**Executive**

**Horseshoe Falls Regional Council**

**of The United Church of Canada**

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

**MINUTES** February 6, 2024**,** 4 PM via zoom

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

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

Micol Cottrell, Minister Pastoral Relations

**Regrets:** James Grunden, Deborah Laforet, Adrianne Robertson

**Constitute Meeting, Land Acknowledgement and Opening Prayer:** 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 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.*

Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa reviewed the background of the complaint(s). Discussion re: consultation with governing body. Noted: staff has talked to chair/vice chair, not the entire governing body. Noted also the policy immediately provides for pastoral care and additionally both the Executive Minister and Minister Pastoral Relations have been made available to the complainant and have had correspondence and phone calls.

**MOTION:** Pat Tooley / Yvonne Wright

The Executive of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council

1. Agrees that, on the advice of the Executive Minister and Minister, Pastoral Relations, and in light of the background information they provided, the Executive of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council elects to exercise its authority under *The Manual*, C.2.3.g) and deems this an extraordinary circumstance in which the community of faith is unable to meet its responsibility as the responsible body as set out in the Workplace Discrimination Harassment and Violence Policy and, therefore, the Executive of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council assumes control of this responsibility with regards to WDHV 2024 02 only;
2. Appoints as the investigator for WDHV HF 01 and WDHV HF 02 as of this date; and
3. Agrees to cover the costs of the investigation from unrestricted reserves.

**CARRIED.**

Yvonne Wright asked that the Executive hold the congregation in prayer as this enormous, sensitive work is undertaken.

President Lennox closed with prayer.

Adjournment.