

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

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Wednesday, December 9, 2020, 2 pm via Zoom

**Roster:** Jane Van Patter (President), Doug Cameron (Treasurer), Richard Auckland, Karlene Brown-Palmer, Richard Dalton, Elizabeth Dunn, Lorna Gardner, Deanna Gibson, Doreen Hewitson, Brenda MacMain, Kenji Marui, Bill Rothernel, Marie Santos, Diane Skomash

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

**Present:** Jane Van Patter (President), Karlene Brown-Palmer, Doug Cameron (Treasurer), Richard Auckland, Richard Dalton, Elizabeth Dunn, Lorna Gardner, Doreen Hewitson, Brenda MacMain, Kenji Marui, Bill Rothernel, Marie Santos, Diane Skomash

**Regrets:** Deanna Gibson

**Installation of President Jane Van Patter:** Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa and Joyce Payne

**Call to Order (President Jane):** I constitute this meeting in the name of Jesus Christ, as the one true head of the Church and by the authority vested in me by the first meeting of the Antler River Watershed Regional Council for whatever business may properly come before it.

**Acknowledgement of Territory:** President Jane

**Opening Worship:** President Jane

Jane reflected on Advent and Christmas in this pandemic year.

### **Connecting/Meeting**

Shared what current members have found to be meaningful in serving on executive, and what new members are looking forward to. Cheryl-Ann recommended the “Start With Why” video by Simon Sinek.

**Regional Council Purpose Statement:** Holding and Encouraging Communities of Faith  
Values

- 1) Love unconditionally
- 2) Seek reconciliation
- 3) Risk courageously

**Priorities**

For Assessment

Pastoral Relations

Communities of Faith Support including Indigenous Communities of Faith

Communications

For M&S

Social Justice and Outreach – living out our Affirm mandate

Camps/Youth

Living into Right Relations

Review of Duties from ARW Governance Handbook

**Consent Docket****MOVED Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa / Doug Cameron****Acceptance of the Consent Docket****A. Enabling Actions**

1. That the Agenda be adopted as circulated.
2. That the minutes of the September 15, 2020 and September 16, 2020 meetings be approved as distributed.
3. That motions and proposals be written and given to the Secretary.
4. Corresponding member:
5. The ARWRC Executive agrees to receive Carey Wagner as a corresponding member to this meeting.

**B. Confirmation of email votes**

Duly moved and seconded June 23, 2020. Motion Carried.

**MOVED Kenji Marui / Karlene Brown-Palmer**

That the Executive of Antler River Watershed Regional Council authorizes Pearce Williams to launch a fundraising campaign with the goal of raising \$250,000 to compensate for revenue loss due to the current state of emergency in Ontario. The campaign will involve camper families, previous donors, Elgin County United Churches, rental groups and foundations.

Duly moved and seconded September 29, 2020. Motion Carried.

**MOVED Doreen Hewitson / Brenda MacMain**

The Executive of Antler River Watershed Regional Council directs the President and Executive Minister to write a letter in support of the campaign to seek a commemorative stamp for Rev. George McKay.

Duly moved and seconded October 9, 2020. Motion Carried.

**MOVED Karlene Brown-Palmer / Deanna Gibson**

That the Antler River Watershed Regional Council Executive donate \$1,000 to Western Ontario Waterways Saugeen Relief on behalf of Antler River Watershed Regional Council.

**C. Antler River Watershed Regional Council (7) Omnibus motion – December 9, 2020**

That the Antler River Watershed Regional Council (7) Executive take the following actions:

a) Pearce Williams United Church Christian Centre

...approve the Pearce Williams United Church Christian Centre 2020-2021 Board of Directors

Charlotte Chamberlain

Mark Emery

Patrick Erb

Brad Graham

Brenda MacMain

Glenda McMillan

Lexi Morrison

Laura Penner

John Sanders

This is based on the draft Annual General Meeting minutes of August 19, 2020, the 2020 board member approval form, contact list provided and receipt of other required documentation per The United Church of Canada Incorporated Ministries Policy.

b) The United Church Downtown Mission of Windsor Inc.

...based on the guidance received from General Council Staff, pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve the supplementary letters patent dated January 31, 2020 of the incorporated ministry known as The United Church Downtown Mission of Windsor Inc.

This is based on the members resolution of October 26, 2019 and receipt of other required documentation per The United Church of Canada incorporated ministries policy.

...approve The United Church Downtown Mission of Windsor Inc. 2020-2021 Board of Directors

Dolph Barsanti  
 Catherine Collins-Barker  
 Sandor Kapasi  
 Michele McGregor  
 Kristine McInnis  
 Melissa Pearce  
 Jeffrey Slopen  
 Anna St. Antoine  
 David Tell

...based on the guidance received from General Council Staff, pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve By-Laws of the incorporated ministry known as The United Church Downtown Mission of Windsor Inc.

These are based on the draft minutes of the 37th Annual Meeting of October 28, 2020, the 2020 board member approval form, contact list provided and receipt of other required documentation per The United Church of Canada Incorporated Ministries Policy.

c) United Church Council of Middlesex Presbytery

...approve the United Church Council of Middlesex Presbytery 2019-2020 Board of Directors

Steve Britton  
 Tracy Crick-Butler  
 Marry Dillon  
 Mary Margaret Farrow  
 Dorothy Ann Foster  
 Richard Golden  
 Art Hiley  
 Rob Hockin  
 Randy Mills

This is based on the draft 2018 Annual Meeting minutes of January 15, 2020, the 2019 board member approval form, contact list provided and receipt of other required documentation per The United Church of Canada Incorporated Ministries Policy.

