

## FORT VERMILION & AREA

### SENIORS AND ELDERS LODGE BOARD 1788

Approved Meeting Minutes – January 25, 2024

Present: Kevin Marten, Michel Congo, Jed Randle, William Ducharme, Wendy Ward, Vina Marten

Absent: Raymond Friesen, Danny, Friesen, Gary Smith

Guests: Jeff Anderson, Advisor to the Board (via Zoom)

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order by Kevin Marten at 7:09pm.
2. Agenda: William Ducharme Moved acceptance of the Agenda. CARRIED
3. Adoption of Previous Minutes: November 23, 2023 minutes read by Kevin Marten.

Jed Randle Moved to accept the minutes as read. CARRIED

4. Financial Report: Presented by Kevin Marten

- Communities Account Current Balance: \$39,045.13
- Outstanding Liabilities: \$1050.00 to Innovision and Associates, and \$1554.83 to DeJager Volkenant

Vina Marten Moved to accept the financial report. Wendy Ward Seconds CARRIED

5. Open Issues/Business:

A) Implementation of the Action Plan/Statement of Work

a. Advocacy Campaign Launch (2.0)

- One on one meetings were held over the past few weeks with most of the North Peace Tribal Council Chiefs who continue to support the development of a seniors and elders care facility in Fort Vermilion.
- One on one meeting held with Boreal Housing Foundation officials who are strong supporters of the project. BHF directed the Board to finalize the procurement of land

and only then can they become more involved. The Board has been invited to present at BHF's next Board meeting scheduled in March.

- On January 19, 2024 Board representatives met with MLA Williams and his executive assistant at the LaCrete constituency office to discuss the project. MLA Williams supports the project and believes our timing is great. He encouraged the Board to complete the business case. Commitment to touch base in a couple of months.

- Project update letter sent to MP Arnold Viersen who remains a strong supporter.

B) Board has been informed that it will require \$60K-\$80K to complete the business case:

- Preparations for a second funding application with the Alberta Real Estate Foundation is underway.

C) AHS Land Acquisition

- On January 16, 2024 the Board responded to questions brought forward by AHS' clinical teams regarding our land acquisition proposal.

D) Charity Status Application

- Three phases of documents to be provided to the lawyers.

- o Phase 1: Completed (Corporation documents; contract; etc.)

- o Phase 2: Ongoing (Financial Audit and Budget)

- o Phase 3: Ongoing (Certified copies of the Societies' new Bylaws and List of Directors)

§ As of January 9, 2024 these documents were submitted to Service Alberta and are now awaiting approval which could take 4-5 months.

E) Society's Annual Return Submission

- Completed.

F) Board Brochure

· Pictures of new Directors have been submitted to Raymond Friesen. They are yet to be sent to Beaver Web Service (Klaus Schmidt) to be posted on the website

6. New Issues/Business:

1. Board Treasurer

Wendy Ward MOVED to accept Danny Friesen's resignation as Board Treasurer.  
CARRIED

Board Executive will bring a short list of individuals from the Societies' Registered Membership list they believe could fill the Treasurer position for a discussion at the next meeting.

7. Committee Updates: Nothing to report.

8. Correspondence: Nothing to report.

9. Round Table

10. Next Regular Board Meeting: February 29, 2024

11. Adjournment: Vina Marten MOVED to Adjourn meeting at 8:57 pm CARRIED