

**Covenant Commission**  
**Antler River Watershed Regional Council**  
**OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**  
*Holding and Encouraging Communities of Faith*

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**Place/Time:** Zoom Call 9:00 a.m.

**Roster:** Marie Santos (L, Chair), Tom Brunt (L), Deb Ellacott (L), Jim Evans (OM), Judith Fayter (OM), Adam Kilner (OM), Mark Marshall (OM), Andi McKillop (L), Emmanuel Ofori (OM), Mark Perry (OM)

**Staff Support:** Pretima Kukadia-Kinting, Admin Assistant, PKukadia@united-church.ca  
Rev. Lynne Allin, Minister, Congregational Support & Mission, LAllin@united-church.ca

**Present:** Tom Brunt, Jim Evans, Judith Fayter, Andi McKillop, Mark Perry, Lynne Allin, Pretima Kukadia-Kinting

**Regrets:** Adam Kilner

**Absent:** Emmanuel Ofori, Deb Ellacott, Mark Marshall, Marie Santos

**Welcome and Constitute Meeting:** The meeting was constituted and opened by Lynne Allin

**Acknowledging the Land:** The United Church of Canada acknowledges that its buildings and ministries, from coast to coast are on traditional territories of Indigenous Peoples.

**Opening Worship:** A short prayer was provided by Lynne Allin.

**Opening Motions:**

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Tom Brunt / Mark Perry that the agenda be accepted as circulated.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**New Business**

MOTION by Judith Fayter / Mark Perry that the Covenant Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council give its consent to the sale of certain Real Property, the legal description of which is Lots 4 - 6, Block Q, Plan 3, Chatham-Kent, and the municipal address of which is 91 Grand Avenue East, Chatham, Ontario, pursuant to an agreement between the Trustees of **Victoria Avenue United Church**, a congregation of The United Church of Canada, and Ghassan Najjar, the sole owner of 344104 Ontario Ltd., the terms of which are as follows: Sale Price: \$250,000; Deposit: \$5,000; Balance Due: \$245,000; Conditions: as noted:

This Offer is conditional upon the approval of Antler River Watershed Regional Council within 10 days from date of confirmation of acceptance by Victoria Avenue United Church, failing which this offer shall become null and void and the Buyer's deposit returned in full without penalty or interest.

This Offer is conditional upon the Buyer obtaining at the Buyer's expense, a re-zoning of the property to permit multi residential for the said property. Both Buyer and Seller agree to proceed in a diligent manner to obtain the rezoning.

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 5:00 p.m. on the 30th day of April, 2020, that this condition has been fulfilled, this Offer shall become 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.

The Seller agrees, upon written notice, to execute applications and all other documents required for the Buyer to change the official plan, if necessary, and to re-zone the lands to a zoning suitable to the Buyer, or to amend any by-laws, and to support such application or applications for rezoning or amending of bylaws, and to co-operate with the Buyer, in all reasonable respects, provided that the Buyer pay all costs of said re-zoning.

This Offer is conditional upon the Buyer obtaining a building permit from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent. Unless the Buyer gives notice in writing delivered to the Seller or the Seller's Agent 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 5:00 p.m. on the 30th day of April, 2020, 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.

Scheduled Closing Date: June 30, 2020.

The following disposition of the proceeds was proposed and passed by a motion of the congregation of Victoria Avenue United Church, a congregation of the Victoria Avenue Pastoral Charge of The United Church of Canada, at a special meeting of the congregation held on November 17, 2019:

"That the Congregation directs the Board of Trustees of Victoria Avenue United Church to seek approval from the Antler River Watershed Region to use a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the property at 91 Grand Avenue East, Chatham, Ontario, as follows:

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  - a) 30% to fund Victoria Avenue United Church outreach programs to the hungry and homeless in Chatham-Kent;

- b) 10% to financially support an affirming United Church with their sponsorship of LGBTQ+ refugees to Canada;
  - c) 10% toward improvement of living conditions of Indigenous peoples living within the Antler River Watershed Region, details to be decided at a future date, and
2. the balance of the funds from the sale of the property to be invested and the interest used at the discretion of the Board of Trustees to support the ministry and mission of Victoria Avenue United Church."
  3. That the Real Property referred to in the above resolution is within the bounds of the Antler River Watershed Regional Council.
  4. That the said Real Property is held by the Trustees of Victoria Avenue United Church, a congregation of The United Church of Canada and part of the Victoria Avenue Pastoral Charge, in trust for the Victoria Avenue United Church as part of The United Church of Canada.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**Next Meeting:** February 5, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Worship by: Judith Fayter

MOTION by Judith Fayter that having concluded its business, the meeting is adjourned.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**Meeting adjourned 9:15 a.m.**