

Executive
Horseshoe Falls Regional Council
OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
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October 25, 2019, Regional Council Office, Carlisle

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 (President), John Hurst (Treasurer), Deborah Laforet (Past Chair), Margaret Blewett, Robert Lawson, Lorna MacQueen, Adrienne Robertson, Nancy Risto, Pat Tooley, Garry Van Bruchem, Kathy Douglas (Minister, Faith Formation)

Regrets: Lena Medeiros, 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 the first meeting of the Horseshoe Falls Regional Council for whatever business may properly come before it. The bounds of the meeting will be the conference room of the Regional Council Office, Carlisle.

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. 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 work and worship. We are grateful to the Creator for this time and this place.

Introductions: Kate invited those gathered to share something about themselves that people might not know about them.

Opening Worship: Kate read excerpts from Cameron Trimble's blog and led the group in a prayer from St. Francis.

Consent Docket

MOTION by Garry Van Bruchem / Adrienne Robertson

MOTION by Adrienne Robertson / Lorna MacQueen

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

Any of the following Pastoral Relations matters that require discussion can be lifted from the consent docket and voted upon separately:

A. Enabling Motions/Proposals

1. That the proposed Agenda be approved as presented.
2. That the minutes of the September 19, 2019 meeting be approved as distributed.
3. That motions be written and given to the Secretary.

B. Omnibus Motion re Five Oaks Christian Workers Centre and Tansley Park Community Homes Inc.

i) Five Oaks Christian Workers Centre

....approves Five Oaks Christian Workers Centre 2019-2020 Board of Directors

Amira Ayad
Naba Choudhury
Roselyn Elm
Barb Fullerton
Rhonda Johns
Jayne Little
Ausma Malik
John Joseph Mastandrea
Fran Ota
Peter Wall

This is based on the draft AGM Minutes of May 5, 2019, the 2019 board member approval form, the board contact list provided and receipt of other required documentation per The United Church of Canada incorporated ministries policy.

ii) Tansley Park Community Homes Inc.

....approves Tansley Park Community Homes Inc. 2018-2019 Board of Directors

Edward Adalakun
John Allchin
Liz Burroughs
Rhonda Cutler
Larry Hatt

Bruce Merwart

Bill Nicholson

Ross Stephen

This is based on the draft Annual Meeting minutes of November 5, 2018, draft board meeting minutes of September 9, 2019, the 2019 board member approval form, the board contact list provided and receipt of other required documentation per The United Church of Canada incorporated ministries policy.

C. Receive correspondence of

1. To accept the resignation of Debbie Christie as chair and member of the Human Resources Commission.
2. Spring Educational Event

to be addressed when arising in the agenda

CARRIED

Business Arising:

1. Mission Support Grants 2020

C-A and Kathy Douglas gave an update on the status of Mission & Discipleship Commission membership. There are four people on the commission, one of which is chair Diane Viney (currently on sabbatical). They have only met once on a zoom call.

At the last meeting of the Horseshoe Falls Executive, it was decided to refer the assessment of Mission Support Grant applications to the Mission and Discipleship Commission. However, the Commission is not sufficiently populated or sufficiently formed to manage work as significant as Mission Support grants yet, which is why an extra Executive meeting was required. Also, the consideration of grants will be completed in time to reflect the grants in the 2020 budget.

Cheryl-Ann provided an overview of mission support grants, including background on mission support grants, the monies available and the HF priorities identified as criteria to be considered when determining which grants should be awarded

The 2020 grant applications were reviewed and discussed in detail, with particular concerns being raised about the Grand River Spiritual and Educational Resources Centre business model and its sustainability. There was also some concern regarding the lack of an application from the Brock Chaplaincy. During the meeting, the Brock Chaplaincy advised that an application had been sent to the Regional Office – however as it had not been received, the Executive determined that the grant would be approved pending receipt.

MOTION by Garry Van Bruchem / Margaret Blewett

That the Executive of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve a 2020 Mission Support Grant in the amount of \$13,000.00 for the Brock University Ecumenical Chaplaincy, pending completion and receipt of an application form. **CARRIED**

MOTION by Deborah Laforet / John Hurst

That the Executive of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve a 2020 Mission Support Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the McMaster Campus Ministries Council. **CARRIED**

The UCC chaplain at McMaster (whose time is shared between McMaster and Westdale United) will be going on sabbatical in 2020. As McMaster has no provision for sabbatical care, therefore that means no income. There was discussion as to the possibility of making a grant to Westdale to move the minister's salary from halftime to fulltime for the period of the sabbatical, 3 months salary. It was agreed that the Executive needed more time to think about this proposal. Agreed to defer until the next full meeting of the Executive in the new year.

MOTION by Nancy Risto / Garry Van Bruchem

That the Executive of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve a 2020 Mission Support Grant in the amount of \$19,000.00 for Grand River Spiritual and Educational Resources, with the stipulation that this will be the final Mission Support grant awarded under the current business plan. **CARRIED**

The Executive felt Grand River should be encouraged to have the development of a new business plan facilitated by outside consultants.

MOTION by Nancy Risto / Garry Van Bruchem

That the Executive of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council encourages Grand River Spiritual and Educational Resources to facilitate a development of a new business plan by seeking an outside consultant, engaging at least two people for this work, and including contacting other regions for input and to help cover travel costs. **CARRIED**

Cheryl-Ann will provide a copy of the approval letter to other regions; travel costs to be pooled for any consultation.

MOTION by Pat Tooley / Adrienne Robertson

That the Executive of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve a 2020 Mission Support Grant in the amount of \$9,000.00 for the Travelling Summer Bible Camp, Carlisle. **CARRIED**

MOTION by Lorna MacQueen / Pat Tooley

That the Executive of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve a 2020 Mission Support Grant in the amount of \$60,000.00 for Wesley Urban Ministries.

CARRIED

2. Financial Update

John Hurst provided an overview of finances. Noting that the treasurers of Horseshoe Falls and Antler River Watershed, and Cheryl-Ann met October 16th with Bob Savaria, Manager, Financial Reporting and Budgeting at GCO.

John noted that the grant income for 2020 is the same as in 2019. Costs are being controlled the way we want them to be controlled with nothing to set off any alarms from his perspective.

As the budget with exact figures would not be available until the week of the Nov. 9 meeting, it was agreed to schedule a zoom call for Nov. 5th to look at the budget.

3. Website

The final review of the website is almost done and it will be ready to go live on Monday (Oct 28). It was noted that work for all commissions and the executive will stay in dropbox, but minutes have to be posted, according to The Manual, so minutes will be on the website.

New Business**1. Potential Educational Event – Spring 2020**

Cheryl-Ann said the United Church of Australia is offering seminars (Feb/Mar 2020) in "Understanding and Responding to Conflict" and "Working Together Well". WOW looked at it yesterday and determined there was insufficient interest and they were unlikely to commit at this time.

Gary van Bruchem questioned whether a discussion on conflict resolution would be a good use of our time, given that there are bigger and more pressing issues – the climate change/climate disruption. Possible spring event/education to be discussed at the November joint executives meeting, keeping in mind what we are about and what we want to address when looking at learnings/education events.

2. The regularity of Executive meetings and was discussed – possible monthly meetings to scheduled on a set day of the week.

MOTION by Adrienne Robertson / Garry Van Bruchem
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Upcoming Meetings: 11-07-2019 zoom

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