**Executive**

**Horseshoe Falls Regional Council**

**of The United Church of Canada**

***Supports, Connects, Empowers Communities of Faith***

November 24, 2021, 4PM via zoom

**Roster:** Robert Lawson (President), Kate Young (Past President), John Hurst (Treasurer), Dianne Everitt (Acting Chair Covenant Commission), Judith Gilliland, Deborah Laforet, Win Czum, Wendy Lowden, Pat Tooley, Diane Viney, Yvonne Wright

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

**Present:** Robert Lawson (President), John Hurst (Treasurer), Dianne Everitt (Acting Chair Covenant Commission), Judith Gilliland, Deborah Laforet, Win Czum, Wendy Lowden, Diane Viney, Yvonne Wright

**Regrets:** Kate Young, Pat Tooley

**Welcome and Constitute Meeting** (President Robert)

*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 & Opening Prayer:** PresidentRobert

Treaty Homework: next meeting

# Opening Agreements

## Consent Docket

## **MOTION** Wendy Lowden / John Hurst

## Acceptance of the Consent Docket as circulated

1. Enabling Motions/Proposals
2. That the proposed Agenda be approved as presented.
3. That the minutes of the September 22, 2021 meeting be approved as distributed.
4. That motions be written and given to the Secretary.

B. Commission Appointment

Horseshoe Falls Regional Council Executive approves the appointment of Shawn Bausch to the Covenant Commission.

C. Confirmation of email votes

November 8, 2021: Old Bronte property

**MOTION:** John Hurst / Pat Tooley

That the Horseshoe Falls Regional Council Executive authorizes the sale of certain Real Property, the legal description of which is Pt Lot 30, Concession 1 Trafalgar North of Dundas Street and the municipal address of which is 3017 Old Bronte Road, Oakville, Ontario L6M 4J2, pursuant to an agreement between the Halton United Church Extension Council as Seller, and Shelley Bair and Christiana Morgan as Buyer, dated the 27th day of October, 2021, the terms of which are as follows:

• Purchase price: $950,000.

• Deposit: $25,000.

• Scheduled closing: November 25, 2021.

**MOTION CARRIED**

October 26, 2021: GC Commissioners, Wesley Robbins Letters Patent

**MOTION:** Deborah Laforet / Pat Tooley

That Horseshoe Falls Regional Council Executive recommends

Andrew Advincula (Sydenham Heritage U.C., Brantford)

Samantha Miller (Grand River U.C., Six Nations) and

Thea Sheridan-Jones (St. Paul's U.C., Oakville)

for consideration as Commissioners under Section D.1.1.h) of the Manual.

**MOTION CARRIED Unanimously**

**MOTION:** Deborah Laforet / Kate Young

That Horseshoe Falls Regional Council Executive approves the draft by-laws and supplementary letters patent for Wesley-Robbins Retirement Village in support of the move to Legacy as outlined in the previously approved Legacy Agreement.

**MOTION CARRIED Unanimously**

D. **Correspondence received**

1. Trinity Church Road Waiver & Amendment **(For information)**

# Business Arising

1. Commission Reports
   1. Covenant Commission: Dianne Everitt shared a powerpoint outlining the Commission’s work; noting various property matters, community of faith amalgamations/disbandings, list of pastoral charge supervisors, the exploration of Rural Connect HUB.

Referred to the Executive from the Covenant Commission, giving consent to Sheffield United Church for Bill Hughes, an adherent, to serve as the Vice Chair of the Board for a three-year term beginning January 2021. Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa wondered why Mr. Hughes is not a member and suggested that the commission research the GC document on membership before making a decision.

* 1. Human Resources Commission: No report.
  2. Mission & Discipleship Commission: Diane Viney. The Commission has received some applications for supplementary M&S grants, which will be reviewed at the beginning of Feb. Been inviting guests to meetings who have received grants to talk about their work.

Question about honourarium for workshops’ ministry and youth. Cheryl-Ann clarified that the budget line belongs to commission therefore can’t delegate the payment of honouraria to volunteers to staff. When an expense is triggered, there are 5 people that can sign off on expenses, we need to know we are authorized by the decision makers. Need the people who have the authority over the budget line to say it is authorized. Diane Viney will update the commission.

UCW update: Win Czum

The UCW has worked to present tri-region zoom events: one in November, *A Step Towards Affirming*. Thea Sheridan-Jonah and Michiko Bown-Kai participated in that event which was quite successful. Another is booked for Feb 12/22, program not yet decided. Next year 60th anniversary of UCW, so it the February program maybe a little lighter, with hymn sing/songs that women have written. National UCW Celebration will be held over 4 days in July in Sydney NS. Theme speaker is Sally Armstrong. Theme: Continuing in Hope. Michael Blair will be there, Men of the Deep will perform, a fun and wonderful event of connecting, fellowship, making new friends and food of course.

**MOTION**: Judith Gilliland / Deborah Laforet

Acceptance of all reports.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

# New Business

1. Racial Justice Training Review & Next Steps

Comments about the experience?

Overall, underwhelmed by the process. Felt to many that rather than engage our learning, the facilitators were looking at the group to provide a specific response. There was an intended place for us to land, and the landing was more important than the learning. Some didn’t feel valued.

What now?

Winter book club with Indigenous focus this winter.

Cheryl-Ann suggests being mindful on how we are ensuring there is diversity in our decision-making models.

Strengthen the connection with Indigenous communities in the region.

Suggestion: that for the January 2022 meeting, the executive think about ideas to bring forward.

**MOTION**: John Hurst / Deborah Laforet

That racial justice and anti-racism will be included as an agenda item in every meeting of the Horseshoe Falls Regional Council Executive.

**CARRIED**

The next summer book club (summer 2022) will tentatively focus on LGBTQ.

Robert Lawson suggested that 1st year of the Affirming designation be celebrated in Spring 2022. Flag for spring meeting. Deborah Laforet will provide an update from the Affirm Network before February.

1. Winter Book Club on Indigenous Issues. Invite participation from all three regional councils.

Robert talked to ARW President Jane and WOW President Mark about perhaps making the winter book club available to all three regions. They were warm to the idea and perhaps willing to provide some leadership.

Possible workshop on how to help people formulate a Land Acknowledgement. 2day seminar: . Why do land acknowledgement and how (with staff input). To follow-up in January.

1. Tri-Executive Meeting Nov. 26 &27: Regional Council recruitment & engagement.

Each exec will discuss a topic in a breakout room, then share with entire group. HF has been asked to address the following discussion topics:

* Nominating Committee for exec & commissions?
* Regional council covenanting (slow uptake currently)

The other regions are looking after these questions:

* How to communicate that the regional council structure is working and that there is more engagement (ARW)
* recruiting (engaging?) congregational representatives (ARW)
* Populating resource pools (WOW)
* How to change reg council reps from spectators to participants (WOW)

For January: Robert will write a sermon about covenanting, regional council & community of faith, to share; an annual report from the president, so there is correspondence to show how congregations, communities of faith, the region are benefitting. Robert is also doing a pastoral letter in the new year.

**Reminders**

1. Informal (optional attendance) team-building dinner gatherings continuing. Next dinner gathering: December 1st, at 5pm.
2. No meeting in December
3. Confirm Executive meetings: 4th Wednesday of the month, 4 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 26, 2022, 4 pm.

Robert concluded with worship.