

FORT VERMILION & AREA
SENIORS AND ELDERS LODGE BOARD 1788
Approved Meeting Minutes – April 30, 2026

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

Appointed Directors: Bobbi Paul-Alook, OMG (not present)

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

Call to order by: Kevin Marten called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Michael Congo **MOVED** acceptance of the agenda. **CARRIED**

Financial Report: Read by Kevin Marten.

Con Mercredi **MOVED** acceptance of the financial report.

SECOND by Vina Marten. **CARRIED**

Previous Meeting Minutes: April 8, 2026, regular meeting minutes read by Kevin Marten.

Jed Randle **MOVED** to accept the meeting minutes with two date changes. **CARRIED**

Open Issues/Business

- a) Otipemisiwak Metis Government /FVASELB1788 Working Group UPDATE
 - On Monday, April 27, 2026, Kevin forwarded an email to Caspian requesting to meet and discuss the current operation status. No response as of the April 30 meeting.
- b) Land Committee Update
 - Discussion on land purchasing. If any money transfers are needed from RRTP accounts, FVASELB1788 would be responsible for any penalties incurred with the transfer.

- Motion amendment needed on February 27, 2025 minutes.

Kevin Marten **MOVED** that the motion made during the February 27, 2025, regular meeting regarding paying up to \$500 to cover the land title transfer on behalf of the Old Bay House Society be amended to \$658.94 as per invoice #064910 received from Mathieu Hryniuk on February 27, 2026. **SECOND** by Raymond Friesen. **CARRIED**

c) Charity Status Application

- Jeff presented CRA's April 29, 2026 letter received from lawyer Rhys Volkenant. The summary explains CRA recommendations for amending the Societies' Object/Purpose and its Bylaws that would make the Societies' application acceptable for registration. Jeff will prepare the necessary changes for Kevin, Raymond, and Jed's review. Board to plan special AGM for approval of changes. After approval, documents will be submitted to Service Alberta and if they require more than 60 days to review and approve the amendments, our lawyer will apply for an extension with proof of our Service AB submission.

Michael Congo **MOVED** that we increase the charitable status budget by a further \$2000 so that lawyer Rhys Volkenant can carry out the work required to amend the Societies' Bylaws and Objects. **SECOND** by Vina Marten. **CARRIED**

d) Website Management

- Jeff and Con had a discussion. Jeff to continue looking after the Board's website.

e) Appointed Directors' Letter

- A reminder letter is still in process.

New Issues/Business

a) Annual Return (*Alberta Societies Act*)

- Annual Return to be completed and submitted by Kevin and Regina. The elected auditors (Jed R. and Con M.) are to complete the Societies' audit prior to May 15, 2026. Bylaw/Objects amendments to be ready before submission to Service AB.

Board Committees

a) Land Committee (Raymond F, Con M, Bobbi P, & Jed R)

b) Public Engagement Committee (Raymond F. & Wendy W.),

c) Finance Committee (Kevin M. and Jed R.)

Correspondence: April 29, 2026 Letter from CRA.

Roundtable:

- Special AGM meeting scheduled for May 21, 2026, at the Fort Vermilion Senior Center, with the May 2026 Regular Board Meeting to follow. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. Pizza and refreshments will be provided by Raymond.
- Raymond Friesen and Michael Congo are responsible for the advertisement of the meeting. Posting to be completed tomorrow so as to meet Bylaw 4.1.2.

Next Meeting: May 21, 2026, regular meeting following special AGM

Adjournment: Con Mercredi MOVED to adjourn at 8:50 PM.

CARRIED