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**Congregational Support Commission**

**Horseshoe Falls Regional Council**

**of The United Church of Canada**

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

***July 30, 2024***

***APPROVED Minutes***

***Via Zoom***

**Roster:** (8) Adrianne Robertson, Jane Wyllie, 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

Michele Petick, Administrative Assistant

**Present**: Adrianne Robertson, Jane Wyllie, Shawn Bausch, Ross Gowan, Steven Lowden, Karen Tobey, Kate Young, Barb McGill, Doug Caldwell, Brenna Baker

**Regrets:** Jane Capstick

**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: Ross**

**Opening Worship: Ross**

**Opening Motions:**

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

CARRIED

**Corresponding Members:** Brenna Baker

MOTION by Doug Caldwell / Shawn Bausch That Brenna Baker be made a corresponding member.

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CARRIED

Brenna is available for support in stewardship campaigns and Mission and Service inquiries.

**Consent Docket:**

## Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes of June 18, 2024 as circulated

Minutes of June 26, 2024 as circulated

Appointment of Pastoral Charge Supervisors:

* Allison Playfair to Burkholder United Church for a meeting on July 7, 2024

Annual Reports Received

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| Elcho United Church |  |
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CoF Profiles Received for Information

Bethel Stone United Church

**MOTION**  by Ross Gowan / Kate Young that the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the consent docket.

CARRIED

**Community of Faith Profiles:**

Burford United Church, Burford

MOTION by Jane Wyllie / Steve Lowden That the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council having reviewed the community of faith profile for Burford United Church, acknowledges that it is complete.  At this time no search can begin until a decision has been made by the congregation to either pursue a collaborative agreement or the search process.

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CARRIED

Abstained: Karen Tobey

Burkholder United Church, Hamilton

MOTION by Ross Gowan / Kate Young That the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council having reviewed the community of faith profile for Burkholder United Church, Hamilton approve the creation of a ministry position for 20 hours per week, category F.

CARRIED

Waterford United Church, Waterford

MOTION by Kate Young / Karen Tobey That the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council having reviewed the financial viability worksheet for Waterford United Church, approve the hiring of an Intentional Interim Minister, full-time.

CARRIED

Fonthill United Church, Fonthill

MOTION by Kate Young / Barb McGill That the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council having reviewed the financial viability worksheet for Fonthill United Church, the creation of a ministry personnel position for 30 hours per week, up to category F pending approval by the congregation.

CARRIED

**Transitions**

Binbrook-Blackheath Pastoral Charge

MOTION by Ross Gowan / Steve Lowden That the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approve the request from Binbrook United Church to re-align the Binbrook-Blackheath pastoral charge, and their agreement for the division of shared assets. The date of the re-alignment shall be November 1, 2024.

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CARRIED

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

Update: New Vision United Church has prepared a new business plan.

Meeting with St. Paul’s Oakville – they have provided information for a meeting with commission members on July 31, 7pm

Update from task group looking at the use of restricted funds policy/Regional use of funds from property sales.

* Good discussion by task group
* Have proposals regarding restricted funds and use of funds from property to be presented to the commission in the fall

**Executive Report**

* Adrianne off August 2024

**Staff Report:**

* Sabbatical September to November 22nd, 2024.
* Ann Harbridge will be covering sabbatical.
* Sabbatical Project: looking at resources available for helping congregations in transition. Worship and best practices as examples.
* The commission will need to prepare a report for the HF RC Fall Meeting.

**Next Meeting:**

Date: Tuesday September 10th, 7pm via Zoom

Potential Regrets: Karen Tobey (travelling)  
If needed Acting Chair for August will be Shawn Bausch

Territorial Acknowledgement: Steven Lowden

Worship by: Steven Lowden

**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.

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**Sample Motion:**

MOTION by Choose an item. / Choose an item. That the Congregational Support Commission of Horseshoe Falls Regional Council … .