**Executive**

**Horseshoe Falls Regional Council**

**of The United Church of Canada**

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

May 24, 2023, 4 PM via zoom

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

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

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

**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.*

**Welcome** President Robert thanked Lennox for stepping in and taking the chair at the last meeting.

**Opening Worship Acknowledging the Land**

Robert shared a quote from Lee Maracle: “There is a direct connection between violence against the Earth and violence against women”. Robert asked those gathered to reflect on the quote and to think about how they might see the two as being linked. Robert closed with a brief prayer.

# Opening Agreements

## Consent Docket:

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

## A. Enabling Motions/Proposals

## 1. That the proposed Agenda be approved as presented.

## 2. That the minutes of the April 25 and April 26, 2023 meetings be approved as distributed. Lennox Scarlett’s congregation is Oakland-Scotland, to be corrected in the April 25th minutes.

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

## B. Correspondence Received

## Cave Springs Application for UCC Camp Grant in the amount of $4,000.00 (for approval by Executive; to be forwarded to UCC Financial Support Grants for final approval).

## **MOTION:** John Hurst / Yvonne Wright

## That the Consent Docket for the HFRC Executive meeting of May 24, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**Business Arising**

1. Commission Reports
   1. Congregational Support Commission: Written report received. Adrianne added one thing to her report. The Commission is still working with Peoples Memorial, and they are working towards their final service. Trustees named to manage the property after the final service are: Bill Leighfield, Diane Walker, Martha Lockwood.
   2. Human Resources Commission: Written report received (Pat Tooley)

Robert asked about the survey, was it written and circulated by the HR Commission. Pat confirmed, yes it was. A sub working group is tabulating the responses, working on next steps.

* 1. Discipleship and Justice Commission: Sula noted that the next Discipleship and Justice Commission meeting will be next week. Technical difficulties prevented any further updates; a more robust update will be provided at the next meeting.
  2. UCW

: Marilyn Johnston shared that the UCW regional agm/day of renewal was held on April 29th at Five Oaks. Over sixty women attended and new officers were installed for next year. Keynote speaker Alison Mock spoke on “Joy”. Marilyn will continue as president for another year. Marilyn noted that they were disappointed in the service provided by Five Oaks and will go back to holding their agm at churches. Otherwise, they had a great day.

**New Business**

1. Proposal 1: Business Trust

**MOTION:** Yvonne Wright / Adrianne Robertson

HFRC Executive

1. endorses this approach to the management of real property within Horseshoe Falls Regional Council;
2. authorizes the Executive Minister and the Treasurer to proceed with negotiating the terms of the Business Trust;
3. authorizes any legal expenses associated with the same.

**CARRIED**

1. Proposal 2: Salem-Atherton Cemetery

**MOTION:** Adrianne Robertson / Lennox Scarlett

HFRC Executive authorizes the General Council to update title to

1. PT LT 12 CON 11 CHARLOTTEVILLE; NORFOLK COUNTY held in the name of the Wesleyan Methodist New Connection and transfer the same to Norfolk County; and
2. Authorize any legal expenses attached to this transfer.

**CARRIED**

1. Proposal 3: Walsh UC Cemetery

**MOTION:** Yvonne Wright / Lennox Scarlett

HFRC Executive

1. Authorizes the transfer of PT LT 12 CON 5 CHARLOTTEVILLE AS IN NR279902; NORFOLK COUNTY, known as Walsh United Church Cemetery, to Norfolk County; and
2. Authorizes any legal expenses attached to this transfer.

**CARRIED**

Robert thanked Sula and Lennox for their great work done on volunteer recruiting.

Robert thanked all for supporting him in his time as President. The Executive thanked him for his work and leadership. As it was Robert’s last Executive meeting as President, he closed with the priestly blessing.

Upcoming Meetings

* HFRC June 8 and June 10
* June 15, 2023: 10 AM, Regional Council Office: RC Evaluation Report presentation/Executive

Adjournment.