**D. Correspondence received**

1) Oxford Legacy Fund request

That the Executive endorses the request of the Oxford Legacy Committee and authorizes the following payment: \$1,482 to be issued to Nancy Vandenburghe (DLM candidate) from the Oxford Legacy Fund for 2020 education expenses.

2. Campus.Chaplains Letter (for information)

**CARRIED**

(Staff will advise GCO corporation staff that Mary Dillon's first name in the omnibus motion was spelled incorrectly.)

**Business Arising from the Regional Council Meeting**

- 1) Social Justice Network Proposal (Stated Hour – 2:45 pm Carey Wagner, Diane Matheson-Jimenez, Minister Social Justice)

Diane Matheson-Jimenez, Richard Auckland, and Carey Wagner provided background on the proposal.

**MOVED** Richard Auckland/ Diane Skomash

The ARWRC Executive thanks the Social Justice and Ecological Network for sharing their concerns and appreciates the conversation. ARWRC Executive commits to an ongoing conversation about how social and ecological justice matters come before the regional council in a timely and effective way. **CARRIED**

**MOVED** Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa / Bill Rothernel

That the ARWRC Executive will devote time at their February 2021 to communication issues, reviewing what is working and what is not. **CARRIED**

Carey Wagner and Diane Matheson-Jimenez left the meeting

- 2) Evaluation (Kenji Marui)

Kenji outlined the scoring of the feedback received. While only 8 feedback replies, so not statistically valid, generally speaking folks were quite positive with how meeting took place, understanding that this way of doing things was a first-time effort due to the pandemic.

Kenji referred the executive to the report from the equity monitor, Michiko Bown-Kai, noting that the report speaks for itself. Most of the recommendations were in regards to process pieces and figuring out online work. Few flags about use of language, cultural assumptions that are made. Larger picture: look at diversity within leadership team, which is reflective of team/UCC. An ongoing piece that all have been struggling with.

Planning team did do follow-up meeting with Michiko. One other piece to think more carefully about for future meetings is the use of breakout rooms. (The equity monitor shared that they were approached by someone during the discussion of the remit language who expressed feeling bullied within the meeting room).

That being said, we are learning as we go and commit to learning further.

The planning team of Kenji Marui, Louise Hall, Pam Wilcox, Beth Parsons, Joyce Payne, Pat Morrison and Sue Duliban was thanked for their work.

- 3) Finalize 2021 Budget (received for information)

Slight change, under regional operations, commission meetings, 17,500 was approved, but it has been cut back to 12,500.

An update on investments is planned for the next executive meeting.

**5 Minute Break**

**Updates**

- 1) Fairmont Memorandum of Agreement  
Cheryl-Ann provided background.

**MOVE** Bill Rothernel/ Rick Dalton

ARWRC Executive is in agreement with the Fairmont document as presented to be finalized, allowing for editorial change and rewording Item #6 Trustees. **CARRIED**  
Kenji Marui, as one of the Fairmont Trustees, abstained.

Executive will receive the finalized copy of the agreement.

- 2) Fairfield update.  
Delaware Nation is now ready to receive the museum proper as at the end of January 2021. A formal agreement will be brought forward to the executive at the next meeting. Note: most of the funds in the account will liquidate in leaving agreement with custodian.

**MOVED** Rick Dalton / Brenda MacMain

ARWRC Executive authorizes Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa to negotiate a leaving agreement with the current custodian at Fairfield, utilizing the legal firm used by ARWRC for employment matters. **CARRIED**

- 3) Ethel Child's Scholarship – received for info. Decision not needed to be made today. Will look at more fully at the next executive meeting.

**New Business**

- 1) Proposal 1: Amendment to Governance Handbook

**MOVED** Brenda MacMain / Elizabeth Dunn

ARWRC Executive agrees to amend the Governance Handbook by amending the section "Meetings" to read:

The schedule for meetings will be reviewed following the election of new members and set for the coming year with a view to workload and personal schedules. The majority of meetings happen virtually. **CARRIED**

- 2) Proposal 2: Making Financial Resources Available

**MOVED** Doug Cameron / Diane Skomash

ARWRC Executive

- 1) Directs the Executive Minister to work with the Administrative Assistant, Website Management to ensure that the description of the funds and the process for accessing them is added to the website no later than February 28, 2021 and ideally sooner;
- 2) Review the attached application form for use for all funds;
- 3) Set April 1st and October 1st as application deadlines for grant cycles. **CARRIED**

- 3) Executive Minister Accountability Report for December, 2020 (received for information)
- 4) Campus.Chaplains Letter GCE Oct 2020 (received for information)

**Looking Ahead**

- 1) Affirm (Action Plan adopted at October 29, 2020 meeting of Regional Council)  
Will include on January executive meeting agenda
- 2) BLM (June proposal, adopted at June 10, 2020 Executive meeting)  
Will include on February executive meeting agenda
- 3) Racial Justice Training  
Update on training: January executive meeting agenda (training to take place in February)
- 4) Regional Council Meetings in 2021  
**Agreed** by consensus that the spring meeting of the regional council will be held June 12.
- 5) Executive meetings: Will try 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 7 pm – 9 pm

Benediction

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 13, 2021, 7 pm**