

Congregational Support Commission
Antler River Watershed Regional Council
OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Holding and Encouraging Communities of Faith

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

Roster: Greg Simpson (DLM, Chair), Herb deJong (L), Judith Fayter (OM), Adam Kilner (OM), Andi McKillop (L), Mark Perry (OM), Jim Stirling (L), Carey Wagner (DM), Dave Whiting (L)

Staff Support: Rev. Lynne Allin, Minister, Congregational Support, lallin@united-church.ca;
Pretima Kukadia, Admin, Communications, Records pkukadia@united-church.ca

Present: Greg Simpson, Herb DeJong, Andi McKillop, Mark Perry, Jim Stirling, Carey Wagner, Dave Whiting, Lynne Allin, Pretima Kukadia

Regrets: Judith Fayter

Absent: Adam Kilner

Welcome and Constitute Meeting: Greg Simpson welcomed everyone to the meeting. The meeting was then constituted and opened.

Acknowledging the Land: Territorial lands are acknowledged on behalf of the Congregational Support Commission by Greg Simpson:

We are gathered this morning on traditional lands. We recognize and deeply appreciate the historic connection to this ground we share. We also recognize the contributions of the Metis, Inuit, and other Indigenous peoples have made to our country. As settlers, this recognition must be clearly connected to our commitment to make the promise and the challenge of the Truth and Reconciliation real in the communities in which we live and worship. We are grateful to the Creator for this time and this place.

Opening Worship: Judith Fayter presented worship. Psalm 104: 24-30 Season for everything. Holding onto what was, does not prolong that season any longer.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Mark Perry / Andi McKillop that the agenda be accepted as amended.

MOTION

CARRIED

Consent Docket

1. **Approval of Minutes** of July 5, 2023 be accepted as circulated.

Approval of Minutes of August 15, 2023 be accepted as circulated.

Approval of Minutes of August 30, 2023 be accepted as circulated.

2. **Email Poll – Thorndale Name Change** of July 6, 2023 to be recorded in the minutes
MOTION by Mark Perry / Judith Fayter that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council affirm that the name of the newly amalgamated church formed by Zion United Church and Thorndale United Church shall be Thorndale United Church, Thorndale Pastoral Charge.

MOTION

CARRIED

3. **Email Poll - New Scotland-Ridge United Church** of July 14, 2023 to be recorded here
MOTION by Andi McKillop / Mark Perry that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council give consent to

- 1) The sale of certain Real Property, the legal description of which is Conc 7 Les Pt Lot 18 Pt SE ½ Lot 18 and the municipal address of which is 20218 Mull Rd Blenheim, pursuant to and agreement between the Trustees of New Scotland-Ridge United Church, a congregation of the United Church of Canada, as Trustees, and John Bradley Campbell as Purchaser, dated the 23rd day of October, 2022, and subject regional council approval, the terms of which are as follows:
- 2) Sale Price One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars, deposit Five Hundred Dollars, closing date November 25, 2022.
- 3) To the following disposition of the proceeds arising from the transaction: For the use of the New Scotland-Ridge United Church as needed to first cover demolition costs of the Ridge Community Church, and any remaining funds to be used at the discretion of the congregation.

MOTION

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4. **Appointment of Pastoral Charge Supervisors & Companions**
- a. Eric Skillings to Tilbury-Quinn Pastoral Charge effective July 7, 2023.
 - b. Robin Sherman to Comber Pastoral Charge effective February 1, 2023.
 - c. Joshua Kang to Harrow United Church to cover a sabbatical leave from September 1, 2023 to November 30, 2023.
 - d. Greg Simpson to Hillman Pastoral Charge effective September 6, 2023.

5. **Annual Reports**

The Congregational Support Commission receives the following communities of faith 2022 Annual Reports with thanks:

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| Darrel S. Moffat United Church | First-St. Andrew’s United Church |
| Erie Street United Church | |

----- End of Consent Docket -----

MOTION by Dave Whiting / Carey Wagner that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the consent docket as amended.

MOTION

CARRIED

New Business

Transitions

1. **Darrel S Moffat United Church:** Collaboration with South Buxton and Talbot Street Pastoral Charges

Update: These churches are working on a collaborative agreement. May be entering a trial period for the remainder of 2023. Using funds to prop themselves up and trying out a 6-month trial period. They are doing good work that can be beneficial to all involved and moving forward. Meeting later this morning.

2. **Bedford United Church, Windsor:** Discussing possibilities of disbanding

Update: Met with congregation in July. Possibly wanting to disband and sell manse and church. Meeting again in September.

Community of Faith Profile

1. **Trinity United Church, Ingersoll**

MOTION by Mark Perry / Carey Wagner that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the Community of Faith Profiles for Trinity United Church and their request to seek a call/appointment for a full-time minister, at 40 hours/week, up to Category F.

