

MOTIONS HORSESHOE FALLS REGIONAL COUNCIL

FRIDAY, MAY 24TH, 2019

Deborah Laforet, Chair of the Horseshoe Falls Region Transition Commission called the meeting to order. In the name of Jesus Christ the one true head of the church and by the authority invested in me as the Chair of the Transition Commission for the former Region 9, now known as Horseshoe Falls Regional Council, I call this inaugural meeting of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council to order, for whatever business may properly come before it.

PROCEDURAL MOTION:

OMNIBUS MOTION: Christiana Paradela/Don Glennie that Deborah Laforet be named as chairperson, Kate Young be named as Secretary, Margaret Bain be named as Parliamentarian, and that Joyce Gowan be appointed as Head Scrutineer,

That the agenda be adopted as circulated and that the Business and Agenda Committee be able to amend as necessary.

That the bounds of the regional council are the Salons and Assembly Hall of the Unifor Family Education Centre.

That all guests be made corresponding members.

That 7:00pm be set as the close of nominations for President.

That noon Saturday be set as the deadline for the submission of new business.

CARRIED

Scott Beckett our candidate for ordination was introduced and addressed the court.

SATURDAY May 25, 2019

Deborah Laforet called the meeting to order at 9:00am

Those retiring from our Region were honoured. They are Reverend Orville James, Reverend John James, Reverend Garry Van Bruchem, Reverend Candace Harvey.

Kate Young was named the new president by acclamation.

Cheryl-Ann Stadaulbauer-Sampa spoke on the budget and clarified some of the property policy pieces.

MOTION: Jennifer Bawden/Brenna Baker that Horseshoe Falls Regional Council: 1) receive the minutes of the Transition Commission for information; and 2) affirm the work of the Transition Commission with thanksgiving for their vision and dedication.

CARRIED

MOTION: Yvonne Wright/ Margaret Bain that Horseshoe Falls Regional Council direct the Executive to: 1) draft a plan for the use of the regional council's financial resources that will

support the work of the regional council and the ministries of its Communities of Faith; and 2) to present that plan for approval at the next meeting of the regional council. **CARRIED**

MOTION: Don Glennie/Ann Fleming that the Horseshoe Falls Regional Council authorizes the Executive to name individuals:

1) To the remaining vacancies on the Covenant Commission, Human Resources Commission and Mission and Discipleship Commission to ensure necessary skills are present and diversity in membership is promoted and 2) to other roles requiring regional representation as necessary.

CARRIED

MOTION: Joanne Hedge/Thea Sheridan Jona that Horseshoe Falls Regional Council adopt the Vision Statement *Safety, Sanctuary, Unconditional Love Striving to be faithful followers of Jesus in our time and place, Horseshoe Falls Regional Council will continue to remove barriers to participation in the life and work of the regional council and society, committing ourselves to be open to the Spirit. Resisting all forms of oppression, we welcome and celebrate people of all sexual orientations and gender identities and all others who experience marginalization...as presented and amended.*

CARRIED

MOTION: Christina Paradela/Kim Shantz that Horseshoe Falls Regional Council:

- 1) Directs the tri-regional council Affirming Ministries Network to prepare an interim action plan for Antler River Watershed, Horseshoe Falls and Western Ontario Waterways regional councils as provisional affirming ministries; and 2) empowers the Mission and Discipleship Commission to work in the partnership with the designated body of Antler River Watershed and Western Ontario Waterways to approve the plan; and 3) ensure communication of the plan throughout the regional council and request an update on it for the next regional council meeting.

CARRIED

At 10:25 am the Order of the Day was reached.

SUNDAY May 26, 2019

The Skylight Festival Winners were announced. They are Anna Cooper, Shirley Bottaro, and Sherry Fugard.

MOTION: John Hurst/Donalee Williams

That Horseshoe Falls Regional Council refer the draft covenant to the Covenant Commission to finalize the template; and 2) direct the Covenant Commission to initiate a plan to engage communities of faith with this covenant with all communities of faith within Horseshoe Falls Regional Council by June 30, 2022.

MOTION: Amendment

Catherine Vance/Barbara Fullerton

That the date be June 30, 2021.

CARRIED

Abstentions: Ted Smith; Adrienne Robertson

The main motion CARRIED AS AMENDED

MOTION: Kim Shantz/Don Glennie

That Horseshoe Falls Regional Council refer the draft self assessment tool to the Covenant Commission to be finalized. **CARRIED**

Abstentions: Ted Smith, Adrienne Robertson

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: John Hurst/Ralph Robertson

That Horseshoe Falls Regional Council make every effort to affirm and live out the calls to the church as it moves forward in its work. **CARRIED**

MOTION: Don Glennie/Allan Warren that the above motion be referred to the Mission and Discipleship Commission. **CARRIED**

MOTION: Margaret Bain/Jane Capstick

That the responsibilities and authority of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council be entrusted to its Executive in accordance with the *Manual 2019* of the United Church of Canada. **CARRIED**

The Chair of the Transition Commission, Deborah Laforet was thanked for her work and leadership to the Transition Commission. Margaret Bain was thanked for her work as our parliamentarian.

The Order of the Day was reached. The Reverend Scott Beckett pronounced the closing benediction.

Chair,
Deborah Laforet

Minutes,
Kate Young