

Executive
Horseshoe Falls Regional Council
OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Supports, Connects, Empowers Communities of Faith

September 19, 2019, St. Paul's United Church, Oakville

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
Sue Duliban, Executive Assistant

Present: Kate Young, Deborah Laforet, Robert Lawson, Lorna MacQueen, Adrienne Robertson, Pat Tooley, Garry Van Bruchem

Regrets: Margaret Blewett, John Hurst, Lena Medeiros, Nancy Risto, Thea Sheridan-Jonah, Diane Viney

Welcome and Constitute Meeting: I constitute this meeting in the name of Jesus Christ, the one true head of the Church and by the authority invested in me by this meeting of the Horseshoe Falls Regional Council for whatever business may properly come before it. The bounds of the meeting will be the friendship room of St. Paul's United Church, Oakville.

Acknowledging the Land: We are gathered this morning to worship on the traditional land of the Mississauga's of the New Credit, covered by the Upper Canada Treaties. (St. Paul's Oakville covered under Treaty 9) We recognize and deeply appreciate their historic connection to this ground we worship on. We also recognize the contributions of the Metis, Inuit, and other Indigenous peoples have made to our country. As settlers, this recognition must be clearly connected to our commitment to make the promise and the challenge of the Truth and Reconciliation real in the community in which we live and worship. We are grateful to the Creator for this time and this place.

Opening Worship: President Kate read from Colossians and offered a prayer from Janice McLean's "*Prayer Bench*".

Consent Docket

MOTION by Garry Van Bruchem / Adrienne Robertson

That the Executive of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the consent docket as follows:

A. Enabling Motions/Proposals

1. That the proposed Agenda be approved as presented.
2. That the minutes of the June 19, July 17, August 8 and August 28, 2019 Executive Meetings be approved as distributed.
3. That motions be written and given to the Secretary.

B. Email Vote Results – Horseshoe Falls Regional Council Commission

Appointments

Receives the following email vote results:

The Horseshoe Falls Regional Council Executive agreed by email vote, September 16, 2019, to appoint Carolyn Smith and Mary Anderson to be commissioners on the Covenant Commission. [Moved: Margaret Blewett, Seconded: Deborah Laforet. CARRIED]

C. Receive correspondence

1. To accept the resignation of Patrick Cook from the Covenant Commission
2. Trinity Thorold request to retain surplus grant payment

to be addressed when arising in the agenda

D. Horseshoe Falls Regional Council Commission appointments

Appoints Kathi Phillips to the Covenant Commission

MOTION CARRIED

Business Arising:

1. Sisters Together

MOTION by Garry Van Bruchem / Pat Tooley

That the Mission & Service grant designated for “Per-Sisters in Ministry” remain available to the same event, now titled “Sisters Together”.

MOTION CARRIED

2. Social Justice minister

Robert Lawson, a member of the interview team, provided an update of the interview and decision-making process for the Social Justice Minister temporary position.

MOTION by Robert Lawson / Deborah Laforet

That the Horseshoe Falls Regional Council Executive approve the temporary appointment of Joan Tuchlinsky as Social Justice Minister, at three-quarter time, September 23, 2019 to March 31, 2020.

MOTION CARRIED

3. November 9th meeting

An update on planning for the Nov. 9 regional council meeting was provided by Cheryl-Ann and Sue.

A registration form has been sent out. No deadline was indicated, but numbers will need to be confirmed for food and table setup at least one and a half weeks prior to the event date, Sue noted.

It was suggested that the expression of interest form be reworked and provided at the gathering. Robert volunteered to create a form that is lighter in tone than the original and emphasizes discernment/where do you fit in/where are people needed.

Possible items for the table groups relating to discernment to be developed (Robert and Sue to work on).

Worship is being planned by Robert, Deborah and Kate.

Finances/Budget 2020 and the election process for GC Commissioners will be discussed at the meeting. Clusters and networks will also be on the agenda. It was agreed to include storytelling/witnessing about how others have set up clusters and networks (2 minute stories), and to utilize the website to enable people to connect.

If there is sufficient space at the venue, the Grand River Bookstore will be invited to set up a book display.

