**Executive**

**Horseshoe Falls Regional Council**

**of The United Church of Canada**

**AGENDA September 26, 2023, 9 am, Regional Council Office**

**Roster:** Lennox Scarlett (President), Robert Lawson (Past President), John Hurst (Treasurer), Christina Crawford, James Grunden, Marilyn Johnston, Sula Anne Kosacky, Deborah Laforet, Wendy Lowden, Adrianne Robertson, Pat Tooley, Yvonne Wright

**Staff:** Mark Laird, Acting Executive Minister, Sue Duliban, Executive Assistant

**Present:** Lennox Scarlett, Robert Lawson, John Hurst, Christina Crawford, James Grunden, Marilyn Johnston, Sula Anne Kosacky, Wendy Lowden, Pat Tooley, Yvonne Wright, Debbie McMillan

**Regrets**: Deborah Laforet

**Constitute Meeting:** President Lennox: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 this meeting will be the office.

1. **Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, Opening Prayer:** President Lennox
2. **Consent Docket**

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

1. **Enabling Actions**
2. That the proposed Agenda be approved as presented.
3. That the minutes of the June 28 and August 9, 2023 meetings be approved as distributed.
4. That motions be written and given to the Secretary.

**B. Confirmation of email vote**

August 17, 2023

MOTION: Yvonne Wright / Wendy Lowden

That Horseshoe Falls Regional Council Executive names

President Lennox Scarlett, Treasurer John Hurst and Christina Crawford

to serve as Trustees for the transfer of the Cawthra Park U.C. property at the municipal address 1465 Leda Ave., Mississauga, to be held within the Horseshoe Falls Business Trust with Kindred Works. CARRIED. 1 Abstention.

**C. Correspondence received**

1. East Plains United Church letter Sept. 21, 2023
2. Expression of Interest submitted: Horseshoe Falls Regional Council Executive agrees to appoint Debbie McMillan to the HFRC Executive.

**D. Omnibus motion**

Horseshoe Falls Regional Council (8) Omnibus motion – September 26, 2023

That the Horseshoe Falls Regional Council (8) 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. 2023-2024 Board of Directors

Elizabeth Agnew

Margaret Blewett

David Duffus

Heather Grundy

Nicole Henderson

Sula Kosacky

John Kralt

Paul MacPherson

Don Martindale

David Pritchard

Jim Rehus

Al Simpson

Geof Thompson

Kevin Vallier

*This is based on the draft Annual General Meeting minutes of April 15, 2023, board meeting minutes of May 10, 2023, the 2023 board member approval form, the board contact list provided and receipt of other required documentation per the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada.*

b) Five Oaks Christian Workers Centre

 ….pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve Five Oaks Christian Workers Centre 2023-2024 Board of Directors

Amira Ayard

Maggie Dieter

Maya Landell

Ruth Noble

Martha Pedoniquotte

Pegi Ridout

Peter Wall

Barb William

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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 2023-2024 Board of Directors

Doug Caldwell

Lorne Daw

David Hall

Sula Anne Kosacky

Ben Moore

Gale Payne

Geof Thompson

Robin Wilkie

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d) Mission and Development Council of Erie Presbytery of The United Church of Canada

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

Gordon Burkholder

Brian Cronkwright

Norma Cronkwright

Trevor Fronchak

Dave McCrindle

Linda McCrindle

Randy MacKenzie

Sue Stevenson

Art Tobey

Karen Tobey

*Due to health concerns of Chair, COVID-19, etc., the board members were not elected/re-elected at the November 7, 2019 or June 10, 2020 annual meetings. The board members that were duly elected at earlier annual meetings continued to complete the work of the corporation. This has now been rectified by the incorporated ministry at its 2021 and 2022 annual meetings.*

*This is based on the minutes of Annual Meeting of August 3, 2021, the 2021 board member approval form, the board contact list provided and receipt of other required documentation per the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada.*

….pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve the Mission and Development Council of Erie Presbytery of The United Church of Canada 2022-2023 Board of Directors

Gordon Burkholder

Brian Cronkwright

Norma Cronkwright

Trevor Fronchak

Dave McCrindle

Linda McCrindle

Randy MacKenzie

Adrianne Robertson

Paul Shepherd

Bob Stevenson

Art Tobey

Karen Tobey

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**MOTION:** Adrianne Robertson / John Hurst: That the consent docket be approved as circulated and read. **CARRIED.**

1. **Business Arising**
2. East Plains United Church: mortgage acceptance (see correspondence received)

Re-authorize mortgage offer, as originally approved at December 22, 2022 HFRC Executive meeting.

*For reference:* Dec 22 2022 MOTION: John Hurst/Yvonne Wright

The Executive agrees to:

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.

The Executive discussed the request for the mortgage loan with the understanding that not all of the conditions set out in the original agreement have been able to be met (securing a lease). After much discussion about the request from East Plains and an overview of the situation (including background information) from Adrianne Robertson, Chair of the Congregational Support Commission, it was agreed that the Executive would not re-authorize the December 2022 mortgage offer as currently written as they did not feel comfortable authorizing without further information. However, in order to move forward, it was agreed that East Plains be requested to provide a summary of expenses/loans that have led up to the debt load they are carrying. The Executive also strongly recommends that East Plains let go of the incorporation and become a landlord only, and that a lease be obtained before the money can be transferred. The Executive would also like a plan to show how East Plains is going to pay back the loans owing to all parties.

Acting Executive Minister Mark Laird will communicate this information to East Plains on behalf of the Executive. To be included on the next HFRC Executive meeting agenda.

1. **New Business**
2. Regional Council Meeting Planning Guidelines

**MOTION**: Wendy Lowden / Yvonne Wright

That the HFRC Executive direct the planning team to pay out regional council meeting honorariums in accordance with the RC Meeting Planning Guidelines. **CARRIED.**

b. GC 45 Election of Commissioners proposal

**MOTION:** Wendy Lowden / Yvonne Wright

That the HF Executive agrees to put the GC45 Election of Commissioners proposal forward at the HFRC fall meeting in October 2023. **CARRIED.**

c. Budget 2024 Principles

**MOTION:** John Hurst / Marilyn Johnstone

That the HFRC Executive recommend to the fall meeting of the regional council that the following principles be endorsed:

1. Operating expenses increased by 4.5% for inflation and as the basis for investment income.
2. Prioritize Mission & Service grants. **CARRIED.**

Adjournment.