

FORT VERMILION & AREA
SENIORS AND ELDERS LODGE 'BOARD' 1788

Approved Meeting Minutes – June 30, 2026

Standing Invitees: Kevin Marten – Chairman; Raymond Friesen - Vice Chairman (7:13pm); Jed Randle – Treasurer (not present); Regina Friesen – Secretary (not present). Directors: Wendy Ward, Vina Marten, Con Mercredi, and Michael Congo.

Appointed Directors: Bobbi Paul-Alook, OMG (7:20pm)

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

Call to order by: Kevin Marten called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Wendy Ward **MOVED** acceptance of the agenda. **CARRIED**

Previous Meeting Minutes: May 21, 2026 regular meeting minutes read by Kevin Marten.

Vina Marten **MOVED** to accept the meeting minutes. **CARRIED**

Financial Report: Presented to the Board and read by Kevin Marten.

- Online Banking update: Kevin Marten has finalized the establishment of the Board's on-line banking and has full access. Permissions have been set up for Kevin Marten, Jed Randle, and Raymond Friesen to approve payments online.

Con Mercredi **MOVED** acceptance of the financial report as presented. Second by Michael Congo. **CARRIED**

Open Issues/Business

- a) Otipemisiwak Metis Government /FVASELB1788 Working Group UPDATE
- Bobbi provides an update regarding the recent departure of Aaron Barner – CEO, and the start of OMG's staff leadership restructuring. Stay tuned.
 - Bobbi and Valerie Quintal (Secretary of Housing & Infrastructure) would like to take this time to revisit the MOU and ToR between Otipemisiwak Metis Government and the FVASELB1788. The relationship and project have matured and progressed since these documents were executed and some of the Working Group participants have changed. Board agreed. Bobbi and Valarie will bring a Briefing Note to OMG's July 8, 2026 Citizens Council Meeting with a motion to amend the MOU/ToR.

- Wendy Ward **MOVED** that the Board appointed Kevin Marten and Raymond Friesen as the two elected Directors and Jeff Anderson as the Board's Advisor who will form FVASELB1788's representation on the Working Group. **CARRIED**

b) Land Committee Update

- Raymond met with a representative from the Mackenzie County's Development Board to discuss the two parcels of land and the rezoning process. The process is straight forward and relatively easy to survey into one lot and make application to have the current commercial use changed to institutional.
- Discussion on hiring an Alberta Land Surveyor and the sequence of events from survey to a submission to the Alberta Land Titles Office to the application for rezoning.
- Friends of the Old Bay House / Land and Land Taxes (Kevin): Kevin met with Al Toews to discuss Mackenzie County's response to our joint letter requesting tax exemption. Kevin read the County's response letter dated May 25 2026 rejecting the request at this time, however once construction of the Seniors and Elders Car Facility begins, we can reapply for the tax exemption of which the County at that time will approve.
- Discussion regarding the Friends of the Old Bay House Society is only holding the land donated by the Knelsen family until such time they can transfer the land to FVASELB1788. As such, they requested we pay the property taxes.

Con Mercredi **MOVED** the FVASELB1788 reimburse the Old Bay House Society \$876.66 for the 2026 property taxes. Second by Wendy Ward. **CARRIED**

c) Charity Status Application

- The Board's final response package was submitted to CRA on June 12, 2026. Jeff took the time to walk the Board through the history/steps it has taken to get to this final submission since receiving CRA's first response letter during Christmas 2025 to CRA's second response letter received on April 29, 2026. There has been an incredible amount of work including amendments to our Objects and Bylaws and the Society, passing through motion, a change to its governance approach in becoming more operational through the ownership of the project lands. Our lawyer anticipates hearing back from CRA in 3-4 weeks.

d) Appointed Directors' Letter

- Draft letters have been completed. ACTION: Bobbi will bring the draft letters to the next Board meeting for discussion.

e) Annual Return (*Alberta Societies Act*)

- The 2026 Annual Return included the additional registering of the Societies amended Objects and Bylaws as part of the direction received from CRA regarding our Charity application. CRA provided 60 days for the Society to remit certified copies of the amended Objects and Bylaws. On May 28, 2026 the annual return package was submitted to the Registrar at Service Alberta asking for special consideration of a quick turnaround. In order to be considered for expedited processing of the Annual Return, further rationale documentation was requested by the Registrar. We responded with context and attached the April 29, 2026 letter from CRA outlining its direction to FVASELB1788.
- On June 1, 2026 the Registrar responded, indicating there were a few clerical deficiencies remaining that Jeff and Kevin worked through (with support from our Lawyer) and on June 3, 2026 re-submitted the Annual Return of which was approved on June 5, 2026 with all of the documents being certified. We could now finalize our charity application response.

f) Status of Gifts/Thank You Cards (UPDATE)

- Completed.

New Business

a) Summer Hiatus

- With all of the work currently on the go, the Board will not take a summer hiatus. A quick review of everyone's summer schedule confirmed that the next Regular Board Meeting would be a week early on July 23, 2026. The August meeting would fall on the normal last Thursday of the month on August 27, 2026.

b) Fort Vermilion Ag Fair 2026

- Ag Fair is scheduled for August 7th to 8th, 2026.
- Board will go ahead with the ice cream stand with Raymond/Com/Wendy volunteering to be the key organizers.
- ACTION: Kevin & Bobbi will connect with MLA William's office to see if he is able to attend the Ag Fair and if so if he would spend some time serving ice cream. If the MLA is not available, Kevin & Bobbi will request a lunch meeting to provide an update the MLA on the project.

Correspondence:

- Mackenzie County response letter dated May 25 2026 to the Friends of the Old Bay House Society and FVASELB1788.

Roundtable:

- FV Seniors Supper 2026: Very well attended with about 40 folks enjoying a BBQ meal. Of the up to \$750.00 approved for meat, only \$320.00 was spent. John Twidale will remit an invoice to the Board shortly.

Next Meeting: July 23, 2026

Adjournment: Mike Congo **MOVED** to adjourn at 8:45 PM.

CARRIED