MOTION

CARRIED

Property

1. **Kerwood United Church**

MOTION by Carey Wagner / Mark Perry that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to the request from Kerwood United Church to

- 1) the listing of certain Real Property, the legal description of which is PT LT 7, CON 5, SER, (GRIST MILL PLOT, 34PL238) AS IN AD12358; Township of Adelaide Metcalfe, and the municipal address of which is 277734 Clyde Street Kerwood, Ontario, NOM 2B0, pursuant to an agreement between the Trustees of Kerwood Bethesda United Church, a congregation of the United Church of Canada, as the listee/seller, and Coldwell Banker, as listing agent, dated the 4th day of August, 2023, and subject to regional council approval, the terms of which are as follows:

Listing Price \$389,000

Commission 4.5%

- 2) Net proceeds to be invested in a restricted account according to Antler River Watershed Regional Council property policy.

MOTION

CARRIED

2. New Scotland-Ridge United Church

MOTION by Andi McKillop / Carey Wagner that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to the request from New Scotland-Ridge United Church to

- 1) the sale of certain Real Property, the legal description of which is Conc 7 Les Pt Lot 18 Pt SE 1/2 Lot 18, and the municipal address of which is 20218 Mull Rd Blenheim, pursuant to an agreement between the Trustees of the New Scotland-Ridge United Church, a congregation of the United Church of Canada, as Trustees, and John Bradley Campbell as Purchaser, dated the 23rd day of October, 2022 and subject to regional council approval, the terms of which are as follows:

Sale Price One thousand Five Hundred Dollars, deposit five Hundred Dollars closing date November 25, 2022.

- 2) to the following disposition of the proceeds arising from the transaction: For the use of New Scotland-Ridge United Church as needed to first cover demolition costs of Ridge Community Church and any remaining funds to be used at the discretion of the congregation.

MOTION

CARRIED

3. Thorndale United Church

MOTION by Mark Perry / Andi McKillop that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to the request from Thorndale United Church to the sale of Zion United Church, 21565 Clarke Rd, Part Lot 5, Concession 6, Township of London, County of Middlesex (PIN 081 46-0146) to Willard Marcus Talbot for the price of ONE dollar. The Closing Date shall be September 29, 2023. This is in keeping with the original agreement that the property be returned to the donor or their heirs if it is no longer to be used as a church.

MOTION

CARRIED

4. Belle River United Church

Background

- Letters of opinion Right at Home 785,000 Royal LePage 675,000 Remax 449,900-499,900
- CoF wishes to sell to North Shore Community Church which has been renting space from them
- This is the only other Protestant CoF in Belle River

- Proposal is to sell for 250,000 with agreement that if they were to sell within 7 years the UCC would receive an additional 200,000.

MOTION by Mark Perry / Carey Wagner that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council advises the Board of Trustees for Belle River United Church to enter into a listing agreement with a real estate broker for the sale of the church property at market value, no less than \$675,000. A copy of the listing agreement to be sent to the Congregational Support Commission for approval.

MOTION

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5. Mount Zion United Church, London

MOTION by Mark Perry / Andi McKillop that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to the request from Thorndale United Church to the sale of Zion United Church, 21565 Clarke Rd, Part Lot 5, Concession 6, Township of London, County of Middlesex (PIN 081 46-0146) to Willard Marcus Talbot for the price of ONE dollar. The Closing Date shall be September 29, 2023. This is in keeping with the original agreement that the property be returned to the donor or their heirs if it is no longer to be used as a church.

6. Trinity United Church, London

Sent an email to Erik Mathiesen asking about refinancing a UCC loan to the congregation as Trinity United Church is having some financial issues. Advised that the trustees of the congregation would need to make this request. Have not heard more.

Trinity and Mount Zion are in a collaborative agreement. Trinity covering all benefits until now, wanting Mount Zion to pick up more. Trinity is innovative, a loan may be a difficulty.

7. Thamesville United Church – Tech Grant Application

Do not qualify for a tech grant application due to their investments.

Other Business

1. Executive Report: Greg Simpson

Summer has been slower. Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa, Executive Minister is on vacation and then on sabbatical. Mark Laird is Acting Executive Minister.

2. Congregational Support Minister Report: Lynne Allin

Hate crime responses. In Horseshoe Falls Regional Council a minister was assaulted. It will be a court case. Found that there are no given responses for hate crimes, not from national office, or other courts.

Orientation gathering October 11 from 9-3, probably at Lambton Centre. Executive meets in the morning; commissions meet in the afternoon for 'big picture' thinking.

Resources in Dropbox include CoF status document, vulnerable CoF list and Excel list of CoFs.

Fall Gathering of Antler River Watershed Regional Council is October 27 and 28.

- Include in agenda discussion about PCS payment
- Workbook to include commission report

A Lay Representatives Gathering was held on August 20 for 12 attendees.

The Collaborative Ministry Workshop is September 20 at 2:00 pm.

A Property Workshop will be held November 15, 2023.

Brooksdale United Church is an ongoing concern, pay is still difficult as they don't have a charitable status number.

3. **Other Information**

Union United Church – Community of Faith Profile

MOTION by Andi McKillop / Carey Wagner that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the Community of Faith Profiles for Union United Church and their request to seek a call/appointment for a half-time minister, at 40 hours/week, up to Category C.

MOTION

CARRIED

Mark Perry abstained from this vote.

Next Meeting: October 4, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Worship by: Carey Wagner

MOTION that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council having concluded its business, be adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

MOTION

AGREED