**Congregational Support Commission**

**Horseshoe Falls Regional Council**

**of The United Church of Canada**

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

***APPROVED Minutes***

***March 19, 2024***

***Via Zoom***

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

**Staff Support:** Rev. Lynne Allin, Minister, Congregational Support and Mission  
Elizabeth Marshall, Administrative Assistant

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

**Regrets:** Ross Gowan

**Absent:** Judy Chartrand, Jane Wyllie (on leave)

**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:**

**Opening Worship:**

**Opening Motions:**

**Approval of** **Agenda:**

MOTION by Jane Capstick / Steve Lowden that the agenda be accepted as circulated   
CARRIED

**Consent Docket:**

Approval of Previous Minutes

Approve the minutes of February 13, 2024

Email Motion: N/A

Appointment of Pastoral Charge Supervisors:   
Appoint Keith Hawks as pastoral charge supervisor to Ryerson United Church, Ancaster for February 18, 2024, meeting.

Annual Reports Received

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| Morgan’s Point- Fork’s Road East Pastoral Charge | Bowman United Church |
| Trinity United Church, Oakville | Fenwick United Church |
| St. Paul’s United Church, Oakville |  |
| Munn’s United Church, Oakville |  |
| Grace United Church, Niagara on the Lake |  |

Self-Assessment Received

Grace United Church, Caledonia

Fenwick United Church

Living Faith Story Received

Fenwick United Church

**MOTION** by Judy Chartrand / Mary Anderson that the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the consent docket.

CARRIED

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

Wesley United Church, Fruitland

- Update from Jane Capstick

CSC will request an updated financial viability if they wish to post a position.

**Collaborative Agreements**

Ryerson United Church and Bethesda United Church, Ancaster

**MOTION** by Steven Lowden / Mary Anderson that the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council recognize that the collaborative agreement between Bethesda United Church and Ryerson United, Ancaster will end on May 28, 2024, by mutual agreement.   
CARRIED

**Community of Faith Profiles:**

Cayuga Pastoral Charge

MOTION by Judy Chartrand / Mary Anderson That the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council having reviewed the community of faith profile for Cayuga Pastoral Charge consent to the creation of permanent full-time position up to category F.   
CARRIED, Steven Lowden abstained

**Transitions**

Vineland United Church

**MOTION** by Steven Lowden / Jane Capstick that with gratitude for their faithful service, the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council consent to the request from Vineland United Church to prepare to disband as a congregation with a final date of worship to be decided.   
CARRIED

Nanticoke Pastoral Charge and Wesley United Church, Jarvis

* Revised collaborative agreement to include reference to the Ecumenical Shared Ministry
* Nanticoke declined invitation to participate in the search process

Morgan’s Point, Fork Roads East and Bethel United Churches

* Continuing discussions about possible collaboration

**Property**

Trillium United Church, St. Catharines

MOTION by Jane Capstick/Steven Lowden That the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council having reviewed the new information provided by Trillium United Church, St. Catharines agrees to the use of restricted funds up to $75,000 for roof and other capital repairs.   
CARRIED

Vineland United Church

MOTION by -- / -- That the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council consent to the request from the Board of Trustees of Vineland United Church

1) to pursue the sale of certain Real Property the legal description of which is Vineland United Church, on Part of Lot 1, Concession 2 in Clinton Township and is located on the northwest corner of John Street and Victoria Avenue, Vineland, Ontario, and the municipal address of which is 4402 Victoria Avenue, Vineland, Ontario through negotiation with Adoration Reformed Church.

2) Sale agreement to meet current market value for the property.

3) Sale is conditional on approval by Horseshoe Falls Regional Council Congregational Support Commission

4) the following disposition of the proceeds arising from the transaction the money will be disposed of as follows:

25% Regional Council

2% Central Archives

15% Indigenous Ministries

12.5% Mission and Service

12.5% Mission and Service Endowment Fund

32% an approved United Church Ministry

1% Looney/Tooney recipients

This motion was not moved or seconded.  
  
More information to inquire:

- Clarify if this includes the Manse

- Request a public listing

- Clarify looney/tooney recipients

Trinity United Church, Acton

**MOTION** by Jane Capstick / Judy Chartrand That the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the request from Trinity United Church, Acton to undertake a “Major Renovation” of their kitchen with an anticipated cost of $70,000.

CARRIED

Elcho United Church, Wellandport

**MOTION** by Steve Lowden / Jane Capstick That the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council advise the Board of Trustees for Elcho United Church, Wellandport that having made the decision to disband, they are to list the property for sale as is without any demolition of the buildings, or request that the Regional Council assume management of the property.

CARRIED

Barton Stone-Mount Hope United Church, Hamilton

* Have entered an agreement with TCF
* May still consider Kindred Works
* Were given information about the options
* Have had an architect review buildings
* Running a large deficit

New Vision United Church, Hamilton

* Meeting with New Vision Music Hall team and Kris Tavella Feb. 21, 2024
* Discussed options for the Music Hall and funding
* Kindred Works can provide resources
* Meeting set up with New Vision Board, April 3 at 7pm

East Plains United Church, Burlington

* Update on their Childcare Centre
* Request a meeting with the board for an update

**Other Business:**

**Provisional Call for DLM’s**

**MOTION** Shawn Bausch / Karen Tobey that in situations where the pastoral relationship is being changed from an appointment to a call because a Designated Lay Minister has chosen to be ordained the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council will not require that an updated community of faith profile be submitted.  
CARRIED, Steven Lowden abstained

**Vulnerable CoFs webinar**

* Attending: Shawn, Jane, Mary, Adrianne
* Please put CSC in front of your name on Zoom
* CSC members will be put into breakout groups to take notes

**St. Paul’s United Church, Oakville**

* Update shared
* Mediation Date: May 21 at 1 (preferred), May 30 at 9:30 (optional)
* Request to sell property with public listing
* Option to work through Executive Minister, CSC is prepared to do so
* Projecting a deficit of 139,000

**Trinity Centres Foundation**

* Newspaper article
* Letter from other COF
* Potential contacts

**Legal Agreements**

* Reference re: property process after entering into trust with Kindred Works

**Executive Report**

* A review has started
* Looking for someone from each Commission to serve on the recruitment team

**CSC Member terms were reviewed.**

**Next Meeting:** April 9 at 10 am

Territorial Acknowledgement: Jane C  
(Shawn on May 14th, Steve - June)

Worship by: Jane C April   
(Shawn on May 14th, Steve - June)

Regrets for May 14th - Karen Tobey

**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.