**Congregational Support Commission**

**Horseshoe Falls Regional Council**

**of The United Church of Canada**

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

***Approved Minutes***

**April 11, 2023**

**7:00 pm**

***Via Zoom***

**Roster:** (8) Adrianne Robertson, Jane Wyllie, Mary Anderson, Steven Lowden, Judy Chartrand, Shawn Bausch, Jane Capstick, Ross Gowan

**Staff Support:** Rev. Lynne Allin, Minister, Congregational Support and Mission

 Ruthanna Mack, Administrative Assistant, Mission and Finance

**Present**: Adrianne Robertson, ~~Jane Wyllie~~, Mary Anderson, Steven Lowden, Judy Chartrand, Shawn Bausch, Jane Capstick, Ross Gowan

**Regrets: Jane Wyllie**

**Absent: Shawn Bausch**

**Welcome and Constitute Meeting:** *I constitute this meeting in the name of Jesus Christ, the one true head of the Church and by the authority invested 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.*

The meeting was constituted and opened by Adrianne Robertson

**Acknowledging the Land:** Lynne Allin

**Opening Worship:** Lynne Allin

**Opening Motions:**

 **Approval of Agenda:**

MOTION by Jane Capstick/ Judy Chartrand that the agenda be accepted as circulated/amended.
CARRIED

**Corresponding Members:**

**Consent Docket:**

## Approval of Previous Minutes

Approve the minutes of 03 14 2023, and 04 06 2023 of the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council as circulated.

**Email Motion:**
March 24, 2023

Moved by Ross Gowan/Judy Chartrand that the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the Ecumenical Shared Ministry agreement between St. Mark’s United Church, Dundas and Knox Presbyterian Church which was approved at a congregational meeting of St. Mark’s United Church on March 5, 2023
CARRIED

Appointment of Pastoral Charge Supervisors:

1. Jeff Werner to Streetsville UC for April & May 2023 While PCS is on sabbatical.
2. Diane Walker to Central United Church, Port Colborne effective March 14, 2023

Annual Reports Received

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| Trinity United Church, Acton | Grace United Church, Burlington |
| Faith United Church, Milton | Bethel United Church |
| Bowman United Church, Ancaster | Barton Stone Mount Hope UC, Hamilton |
| St. John’s United Church, Oakville | Norval United Church, Georgetown |
| Port Nelson United Church | St. Paul’s United Church, Milton |

Pastoral Charge Supervisor Report

 Ross Leckie for Trinity United Church, Acton

Self Assessments

 Wesley United Church, Jarvis

**MOTION** by Jane Wyllie/Ross Gowan that the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the consent docket.
CARRIED

**Community of Faith Profiles:**

Trinity Thorold for discussion

**Transitions**

Garnet United Church - Disbanding

MOTION by Jane Capstick/ Steve Lowden That the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council consent to the request from Garnet United Church to disband, with gratitude for their faithful ministry. The final date of worship shall be June 4, 2023. The date of disbanding June 5, 2023. The property shall be transferred to Horseshoe Falls Regional Council once trustees have been appointed.
CARRIED

Fork’s Rd E – Amalgamation Information update

Discussions are taking place between Forks Rd East and Morgan’s Point. Lynne will be attending a meeting at Morgan’s Point on April 16, 2023

**Property:**

Delhi United Church – Cemetery

 MOTION by Mary Anderson /Judy Chartrand That the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council consent to the transfer of the cemetery of Delhi United Church, known as CHR CON 11 PT LOT 11, to Norfolk County.
CARRIED

Westminster United Church, Mississauga

 MOTION by Ross Gowan/Steve Lowden That the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council consent to the Contribution Agreement and Limited Partnership Agreement between Westminster United Church, Mississauga and the United Property Resource Corporation, as submitted, for the redevelopment of the property located at 4094 Tomken Road and 924 Rathburn Road East, Mississauga, Ontario PT LT 9 CON 2 NDS TORONTO PTS 13, 14, 15 & 18 43R18354 ; MISSISSAUGA.

CARRIED

Wesley United Church, Jarvis

 MOTION by Steve Lowden/Mary Anderson That the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council consent to the request from Wesley United Church, Jarvis to access up to $20,000 from their restricted fund to pay for roof repairs.

Restricted Funds: purpose to gain as much value as possible and to generate funds for the CoF

Going forward:

Maybe need to revisit the Property Policy, specifically regarding restricted funds
Property to invest in Property
Ross Gowan abstained from the motion by removing himself from the meeting
CARRIED

**Other** **Business:**

Update Re: People’s Memorial United Church, Ridgeway Date of Closing June 25, 2023
Repairs to be done; they will probably need more money before the closing date

Closing Service for Garnet United Church June 4, 2023 – Is anyone available to attend?

**Annual Reports:** Just getting started again once everyone was on the same page as to format of recording data.
Goal is to report back to the Commission

**Executive Report:**  Need to tap folks on the shoulder for additional members
 - Commission gathering/retreat day will be in the fall

**Staff Report:**

We need to put together a presentation/worship:
Covenanting with amalgamated congregations - planning for the Spring Regional Meeting
Adrianne and Jane W and Jane C will work on that

**Next Meeting:**  May 9, 2023

 Territorial Acknowledgement: Jane Capstick

 Worship by: Jane Capstick

Motion to Adjourn: Mary Anderson

**Affirm Initiatives**

Section A Encourage communities of faith to make use of available resources, including the Affirm Network, to discuss issues of inclusion and diversity

Section B Encourage conversations with ecumenical and interfaith groups and community partners, especially with our full-communion partners regarding best practices

Section E Encourage communities of faith to engage in conversations about making safer spaces within the church and community for people of any sexual orientation or gender identity.