**Congregational Support Commission**

**Horseshoe Falls Regional Council**

**of The United Church of Canada**

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

***June 18, 2024***

***APPROVED Minutes***

***Via Zoom***

**Roster:** (8) Adrianne Robertson, Jane Wyllie (on leave), Steven Lowden, Shawn Bausch, Jane Capstick, Ross Gowan, Karen Tobey, Kate Young, Barb McGill, Doug Caldwell

**Staff Support:** Rev. Lynne Allin, Minister, Congregational Support and Mission

Elizabeth Marshall, Administrative Assistant

**Present**:

**Regrets:** Kate Young, Barb McGill,

**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:** Adrianne Robertson

**Welcome to New Members** Adrianne Robertson

**Opening Worship:** Adrianne Robertson

**Opening Motions:**

**Approval of Agenda:**

MOTION by Shawn Bausch / Steve Lowden that the agenda be accepted as circulated.

**Consent Docket:**

Corresponding Member: Judy Chartrand

Approval of Previous Minutes

Approval of minutes from May 14, 2024, as circulated

Email Vote for inclusion in the minutes  
Southminster United Church, Niagara Falls, May 24, 2024

**MOTION** by Mary Anderson / Judy Chartrand that the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council consent to the request from the Board of Trustees of Southminster United Church, Niagara Falls

1. To the lease of certain Real Property, the legal description of which is Lots 1-6, Plan 135 Stamford, and the municipal address of which is 6801 Hagar Avenue, pursuant to an agreement between Southminster United Church, a congregation of The United Church of Canada, as Landlord and Healthy Roots Catering, as Tenant, dated the 16th day of May, 2024 and subject to Regional council approval, the terms of which are as follows:

* Term July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025
* Non-Exclusive Use of the Kitchen on the lower level
* Space in the furnace room for up to two freezers and a refrigerator purchased by the tenant
* Rental payment of $21,600 per year payable in installments of $1,800 per month
* All other details as set out in the Lease Agreement

1. Net income from the lease to be used as decided by the governing body of Southminster United Church, Niagara Falls.

York United Church May 21, 2024

**MOTION:** Jane Capstick / Ross Gowan that pending the receipt of the Trustee’s Resolution, the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council consents to the request from York United Church, York as follows:

1. To the sale of certain Real Property, the legal description of which is: Pt Lt 1 SIS

King St PL 216 as in MB280 and HC63557; Haldimand County, and the municipal

address is 35 Merrit Street, York, ON, pursuant to an agreement between the Trustees

of York United Church, a congregation of the United Church of Canada, as Seller,

and Tristan Fodor-Hogsden, as Buyer, and dated the 15th day of May, 2024, and subject to regional council approval, the terms of which are as follows:

* + Sale Price 450,000
  + Closing Date November 1, 2024

1. Net proceeds of the sale to be disbursed according to the Horseshoe Falls Regional Council property policy for disbanding congregations.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

York United Church May 31, 2024

**MOTION** by Jane Capstick/Ross Gowan that the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council consent to the request from the Board of Trustees of York United Church to amend the agreement for the sale of certain Real Property, the legal description of which is: Pt Lt 1 *S/S* King St PL 216 as in MB280 and HC63557; Haldimand County, and the municipal address is 35 Merrit Street, York, ON between the trustees of York United Church and Tristan Fodor-Hogsden by reducing the sale price by $5,000 to $445,000 to cover the costs of rezoning the property.

This Offer is conditional upon

1) the Buyer satisfying himself that rezoning of subject property will be completed "by closing date.  Unless the Buyer gives notice in writing delivered to the Seller personally or in accordance with any other provisions for the delivery of notice in this Agreement of Purchase and Sale or any Schedule thereto not later than 11:59 PM on the 30th of September 2024, that this condition is fulfilled, this Offer shall be null and void and the deposit shall be returned, to the Buyer in full without deduction. This condition is included for the benefit of the Buyer and may be waived at the Buyer's sole option by notice in writing to the Seller as aforesaid within the time period stated herein.

2) the approval of the terms here of by the Horseshoe Falls Regional Council.

