

Executive
Horseshoe Falls Regional Council
OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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9:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 7, 2019 via Zoom

Roster: Kate Young (President), John Hurst (Treasurer), Deborah Laforet (Past Chair), Margaret Blewett, Robert Lawson, Lorna MacQueen, Lena Medeiros, Adrienne Robertson, Nancy Risto, Thea Sheridan-Jonah, Pat Tooley, Garry Van Bruchem, Diane Viney

Staff Support: Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa, Executive Minister
Sue Duliban, Executive Assistant

Present: Kate Young, John Hurst, Deborah Laforet, Robert Lawson, Lorna MacQueen, Lena Medeiros, Pat Tooley, Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa, Sue Duliban, Lynne Allin, Minister Congregational Support & Mission

Regrets: Margaret Blewett, Adrienne Robertson, Nancy Risto, Thea Sheridan-Jonah, Garry Van Bruchem, Diane Viney

Kate Young opened the meeting with prayer.

Cheryl-Ann presented the proposed agenda for the meeting.

Proposed Agenda

1. Appointment of representative to interview team for Minister, Social Justice part-time, term appointment
2. Stoney Creek United Church property matter
3. Elcho United property matter

MOVED: John Hurst, **SECONDED:** Pat Tooley: Adoption of the proposed agenda.

CARRIED

1. Interview team – Minister, Social Justice position

On June 19th, the executive named Rosemary Addison to the interview team for the Minister, Social Justice position. Rosemary is unable to serve. Cheryl-Ann asked if a member of the executive would consider serving on the interview team. The proposed timeline: August 12 – prepare shortlist of candidates; August 23 - interviews, likely in London. Robert Lawson volunteered to serve on the interview team.

MOVED: Deborah Laforet, **SECONDED:** Lorna MacQueen:

That the Horseshoe Falls Regional Council Executive name Robert Lawson as its representative to the interview team for the Minister, Social Justice position, in place of Rosemary Addison.

CARRIED

2. Stoney Creek United Church property matter

Cheryl-Ann noted that the Horseshoe Falls covenant commission is a small group, so they made a motion to refer any congregational matter that needs to be dealt with expeditiously to the executive, for the month of August. She referred the executive to Appendix A - Lease Agreement Stoney Creek United Church and Masonic Hall Association.

There was agreement that the lease agreement was in order. The executive questioned if a process for dealing with disagreements that may arise regarding the use of the space had been spoken to, and whether a mechanism had been set up to ensure relations between the two parties are working out.

MOVED: Robert Lawson, **SECONDED:** Deborah Laforet:

That the Executive of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council affirms the lease agreement between Stoney Creek United Church and Masonic Hall Association for the portion of 1 King Street West, Stoney Creek, noted on Schedule A for a total of 2,500 square feet for ten years effective January 1, 2020 at an annual rate of \$21,000 for the first five years (January 1, 2020-December 31, 2024) with the rate to be negotiated for the remaining five years (January 1, 2025-December 31, 2029).

CARRIED

The Horseshoe Falls Regional Council Executive encourages Stoney Creek United Church to develop very clear procedures for the use of the space's common areas, and consider how best to manage all aspects of the long term relationship, including resolving any issues that may arise.

3. Elcho property matter

Cheryl-Ann reviewed a property matter carried over from the transition commission requiring action. The transition commission approved the disbanding of the congregation and appointed trustees to take the necessary steps to begin the process of listing the property for sale. The property is currently registered to The United Brethren in Christ in county of Lincoln. Appraisal of the property was \$55,000.00. There is no survey of the property and that has to be completed before a land transfer. It is estimated a property survey will cost \$3,000.00.

MOVED: Pat Tooley, **SECONDED:** John Hurst

That the Executive of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council direct the Trustees (Margaret Blewett, Bill Leighfield, and Diane Walker) for 4938 Elcho Road East, Wellandport to:

- 1) secure Brian Gallagher of Simon & Gallagher to act as legal counsel in this property transaction;
- 2) make arrangements for a reference plan survey; and
- 3) prepare to list the property for sale.

The cost of the survey to be reimbursed to the regional council and the net proceeds of the property to be dispersed according to the regional council property policy. **CARRIED**

Other Business

Cheryl-Ann expressed her concern about the size of the covenant commission and wondered how the executive would like to encourage people to use their gifts for the work of the commission.

The executive agreed that a good first step would be to have Lynne Allin, Minister, Congregational Support & Mission, write something to put in the Horseshoe Falls newsletter. To be circulated as soon as possible, in the hopes that any new commission members can be in place for the commission's September meeting.

It was also suggested that executive members approach anyone they feel might be a good fit for the covenant commission.

Website

Now have the mechanics of the website. Draft content will be reviewed late this week, in the hopes of launching next week.

The business having been concluded, the meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.