

**Executive**  
**Horseshoe Falls Regional Council**  
**OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**  
*Supports, Connects, Empowers Communities of Faith*

**AGENDA**

Wednesday, January 27, 2021, 5:30 pm

[Join Zoom link](#) (Meeting ID: 920 9842 4703, Password: 552016)

**Roster:** Kate Young (President), Robert Lawson (President Elect), John Hurst (Treasurer), Judith Gilliland, Deborah Laforet, Win Czum, Wendy Lowden, Lorna MacQueen, Adrienne Robertson, Thea Sheridan-Jonah, Pat Tooley, Diane Viney

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

**Present:** Kate Young (President), Robert Lawson (President Elect), John Hurst (Treasurer), Judith Gilliland, Deborah Laforet, Win Czum, Wendy Lowden, Lorna MacQueen, Adrienne Robertson, Thea Sheridan-Jonah, Pat Tooley,

**Regrets:** Diane Viney

**Welcome and Constitute Meeting** (President Kate Young)

*I constitute this meeting in the name of Jesus Christ, the one true head of the Church and by the authority vested 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 Zoom call.*

**Acknowledging the Land** (President Kate)

**Opening Worship** (President Kate) Rev. President Kate read Rev. John Snow Jr.'s, Indigenous perspective on the Epiphany season and the sharing of God's sacred gifts (as shared on the UCC website). Rev. Snow is Indigenous Minister, Pacific Mountain Regional Council.

Kate invited executive members to share "how has someone been kind to you recently".

**Opening Agreements**

Consent Docket

**MOTION** by John Hurst/ Robert Lawson

- A. Enabling Motions/Proposals
  1. That the proposed Agenda be approved as presented.
  2. That the minutes of the December 10, 2020 meeting be approved as distributed.
  3. That motions be written and given to the Secretary.
  
- B. Horseshoe Falls Regional Council Commission appointments
  1. Approve the appointment of Sula Anne Kosacky and Ryk Brown to the HFRC Mission & Discipleship Commission effective immediately, as recommended by the HFRC Mission & Discipleship Commission.
  
- C. Learning Fund
  1. Update date in Fund application from 2020 to 2021.

- D. To receive the following correspondence and address it as it arises in the agenda
1. Learning Fund Grant Application for Interim Ministry Refresher Course (Received from Valerie Pitt. For approval).

Acceptance of the Consent Docket as circulated. **CARRIED**

Kate Young will send a get-well card to Diane Viney on behalf of the Executive.

### **Business Arising**

1. Commission Reports

a) Covenant Commission (Adrienne Robertson)

Highlights

Info pack that went out in December is now on website.

Finding growing interest in collaborative ministry; might have to do some more meeting/training refer any folks with experience/training to the commission.

Approved realignment of Ker-Tapleypoint effective April 12, 2021.

Proposal 1 – Technology HUB Proposal

(Link to background information: <http://www.ruralconnectucc.ca/> )

**MOTION** by Lorna MacQueen/ Judith Gilliland

HFRC Executive authorizes up to \$5000/year to the Covenant Commission to support communities of faith wishing to establish themselves as a HUB church or connect to a HUB by becoming a Satellite/partner church through the Rural Connect system on a limited trial basis. **CARRIED**

b) Human Resources Commission (Pat Tooley)

The regular business of the commission continues. Noticing doing a lot more appointments than calls. Diane Blanchard is looking at providing some additional training re: searches (keeping applicants informed etc.). LLWL resource team up and running really well, getting monthly report.

c) Mission & Discipleship Commission (No report)

2. Financial Update (John Hurst)

John noted that nothing has come to his attention that changes in any way what was reported at the fall meeting. Looking at a healthy surplus, as anticipated. Cheryl-Ann added that it is anticipated that the 2019 audit and 2020 audit will occur in the early months of 2021.

### **New Business**

1. Interim Ministry Learning Fund Grant

**MOTION** by John Hurst/ Deborah Laforet

That Horseshoe Falls Regional Council Executive approve the Learning Fund application submitted by Valerie Pitt to cover the Interim Ministry Refresher Course cost in the amount of \$275.00. **CARRIED**

2. Correspondence shared by Cheryl-Ann: Cheryl-Ann read a thank you received from Tanya Cameron for the Christmas gift sent by the Staff Committee. (All staff received a gift card and flowers. Thank you's from other staff were directed to the staff committee).

**Continuing Priorities & Future Discussion Items**

1. Retreat: February 3 & 6

Agenda will be shared prior to the retreat. All executive members and Cheryl-Ann plan to participate. C-A and Kate will confirm if the Zoom link will come from Betty Pries.

**MOTION** by Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa/ John Hurst

That Horseshoe Falls Regional Council authorize spending up to \$4,000 from executive expenses to facilitate the Executive retreat in February. **CARRIED**

Kate noted that anti-racism, racial justice, BLM, some Affirming work will be part of the retreat discussion.

2. Affirm

3. Anti-Racism

- a) Racial Justice Training
- b) BLM

4. Regional Council Meetings: 2021

Kate suggested Sue Cowan head the worship team for the May 29 meeting, given her follow-up letter to executive regarding the fall meeting. After brief discussion, the executive agreed that it would be preferable to invite her to be part of the team. Kate will invite Sue to be on the team. Robert noted, as something for the executive to think about, that he finds it interesting that sometimes the person who writes a letter is the one that gets the power.

Covenanting with communities of faith at a regional council meeting was briefly discussed (how to do it, when to do it) and was referred to the Covenant Commission for further discussion.

Cheryl-Ann suggested that, given the timeline around the Covid vaccine rollout, that executive should plan on an online fall meeting. The Executive **agreed** by consensus to hold the fall regional council meeting online.

In thinking about the business of the regional council; the spring meeting needs to elect GC commissioners, new executive and commission members. The fall meeting will include the budget. Also have to determine when to recognize people who are ready for ministry.

Cheryl-Ann suggested the executive also think about how the regional council wants to gather to inspire and strengthen the church; let's dream big.

Wendy Lowden added that she has been putting a lot of thought into developing a program for ministers new to the regional council. Wendy will share her ideas with Kate, Robert and Pat Tooley for input and discussion.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: February 24, 2021, 5:30 pm

Worship: Wendy Lowden

March 24<sup>th</sup> Worship: Deborah Laforet