4. Website

Work continues on getting the website up and running. There have been technical issues to overcome resulting in delays in finalizing set-up and launch of the site.

New Business

1. Finances/Budget 2020

Cheryl-Ann reviewed understanding finances, financial records to date, planning for faithful use of assets, and provided an update re: budget preparation. Cheryl-Ann will prepare an outline of these items for presentation at the Nov. 9 regional council meeting. She noted that the treasurers of Horseshoe Falls, Western Ontario Waterways and Antler River Watershed will be meeting on October 16th.

The Executive agreed with Cheryl-Ann's suggestion that a webinar on money finances be set up and offered to the regional council prior to the Nov. 9 meeting. The webinar will be focused on a detailed introduction to finances and be archived. Participants to be invited to ask questions/send questions in beforehand.

She recommended the Horseshoe Falls Executive meet by zoom to review finances/budget 2020 prior to the Nov. 9 meeting.

2. Glenco Grants

MOTION by Adrienne Robertson / Lorna MacQueen

That the Executive of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council submit an application to Glenco Business Trust for support to the applications as follows:

\$25,000 for Wellington Square U.C.

\$30,000 for Wesley Urban Ministries

\$10,000 for Nations Uniting

\$15,000 for Five Oaks designated for accessibility upgrades based upon submission of a plan for these.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Youth Rally

MOTION by Adrienne Robertson / Deborah Laforet

That Horseshoe Falls Regional Council Executive approve funding for “Youth Rally 2020” in the amount of \$2,166.00.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Trinity Thorold request to retain surplus grant payment

Due to a banking error on the part of Trinity Thorold, their Mission and Service grant amount was issued twice. It was felt it was not fair to other grant recipients that a banking error on Trinity’s end should result in doubling the grant awarded. It was suggested that the Executive recommend that Trinity Thorold apply to the Niagara Extension Council to seek further funding.

MOTION by Adrienne Robertson / Lorna MacQueen

That the Executive of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council request the duplicate payment made to Trinity, Thorold be returned.

MOTION CARRIED

5. Social Justice Network of Ontario Regions Covenant Proposal

MOTION by Garry Van Bruchem / Pat Tooley

That the Executive of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council refer the Social Justice Network of Ontario Regions covenant proposal to the Horseshoe Falls Mission and Discipleship Commission.

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business

1. General Council Commissioners

Cheryl-Ann suggested that the Executive agree on the process for the election of General Council Commissioners, so that the election of commissioners at the May meeting can proceed in an expeditious manner. Horseshoe Falls Regional Council can send 12 commissioners plus the President.

After much discussion, the Executive agreed by consensus that a 2 ballot “general” model be accepted. The first ballot will be to select 4 commissioners from those nominees identifying as youth or young adult and/or racialized/deaf/differently abled and/or LGBTQ2. Those not elected will go on the second ballot which will include all other nominees. The Executive also agreed that one spot be reserved for an Indigenous commissioner and that potential GC nominees be nominated by two United Church of Canada members. Cheryl-Ann will prepare a detailed proposal for the Executive to review prior to the Nov. 9 meeting.

2. Definition of a Community of Faith: See Manual B.1.1. With reference to camps

Both camps and university chaplaincies meet the definition of a community of faith and it was suggested that the Executive might want to name them as such. They

could then name a representative to the region if they wanted. They would be obliged to sign the covenant (which is in the process of being developed).

MOTION by Adrienne Robertson / Garry Van Bruchem

That the Executive of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council invite Cave Springs Camp, Ryerson Camp, the Brock University Chaplaincy and the McMaster University Chaplaincy to become Communities of Faith in Horseshoe Falls Regional Council, provided they will enter into a regional covenant.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Mission Support Grants – priorities, applications, process

After some discussion, it was agreed that the Executive will determine the grant amount available and forward applications to the Mission and Discipleship Commission for decision. The total grant amount will remain the same as that in 2018.

Upcoming Meetings: Click or tap to enter a date. Enter place or Zoom

HF Executive October 25, Zoom call, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

HF Regional Council November 9, 2019, Meridian Community Centre, Fonthill
ARW, Horseshoe Falls, Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council Executives,
November 21 & 22, 2019, Best Western Stoneridge Inn, London

The business having been concluded, the meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.