3) The Seller agrees to complete any documentation required to allow Buyer to proceed with rezoning on Seller's behalf. Cost of rezoning shall be responsibly of the Buyer.

4) Buyer understands and acknowledges that the property is over 100 years old and is being sold as is. It is up to the buyer to satisfy themselves that the property will suit their needs. The balance remaining which is $420,000 will be paid on closing of November 1, 2024.

Appointment of Pastoral Charge Supervisors:

* Rev. Alison Nicholson to Applewood United Church June 9, 2024, for their annual meeting
* Kate Young to St. Stephen’s-on-the-Hill United Church, effective June 11, 2024

Annual Reports Received

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| Burford United Church | Norval United Church, Georgetown |
| St. Andrew’s United Church, Hamilton | Grace United Church, Niagara-on-the-Lake |
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**MOTION** bySteve Lowden / Karen Tobey that the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the consent docket.

**Collaborative Agreements**

**Community of Faith Profiles:**

St. Stephen’s-on-the-Hill United Church, Mississauga

MOTION by Ross Gowan / Steve Lowden That the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council has received and reviewed the community of faith profile for St. Stephen’s-on-the-Hill United Church, Mississauga and thank them for their report. CARRIED

Grace United Church, Niagara-on-the- Lake

MOTION by Steve Lowden / Jane Capstick That the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council having reviewed the community of faith profile for Grace United Church, Niagara-on-the-Lake consent to the search for Ministry Personnel, full time up to category F, with the recommendation that they engage in a stewardship plan.   
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**Transitions**

Faith United, Milton

Background: Faith United was established as a mission and not as a congregation or pastoral charge. It has been listed as a pastoral charge by General Council for the purpose of tracking their Mission and Service donations.

MOTION by Jane Capstick/Shawn Bausch That the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council, with gratitude for their faithful ministry approve the request from Faith United, Milton to disburse their remaining assets as follows: 20% to Milton Transitional Housing, 20% to the Salvation Army Food Bank, 20% to Mission and Service, 20% to Doctors Without Borders and 20% to Water First.   
 CARRIED

Vineland United Church

MOTION by Doug Caldwell / Shawn Bausch That the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council, with gratitude for their faithful ministry approve the request from Vineland United Church to disburse their remaining assets according to the Horseshoe Falls property policy with 32% to Cave Springs Camp and 1% to be divided equally to the following agencies which they have historically supported: Community Care of West Niagara, Gillian’s Place, David Suzuki Foundation, RAFT (Resource Association for Teens), Bethlehem Place, Upper Deck Youth Unlimited.   
 CARRIED

**Property**

Fairview United Church, Brantford

MOTION by RossGowan / Karen Tobey That the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council consent to the request from Fairview United Church, Brantford to the repair of the roof (a major renovation) and use of up to $120,000 from restricted funds to cover the cost of this work.   
CARRIED

Freelton-Strabane United Church

MOTION by Jane Capstick / Ross Gowan That the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council consent to the request from Freelton-Strabane United Church to access up to $9,000 from restricted funds to replace the church sign.   
CARRIED

St. John United Church, Hamilton

MOTION by Steve Lowden / Shawn Bausch That the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council give consent in principle to the leasing of space to Montessori on the Mountain Inc. The final lease agreement to be approved when finalized.   
 CARRIED

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

Westminster United Church, Mississauga – Will need to repair pipe leading to the fire hydrant

East Plains United Church has requested that the meeting on June 25th be rescheduled until September due to challenges gathering their board for that date. Their current financial documents are available for review.

The meeting with St. Paul’s United Church Oakville and Creedence Co will be held on June 20th at 6 pm at the Regional Council Office.

WOW has revised their property policy. This is something we may want to consider at our June 26th visioning meeting along with restricted funds

**Executive Report**

**-** Commissioner Roles

**Staff Report:**

- Acting Chair - Shawn has volunteered

**Next Meeting:**  July 30th 10 am

Territorial Acknowledgement: Ross

Worship by: Ross

Meeting Adjourned 11:45

**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.