F, Con M, Bobbi P, & Jed R)
- b) Public Engagement Committee (Raymond F. & Wendy W.), Finance Committee (Kevin M. and Jed R.)

Correspondence

Roundtable:

- Meeting with River Road Trading Post discussion:
 - Land Committee has yet to sit down with the RRTP. Host a supper with RRTP to discuss whether or not they will fund the purchase of land if the Society is unable to obtain charity status; or organize a 15-60 minute session at the RRTP's next board meeting. Land Committee to negotiate with RRTP and update FVASELB1788 board. This is time sensitive.

Next Meeting: April 30, 2026

Adjournment: Vina Marten MOVED to adjourn at 8:09 PM **CARRIED**

Commented [3]: Jeff not sure about the details. If Kevin is to work with me and last years auditors. Please fill in the deets.

Commented [4R3]: What is written is perfect. Kevin is to reach out to you to work on this submission as it is primarily the Secretaries function of which Kevin has been performing due to not having a secretary. It is up to the appointed auditors to complete their audit prior to your submission to Alberta Service. It's a current agenda item. Pick up the conversation then.