



Fort Vermilion & Area

SENIORS' & ELDERS' LODGE BOARD 1788

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

Standing Invitees:

- Kevin Marten- Chairman
- Raymond Friesen- Vice Chairman
- Jed Randle- Treasurer
- Regina Friesen- Secretary
- Wendy Ward- Director
- Vina Marten- Director
- Con Mercredi- Director
- Michael Congo- Director

Appointed Directors:

Bobbi Paul-Alook – OMG

- Remote
- In-person

Advisor to the Board:

Jeff Anderson

- Remote
- In-person

Call to Order:

Kevin Marten called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

Approval of Agenda:

Wendy Ward **MOVED** to accept the agenda. **CARRIED**

Previous Meeting Minutes:

Kevin Marten read the July 23, 2026 meeting minutes.

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

CARRIED

Financial Report:

Presented to the board and read by Kevin Marten.

Michael Congo **MOVED** to accept the financial report as presented.

SECONDED by Wendy Ward. **CARRIED**

Open Issues/Business

a) Otipemisiwak Metis Government /FVASELB1788 Working Group UPDATE

- Renewed MOU brought forward to the new OMG Senior Executive Officer. Bobbi read the motion that was discussed at length at the recent Citizens' Council meeting re-affirming OMG's unwavering support and commitment to the project. Bobbi will send motion via email to Kevin and Regina.
- Metis Capital Housing Executive Director requires proof of a motion from the Board to complete the geotechnical work on the two parcels of land. Motion needs to include up to \$10,000.00 to complete the work.
- Board will need to get permission from landowners via letter/email with reference to the legal land location and permission to perform geotechnical testing on the property.

Michael Congo **MOVED** that up to \$10,000.00 be provided to complete the geotechnical work on both properties. Metis Capital Housing will administer the testing and provide the results to the FVASELB1788. SECONDED by Jed Randle. **CARRIED**



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b) Land Committee Update

- Ongoing

c) Charity Status (Registered) – Final Report Submission

- Secretary to email the story/report regarding the Board's charity application process to all of the Board.
- Kevin is still waiting to receive a final application-process invoice from lawyer.

d) Appointed Directors Letter

- Ongoing – Kevin resent an email to each board member to read over. To be discussed at the next meeting.

e) Fort Vermilion Ag Fair (How'd it Go?)

- Event went really well, with MLA Williams helping to serve ice cream alongside several board members and community volunteers. The Public Engagement Committee need to submit the event proceeds by the next meeting.

New Business

a) Charity Operation (Finance Committee/Treasurer)

- Discussion on what the board wants to present to the society at the AGM for accepting donations.
 - i. Digital Donations: Klaus provided a website analysis including the legalities that the website would require for accepting donations online.
 - ii. In-Person Donations: Individual and/or Finance Committee who will manage the board's charity designation need to start looking into this further. Could chat with the Old Bay House Society and start researching the links provided by CRA and our lawyer in their letters. Jeff will send the CRA approval letter and the lawyer's final operational letter to Regina.
- Discussion regarding whether the current treasurer would like to take the lead on managing the board's charity status and the other duties of the treasurer. Mr. Jed Randle would like to formally step down from the position as treasurer at the next AGM however wishes to retain being a board director. After much discussion, between now and the 2026 AGM, Regina Friesen will informally step into the role as the board's secretary/treasurer (as per Bylaw 6.6).

Correspondence

Email - Motion of OMG's Citizens' Council.

Roundtable

- Over the years, people have questioned the need for our website. Jeff took the time to describe a few occurrences over the years where professionals and consultants have praised the information provided on the website so as to inform themselves as to who we are. This is important. Recently, Bobbi was working with the Executive Director of the Metis Housing Corporation and brought up our website as part of the conversation. When the ED saw the news reel with MLA Dan Williams serving ice cream at the 2026 Fort Vermilion Ag Fair, she proclaimed that she knew him and has worked with the MLA. These moments truly add credibility to who we are and the work we are completing.

Next Meeting September 24, 2026

Adjournment Wendy Ward **MOVED** to adjourn at 8:35 pm.

CARRIED