

FORT VERMILION & AREA
SENIORS AND ELDERS LODGE 'BOARD' 1788
Approved Meeting Minutes – May 21, 2026

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

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 7:51 p.m.

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

Previous Meeting Minutes: April 30, 2026, regular meeting minutes read by Kevin Marten.

Michael Congo **MOVED** to accept the meeting minutes. **CARRIED**

Financial Report: Read by Kevin Marten.

- Online Banking update: Kevin Marten has finalized the paperwork. Should have access soon and then will set up permissions for Kevin Marten, Jed Randle, and Raymond Friesen to approve payments online.

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

SECONDED by Raymond Friesen. **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 May 21, 2026 meeting.
- b) Land Committee Update
 - Kevin read a joint letter with FVASELB1788 and Friends of the Old Bay House to Mackenzie County requesting that the property be tax-exempt. Letter to be attached to minutes.

- Raymond will discuss with Mackenzie County the amalgamation and rezoning of the two parcels of land.
- c) Charity Status Application
- Rhys Volkenant is awaiting the Society's submission of the annual return to Service Alberta. The updated Objects/Purpose and Bylaws will be attached to the Annual Return. Once the documents are 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 submission to Service Alberta.
- d) Appointed Directors' Letter
- Ongoing
- e) Annual Return (*Alberta Societies Act*)
- Con, Jed, and Kevin completed the Society's audit on May 6, 2026.
 - Kevin and Regina have the annual return ready to submit with the updated Object/Purpose and Bylaws.
 - Bylaws need to be signed before leaving the meeting.
- f) Status of Gifts/Thank You Cards (UPDATE)
- Anne Knelsen's card has not been sent.
 - Natalie Gibson has received her gift. Kevin read Natalie's thank-you correspondence and her enduring support for the project.
 - Kevin Isaac's card was mailed.

Correspondence:

- Friend of the old Bay House letter to the County.
- Natalie Gibson thank you correspondence.

Roundtable:

- Kevin and Con to help with the FV Seniors' Society BBQ on June 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Discussion regarding the Board donating meat for the supper. The Seniors' Society allows us to use their facility a lot and, as a gesture of goodwill and support, should donate the meat for supper.

Michael Congo **MOVED** that the Board spend up to \$750 for meat for the BBQ.

SECONDED by Raymond Friesen.

CARRIED

Next Meeting: June 25, 2026

Adjournment: Vina Marten **MOVED** to adjourn at 8:28 PM.

CARRIED