**Executive**

**Horseshoe Falls Regional Council**

**of The United Church of Canada**

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

November 23, 2022, 4 PM via zoom

**Roster:** Robert Lawson (President), Lennox Scarlett (President Elect), John Hurst (Treasurer), Judith Gilliland, Marilyn Johnston, Deborah Laforet, Wendy Lowden, Adrianne Robertson, Pat Tooley, Diane Viney, Yvonne Wright

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

**Present:** Robert Lawson, Lennox Scarlett, John Hurst, Judith Gilliland, Marilyn Johnston, Deborah Laforet, Wendy Lowden, Adrianne Robertson, Yvonne Wright

**Regrets:** Pat Tooley, Diane Viney

**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/Welcome/Worship:** President Robert

# Opening Agreements

## Consent Docket

## **MOTION:** John Hurst / Adrianne Robertson

## That the Consent Docket for the HFRC Executive meeting of November 23, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

A. Enabling Motions/Proposals

1. That the proposed Agenda be approved as presented.

2. That the minutes of the October 26, 2022 meeting be approved as distributed.

3. That motions be written and given to the Secretary.

B. Correspondence Received

1. Cave Springs Application for UCC Camp Grant (for approval).

2. Horseshoe Falls Regional Council (9) Omnibus motion – November 23, 2022

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

a) Cave Springs Camp Inc.

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

Mary Beth Anger

Margaret Blewett

Rick Chandler

Caroline Duffus

David Duffus

Heather Foote

Heather Grundy

Steven Johnston

David Martin

Don Martindale

Jim Rehus

David Reid

Al Simpson

Saskia Van Arragon

David Wood

 This is based on the Annual General Meeting Minutes of April 10, 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.

…. pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve Cave Springs Camp Inc. 2022-2023 Board of Directors

 Mary Beth Anger

Brenna Baker

Margaret Blewett

David Duffus

Heather Grundy

Robert Lawson

Don Martindale

Jim Rehus

Al Simpson

Maggie Stoyles

Geoff Thompson

David Wood

This is based on the draft Annual General Meeting Minutes of April 23, 2022, the 2022 board member approval form, the board contact list provided and receipt of other required documentation per The United Church of Canada Incorporated Ministries Policy.

b) Halton United Church Extension Council

…. Pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve Halton United Church Extension Council 2022-2023 Board of Directors

John Hurst

Doug Mills

Frank O’Byrne

David Wheeler

This is based on the draft minutes of Annual General Meeting of July 19, 2022, the 2022 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) The Hamilton Presbytery Mission Council of The United Church of Canada

 …. pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve The Hamilton Presbytery Mission Council of The United Church of Canada 2021-2022 Board of Directors

 Doug Caldwell

Lorne Daw

David Hall

Dan MacLean

Joan Packham

Gale Payne

Diana Stewart

Geof Thompson

Robin Wilkie

 This is based on the Annual General Meeting minutes of May 21, 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.

\*NB: have insurance certificate for 2021 but corporation did not have directors and officers coverage for this year. D&O insurance was obtained in 2022.

d) Niagara Presbytery United Church Extension Council

 …based on the guidance received from General Council Staff, pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve BY-LAW NO 1-2022 as approved by the members on June 7, 2022 of the incorporated ministry known as Niagara Presbytery United Church Extension Council.

This is based on the draft Annual Meeting minutes of June 7, 2022, and receipt of other required documentation per The United Church of Canada Incorporated Ministries Policy.

C. Confirmation of email vote

November 10, 2022

MOTION: John Hurst / Lennox Scarlett

That HFRC cover the cost of a catered luncheon for active HFRC clergy to be held at Cave Springs Camp, Beamsville, on December 7 and organized by Deborah Laforet. Cost of the luncheon will be $15-$20 per individual. CARRIED

**CARRIED**

The HFRC clergy Christmas luncheon will be on December 7th, from 12 – 3 pm. It includes a presentation by Cave Springs. Staff are welcome to attend.

**Business Arising**

1. Commission Reports to be held over to Nov. 26 (with the exception of Covenant Commission)
   1. Covenant Commission – written report received

Chair Adrianne Robertson raised a question from her written report. Does the raising of the major asset threshold (from max $200,000 to $250,000) have to come to executive. Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa said, no. However it is helpful to keep the executive advised and have larger conversation.

* 1. Human Resources Commission
  2. Mission & Discipleship Commission
  3. UCW



2. Identify top HF Executive Affirm priority for Tri-regional Executive meeting (see list of priorities from Sept. orientation)

Diversity in nominations

Equity support: training, position description, reporting back following a meeting, equity team support member should be part of planning team.

**New Business**

1. Proposal #1: Update of Investment Policy (policy in document)

**MOTION** John Hurst / Deborah Laforet

That the Horseshoe Falls Regional Council Executive

1. Approve updates to the Investment Policy;
2. Authorize the investment team to move financial resources into investment vehicles provided the balance in the current account does not fall below $300,000 (over one quarter of annual expenses);
3. Allow the investment team until August 31, 2023 to bring the portfolio in line with the policy to accommodate GIC maturity dates.

**CARRIED**

1. Proposal #2: Appointing Trustees for Orphan Cemeteries

**MOTION** Adrianne Robertson / Lennox Scarlett

That the Horseshoe Falls Regional Council Executive appoints the President, Treasurer and Executive Minister to serve as Trustees by virtue of their office to facilitate the transfer of any orphaned cemetery to the municipality.

**CARRIED**

3. Proposal #3: HUCEC Agreement with TUCC (Toronto United Church Council) (document contains letter of agreement)

Concern was raised by Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa regarding some of the wording in the agreement, particularly the sections that indicate what geographic areas will be eligible to receive monies and she asked why is it not designated for the exclusive use of Horseshoe Falls. It was **agreed** that the discussion of the Letter of Agreement be postponed to the Saturday meeting, giving John Hurst and Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa to review with Ron Ewart, TUCCC Executive Director.

**MOTION:** Adrianne Robertson / Judith Gilliland

That discussion of Proposal #3 HUCEC Agreement with TUCC, be postponed until November 26, 2022.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:** Judith Gilliland / Wendy Lowden

That the Horseshoe Falls Regional Council Executive directs the Treasurer and Executive Minister to discuss and find out further information regarding formalizing the relationship between TUCC and the HFRC.

**CARRIED**

Treasurer John Hurst discussed the benefits of empowering a single person to authorize investment vehicles as the funds currently in the investment account are being held in a high interest savings. It was noted that the current policy sets out the type of vehicles and authorizes any two of the four members of the Investment Team to proceed. The Investment Team has a meeting with the advisor on December 8th and it was agreed the team would meet in advance to give direction then.

**Upcoming**

1. Tri-Regional Executive Meeting, online

Nov. 25: 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Nov. 26: 9:30 am – 1 pm

Executive: January 25, 2023, 4 pm, online

All business having been addressed, President Robert closed the meeting with a blessing.

Adjournment.