

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

Wednesday, August 12, 2020 9:30 am via zoom

Roster: Joyce Payne (President), Karlene Brown-Palmer, Doug Cameron (Treasurer), Richard Dalton, Elizabeth Dunn, Lorna Gardner, Deanna Gibson, Louise Hall, Doreen Hewitson, Brenda MacMain, Kenji Marui, Bill Rothernel, Marie Santos, Diane Skomash, Carey Wagner

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

Present: Joyce Payne (President), Karlene Brown-Palmer, Doug Cameron (Treasurer), Elizabeth Dunn, Lorna Gardner, Louise Hall, Kenji Marui, Bill Rothernel, Marie Santos, Diane Skomash

Regrets: Deanna Gibson, Doreen Hewitson

Acknowledgement of territory and opening prayer

President Joyce acknowledged the territory and read a piece by Richard Wagemese.

Welcome and Constitution of Meeting: President Joyce

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 the first meeting of the Antler River Watershed Regional Council for whatever business may properly come before it.

Consent Docket

The Executive of Antler River Watershed Regional Council agrees by consensus to **accept** the consent docket.

A. Enabling Actions

1. That the Agenda be adopted as circulated.
2. That the minutes of the June 10, 2020 meeting be approved as distributed.
3. That motions and proposals be written and given to the Secretary.

B. To receive the correspondence and address it as it arises in the agenda

1. Thank you for Global Appeal donation (for information)
2. Jeff Crittenden 2020 Roy M. Davidson Trust Award (for information)
3. Fairfield correspondence
4. Celebration of Ministries Service – email correspondence from candidates
5. UCC Foundation Ethel Childs Scholarship Fund June 2020

Cheryl-Ann gave thanks for and shared celebratory moments in the lives of Executive members.

Business Arising

1. Fairfield: update

Cheryl-Ann referred the Executive to the correspondence received from Chief Denise. There has been no further update. Cheryl-Ann contacted the curator of the Fairfield Museum, to advise him that the Executive had agreed to close the Museum and all its facilities for the 2020 season to minimize potential health risks. The curator expressed his deep gratitude to the Executive for their concern for

his health. Field growing project – the curator will be talking to a nearby farmer about the possibility of putting in winter wheat. There is a draft farm agreement that can be implemented should the project go forward.

2. Celebration of Ministries Service

Location tentatively confirmed: Grace United, Sarnia. Date/time of service: 10 am on Sunday, November 1. As approved by ARW Executive at meeting of June 10, 2020.

Cheryl-Ann referred the Executive to the concerns expressed by some of the candidates about having the service on the Sunday of the fall regional council meeting, including their concern about potential lack of regional council attendance. It was felt that the regional council was doing its best to accommodate all, given the current pandemic situation. It was also noted that livestreaming will provide the opportunity for congregations to be virtually part of the service and allow for the service to be shared at a later date.

It was agreed that the date and time would not be changed and planning will move forward. The regional council will be reminded to “save the date” and the livestream link will be shared in September. President Joyce will talk to the candidates about their concerns.

3. Commission reports

a. Covenant (Marie Santos)

The commission had two check-in meetings in July. While not well attended, there were good questions and discussion. A UCC pandemic bridge loan application was received and it was deferred as it did not meet the criteria. Six pastoral charge supervisors were appointed. The commission approved the use of funds restricted by presbytery or regional council to pay insurance premiums for 2020 if needed.

b. Human Resources – no report

c. Mission & Discipleship – no report

4. Financial update (Doug Cameron, Treasurer)

Meetings to review financial matters are scheduled in August. Doug will have a breakdown of all monies now received from conference/presbyteries and investments for the September executive meeting. The ARWRC audit is planned for September. President Joyce will write a thank you note to former London Conference treasurer, Brent Caslick, for his accounting work.

MOVED Doug Cameron / Kenji Marui

That Antler River Watershed Regional Council provide an honorarium to Brent Caslick in the amount of \$750.00 in appreciation for his accounting work related to the transition from London Conference to Antler River Watershed Regional Council. **CARRIED**

New Business

1. Correspondence (for information)

a. Thank you for Global Appeal donation

b. Jeff Crittenden 2020 Roy M. Davidson Trust Award. President Joyce will send a note of congratulations to Jeff Crittenden on behalf of the regional council.

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2. Receipt of funds: UCC Foundation Ethel Childs Scholarship Fund June 2020 in the amount of \$27.13

MOVED Lorna Gardner / Diane Skomash

That the income from the UCC Foundation Ethel Childs Scholarship Fund be forwarded in perpetuity to Pearce Williams Summer Camp and Retreat Facility. **CARRIED**

Cheryl-Ann will write to the foundation and ask if it is possible to reinvest the fund and carry over the income going forward, and find out the principal in the fund.

Louise Hall noted that she was very please to see the hello/goodbyes section in the regional council newsletter – good work.

President Joyce closed with a few lines by Richard Wagamese.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next Executive Meeting: Wednesday, September 9, 9:30AM