**Congregational Support Commission**

**Horseshoe Falls Regional Council**

**of The United Church of Canada**

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

***APPROVED Minutes***

**June 13, 2023**

**7pm**

***Via Zoom***

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

**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, Karen Tobey

**Regrets:** Ross Gowan, Shawn Bausch joined at 8pm

**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:** Mary Anderson

**Opening Worship:** Mary Anderson

**Opening Motions:**

**Approval of Agenda:**

MOTION by Jane Wyllie/Mary Anderson that the agenda be accepted as circulated.

**Consent Docket:**

Approval of the minutes of May 16, 2023 as circulated

Appointment of Pastoral Charge Supervisors:

1. Christine Hossack to St. Andrew’s United Church, Brantford from July 1 to August 31, 2023

2. Philip Gardner to St. James Waterdown from June 1 to July 31, 2023

3. Garry VanBruchem to Fonthill United Church effective June 23, 2023

4. Ross Leckie to St. Andrew’s United Church, Georgetown effective July 1, 2023

Annual Reports Received

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| Glen Abbey United Church | St. Paul’s United Church, Oakville |
| Munn’s United Church, Oakville |  |
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**MOTION** byJane Capstick /Steve Lowden that the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the consent docket. carried

**Community of Faith Profiles:**

Hillcrest United Church, Georgetown

**MOTION** by Jane Capstick/ Jane Wyllie that the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the request from Hillcrest United Church, Georgetown to create a ministry position for 20 hours per week up to category F. carried

**Transitions**

Binkley United Church, Hamilton and St. Mark’s United Church, Dundas – Amalgamation

**MOTION** byJudy Chartrand/Steve Lowden that the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the amalgamation of Binkley United Church and St. Mark’s United Church, effective June 30, 2023. Carried

**Property**

Trinity United Church, Thorold

**MOTION** byJane Capstick /Steve Lowden that the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council consent to the request to

(1) the listing of certain Real Property, the legal description of which is TRUSTEES OF TRINITY UNITED CHURCH, LT5,PL889, W/S of Pine St. S., Except BB67992; PT LT 4, PL 889, W/S of Pine St. S, As in BB67991; LT 76, PL 898, Except BB43810 & AA3277; T/W BB43811; Thorold; and the municipal address of which is 15 Pine Street South, Thorold, On L2P 1W8, pursuant to an agreement between the Trustees of Trinity United Church, a congregation of The United Church of Canada as lister, and RE/Max Escarpment Realty Inc. as realtor, dated the 18th day of May, 2023, and subject to regional council approval, the terms of which are as follows:

* RE/MAX Escarpment Realty Inc. Dagmar Chindemi Realtor
* Commission 4.75% + HST of sale price of property or 3.75% + HST If property sold by signed clients of Dagmar excl Competition for any valid offer to purchase the Property from any source whatsoever obtained during the Listing Period, as may be acceptable to the Seller.
* The asking price, $1,599,000.00
* Proposed Listing date June 1, 2023

The net proceeds to be disbursed according the Horseshoe Falls Regional Council Property Policy. Carried

**Loan Application**

Silver Spire United Church, St. Catherines

**MOTION** by Jane Capstick / Jane Wyllie that the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the loan application from Silver Spire United Church to the Niagara Presbytery Extension Council for $100,000 to replace their boiler. Fifty percent to be repaid based on terms to be negotiated, and remaining 50 percent to be repaid when the property is sold. Carried

People’s Memorial United Church, Ridgeway

**MOTION** by Judy Chartrand /Mary Anderson that the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the loan to People’s Memorial United Church, Ridgeway from Horseshoe Falls Regional Council for $25,000 to cover operating costs until June 25, 2023. The loan is interest free and to be repaid upon the sale of the property. Carried

East Plains United Church, Burlington

* For Information – may be seeking a loan for the replacement of their boiler

**Financial Updates – For Information**

Fork’s Rd. East

St. Paul’s United Church, Oakville

New Vision United Church, Hamilton

**Motion** by JaneWyllie / Jane Capstick that the Horseshoe Falls Regional Council, Congregational Support Commission instruct New Vision United Church, Hamilton to cease spending money on the building and music hall project without consultation with the CSC as per our major asset policy.

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

Christ First United Church, Mississauga and Faith United Church, Milton

**MOTION** by **Jane C/Mary**  that the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve a grant of $500 to each Faith United Church, Milton and Christ First United Church to cover costs related to the testing of the Rural Connect program. Carried 2 abstaining Judy Chartrand, Shawn Bausch

**Executive Report**

* Regional Trust has been approved by the Executive to be negotiated with UPRC

**Staff Report:**

* Concern about financially vulnerable congregations
* Meeting at Lynden re: Collaborative ministry
* Vacation June 26 to July 3, and July 31 to Aug 14
* PCS training on Churchx
* Workshop planning for coming year
* Growth Animator position
* Rural Ministry Renewal

**Next Meeting:**  July 25, 2023 10 am

Territorial Acknowledgement: Shawn

Worship by: Shawn

**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.