**Executive**

**Horseshoe Falls Regional Council**

**of The United Church of Canada**

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

March 23, 2022, 4PM

Via Zoom

**Roster:** Robert Lawson (President),Kate Young (Past President), John Hurst (Treasurer), Adrianne Robertson, 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:** Kate Young (Past President), John Hurst (Treasurer), Adrianne Robertson, Judith Gilliland, Win Czum, Wendy Lowden, Pat Tooley, Diane Viney, Yvonne Wright

**Regrets:** Robert Lawson, Deborah Laforet

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

*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:** Kate Young (Acting President)

**Opening Worship** Acting President Kate shared “Blessing that meets us in the wilderness”, from a Lenten collection of writings by Jan Richardson.

Check-in: Acting President Kate invited the executive to share where their community of faith is at in regards to covid.

Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa noted that the UCC is getting legal advice re: masks. However, proof of vaccine should probably not be requested as it is no longer mandated.

# Opening Agreements

## Consent Docket

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

1. **Enabling Motions/Proposals**
2. That the proposed Agenda be approved as presented.
3. That the minutes of the February 23, 2022 meeting be approved as distributed.
4. That motions be written and given to the Secretary.

**B. Correspondence Received**

1. Diane Blanchard: retirement request effective August 30, 2022

**C.** **Horseshoe Falls Regional Council (9) Omnibus motion – March 23, 2022**

That the Horseshoe Falls Regional Council (9) Executive take the following action(s):

a) Grand River Spiritual and Education Resources Inc

…based on the guidance received from General Council Staff, pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve By-Law Number One (2020) of the incorporated

ministry known as Grand River Spiritual and Education Resources Inc.

*These are based on the Annual General Meeting minutes of November 2, 2020, and receipt of other required documentation per The United Church of Canada Incorporated Ministries Policy.*

b) Tomken Grove Non-Profit Homes Incorporated

….pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve the Tomken Grove Non-Profit Homes Incorporated 2020-2021 Board of Directors

Don Clarke

Ken Laing

Anne Moore

Sharron Nash

Jeremiah Rabanillo

Sonny Ramnarine

Edwin Reid

Colin A. Scott

Deodat Singh

Marilyn Teel

John Tjoelker

*This is based on the draft Minutes, Annual General Meeting of November 17, 2020, the 2020 board member approval form, the board contact list provided and receipt of other required documentation per The United Church of Canada Incorporated Ministries Policy.*

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*This is based on the Minutes, Board of Directors’ Meeting of February 16, 2021, draft Minutes, Annual General Meeting of June 15, 2021, the 2021 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) Wesley Urban Ministries Inc.

  …. pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve Wesley Urban Ministries Inc. 2021-2022 Board of Directors

Shirley Bainbridge

Jim Cairney

Ryan Hay

Klim Khomenko

Bartek Lasota

Lebené Numekevor

Heather Padgett

Kaush Parameswaran

Guru Shimoga

Jake Stephenson

Julie Vernon

Howard Williamson

*This is based on the draft Annual General Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2021, the 2021 board member approval form, the board contact list provided and receipt of other required documentation per The United Church of Canada Incorporated Ministries Policy.*

## **MOTION** Adrianne Robertson / Yvonne Wright

## That the Consent Docket for the Horseshoe Falls Regional Council (HFRC) Executive meeting of March 23, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

# Business Arising

1. Commission Reports
   1. Covenant Commission: Written report received for information from Adrianne Robertson, Chair.
   2. Human Resources Commission: Pat Tooley, Chai

Most recent meeting March 23, 2022. Fourteen LLWLs will be speaking at the spring meeting. Looking at putting together a pilot project re: United Fresh Start, new ministers’ questionnaire. Pat passed on a concern of the commission regarding a new call publicly announced, prior to coming to the HR Commission in respect to confidentiality. Some discussion and clarification; the commission confirms the term, the congregation confirms the selection. HR Commission motions should be worded as a confirmation not as an approval. It was suggested that motions be rephrased to say “HR Commission accedes to the request of….”

Mission & Discipleship Commission: Diane Viney, Chair. The commission was able to grant all applicants for supplementary Mission & Service grants, some funds. A nice process to read through what work is happening in the region.

UCW: Win Czum. The in person UCW AGM has been postponed until June 11. Win will continue to represent UCW on Executive until the new president is in office. The UCW’s Zambia project has now raised $81,000.

# New Business

1. Executive Minister’s Accountability Report March 2022: Received for information.
2. Proposal 1 – Sabbatical Plan (K. Steeper)

**MOTION**: Adrianne Robertson / John Hurst

The HFRC Executive approves the Sabbatical Proposal presented by Minister, Pastoral Support, Kevin Steeper, and authorizes his sabbatical leave from May 1, 2023 - July 31, 2023. **CARRIED**

1. Proposal 2 – HFRC 2019 Audited Financial Statements

**MOTION**: John Hurst / Diane Viney

The HFRC Executive

1) Accepts the 2019 audited statement for the regional council; and

2) Directs that it be included in the workbook for the spring 2022 meeting of the regional council for information. **CARRIED**

1. Verbal update on Niagara Extension Council Fund

Cheryl-Ann provided some background regarding amalgamating funds (put forward by John Hurst). Hamilton and Halton have indicated serious interest in this and their intention to move forward. Another meeting will be held with Erie. Niagara has not, at this time, indicated interest in pursuing an amalgamation of funds.

1. Proposal 3 – Search Team

Note that Diane Blanchard will be recognized with other retirees at Fonthill. A secondary event, including all three regional councils, will be held to honour her service as Minister, Pastoral Relations.

**MOTION:** Judith Gilliland / Win Czum

The HFRC Executive receives Diane Blanchard’s request for retirement with gratitude for her time with us, and with regret, and asks the Staff Support Committee to plan a celebration to honour Diane’s service. **CARRIED**

**MOTION:** Yvonne Wright / Judith Gilliland

The HFRC Executive

1. Directs the Executive Minister to initiate a search to fill this vacancy; and
2. Authorizes the Staff Support Committee to create a search team from its membership provided each regional council is represented. **CARRIED**
3. June orientation for new members. The Executive **agreed** by consensus that it is important to hold an orientation for new executive and commission members and new regional council representatives as well. Orientation for new members to be held in June; orientation for new regional council reps to be held prior to the spring meeting.
4. Celebration of Ministry Service: open to holding two services in a year if needed? The Executive agreed by consensus to hold two Celebration of Ministry services in a year, if needed.

**Ongoing**

1. Affirm: Affirm Action Plan
2. Racial Justice
3. Anti-Racism
4. May meeting

Kate Young has been working on nominations. Possible candidate for president elect. Many commission members have said they will serve again.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 27, 4 pm.