**Executive**

**Horseshoe Falls Regional Council**

**of The United Church of Canada**

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

**Minutes**

December 7, 2022

By 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

**Regrets:** Judith Gilliland, Sue Duliban, Executive Assistant

**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 Horseshoe Falls Regional Council for whatever business may properly come before it. The bounds of the meeting will be this Zoom call.*

President Robert led an opening prayer.

In the absence of Executive Assistant, Sue Duliban, Executive Minister Cheryl-Ann took the minutes.

**Proposal #1: East Plains United Church, Burlington**

Cheryl-Ann provided background for the proposal. Treasurer John Hurst is also familiar with this project. Mission and Discipleship Chair, Diane Viney, shared that the Commission had visited the EPUC Child Care Centre site and been impressed with the program.

**MOTION:** John Hurst/Yvonne Wright

The Executive might:

1. Authorize a mortgage of $540,000 to East Plains U.C. with the property providing security with
2. A two-year term;
3. Interest rate of 5.46% per year;
4. Interest only payments for the two-year term.

Discussion re payment or renewal with principal and interest payments to be determined by the Executive of HF by September 30th, 2024.

1. Direct the Executive Minister to offer the same to East Plains U.C. on the condition that:
2. East Plains provides a detailed account of the costs that incurred its current debt;
3. A quarterly financial update; and
4. Secures a commercial lease with the child care centre and documentation concerning its indebtedness to the congregation not later than March 31, 2023
5. Requires prior Covenant Commission approval before any further borrowing or renegotiating of current debt.
6. Authorize the Executive Minister to secure legal counsel to prepare the mortgage if it is accepted by East Plains.
7. If the mortgage is accepted, ask the Covenant Commission to consider this mortgage as a replacement for one held by Paul Echlin and, therefore, not an increase in congregational indebtedness but a change in lender.

**CARRIED**

**Proposal #2: Peoples Memorial United Church, Ridgeway**

Cheryl-Ann provided background on the proposal. The congregation is considering the next step in its life cycle. Rev. Bill Thomas has been appointed Pastoral Charge Supervisor. These funds are for insurance and utilities.

**MOTION:** John Hurst/Lennox Scarlett

That the Executive authorize an interest-free loan of $10,000 to Peoples Memorial United Church, repayable as a lump sum at the disposition of their real property (to be completed not later than December 31, 2023) and conditional upon a decision on the life cycle of the congregation by April 30, 2023.

**CARRIED**

Having completed the agenda, President Robert thanked the Executive members for being available on short notice for these two important items and adjourned the meeting, wishing all a joyous Christmas season.