**Congregational Support Commission**

**Horseshoe Falls Regional Council**

**of The United Church of Canada**

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

***Draft Agenda***

**May 16, 2023**

**10:00 AM**

***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:**

**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

**Acknowledging the Land:** Jane Capstick

**Opening Worship:** Jane Capstick

**Opening Motions:**

**Approval of Agenda:**

MOTION by Mary Anderson/ Judy Chartrand that the agenda be accepted as circulated/amended.  
CARRIED

**Consent Docket:**

## Approval of Previous Minutes:

The Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the minutes of 04-11-2023 as circulated.

Appointment of Pastoral Charge Supervisors:

Scott Beckett to Glen Abbey United Church from June 26, 2023 to September 11, 2023 to cover a sabbatical.

Brian Howell to Dunnville United Church from June 1, 2023 to August 31, 2023 to cover a sabbatical.

Annual Reports Received

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| Smithville United Church | East Plains United Church, Burlington |
| Greystone United Church | Lowville United Church |
| People’s Memorial United Church | Trillium United Church, St. Catherines |
| Trinity United Church, Oakville |  |
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Living Faith Story Received for information

Bethel United Church, Port Colborne

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

**Community of Faith Profiles:**

**Greystone United Church, Fulton**

MOTION by Mary Anderson/Ross Gowan That the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council consent to the request from Greystone United Church to increase the hours for ministry personnel from 15 to 20 per week.

Lynne to ask about donations for 2023

CARRIED

**Property**

**Harmony United Church, Brantford**

MOTION by Jane Capstick/Ross Gowan That the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the request from Harmony United Church, Brantford to access $113,069 from restricted funds for expenses related to the two part accessibility/office relocation project.

**CARRIED**

**Harmony United Church, Brantford**

MOTION by Judy Chartrand/Steve Lowden That the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the request from Harmony United Church, Brantford to access 12,769 from restricted funds for expenses related a new “vandal free” air conditioning system for the sanctuary.  
 CARRIED

**Grace United Church, Niagara-on-the-Lake**

Update on accessibility renovations using funds from Federal Accessibility grant

**Colborne Village United Church, Simcoe**

Update that closing date for the sale of Mount Zion United Church has been changed from June 16, 2023 to May 26, 2023.

**Grant Application**

**New Vision United Church, Hamilton**  
  
 MOTION by That the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council consent to the request from New Vision United Church, Hamilton to increase their Congregational Development Fund loan by $61,000 for a total of $351,000 for the purpose of re-enforcing the floor of the sanctuary to meet the code as a performance venue.

**Discussion**

**Need to hear from the congregation regarding this request.**  
**Need partnership for not-for-profit**  
**Social enterprise should support the Ministry, not the other way around**  
**Suggestion of ministry oversite meeting**  
**who would like to go visit the congregation before the June 19 deadline?**  
**Lynne will contact the Board and cc Ian Sloan**  
**Need documentation to look review**

Motion by Ross Gowan/Steve Lowden to table the motion above. Carried

[**Other**](about:blank) **Business:**

Trinity Centres Foundation is looking for churches to work with on redevelopment (see agreements with St. Paul’s Oakville)  
Closing worship services for Garnet, Mt. Carmel and People’s Memorial

Update on People’s Memorial

Collaborative Ministry Information Gathering Lynden (see invitation)

Smithville United Church, financial Concerns

Tri-region property meeting May 23, 2023 7pm

**Executive Report**

* Spring Gathering

**Staff Report:**

* Rural Ministry Renewal Project
* Need for CoF education re: property matters
* Pastoral Charge Supervisor training –available now.  
  Once plan to pay PCS is in place the training will be mandatory

There is a course being offered through TUCC led by Katja Brittain which goes through their learning about "Making your Church Building a Community Asset".

* Does this interest you?-yes
* Would you prefer four 2 hr sessions over a few weeks or one with 7 hrs throughout one day?- interest in 2hr sessions over a period of time
* Cost would be covered by HF

**Next Meeting:**  June 13, possible to join New Vision 4-6 Board, dinner, 7-9 commission meeting

June 14th might work for everyone

Territorial Acknowledgement: Mary Anderson

Worship by: 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.