

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

Approved Meeting Minutes – July 23, 2026

Standing Invitees: Kevin Marten – Chairman; Raymond Friesen - Vice Chairman; Jed Randle – Treasurer (not present); Regina Friesen – Secretary (not present). 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: Kevin Marten called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

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

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

Michael Congo **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 online banking and has full access. Permissions have been set up for Kevin Marten, Jed Randle, and Raymond Friesen to approve payments online.

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

Open Issues/Business

- a) Otipemisiwak Metis Government /FVASELB1788 Working Group UPDATE
 - Work has been done on MOU/TOR on OMG agenda for July 30, 2026
- b) Land Committee Update
 - Transfer of lands to the Lodge Board can now commence. Land Committee to find a lawyer and start the process.

Michael Congo **MOVED** that the board provide up to \$5,000.00 to cover lawyer fees and land transfer costs. Seconded by Con Mercredi. **CARRIED**

c) Charity Status Application **(APPROVED)** - Final Report Drafting

- Approval letter from CRA read
- Discussion around newly approved charitable status
- Kevin to circulate CRA approval letter to board via email

d) Appointed Directors' Letter

- Letter to be circulated to board for review. Will seek approval at the next meeting.

e) Fort Vermilion Ag Fair Preparations (August 7&8, 2026)

- Raymond has secured the booth and will line up ice cream. Booth staffing discussed.

New Business

a)

Correspondence:

- CRA approval letter

Roundtable:

Next Meeting: August 27, 2026

Adjournment: Michael Congo **MOVED** to adjourn at 8:28 pm.

CARRIED