

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-R), 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, Judith Fayter, Adam Kilner, Andi McKillop, Mark

Regrets:

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: Carey Wagner presented worship. Carey was at a meeting in Minneapolis in which the topic of racism was raised and how to make an impact – even when difficult. This video, ***Show Up*** (<https://youtu.be/A3fD9bMvBOI>) by poet, spoken word artist, Joe Davis, was shared with the commission.

Approval of Agenda

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

MOTION

CARRIED

Corresponding Members

MOTION by Dave Whiting / Judith Fayter that John Townsend from Courtright United Church, be made a corresponding member to this meeting.

MOTION

CARRIED

Presentation re Courtright United Church Sale by

Offered \$310,000 from buyers. Two assessments were sought. Details/chattels to be worked out after gaining approval from Congregational Support Commission. Courtright United Church would like to accept this offer for many reasons: declining population, limited work in area. Trustees negotiating sale. Buyers will provide a rent-free space, in the narthex for congregation to gather. Rezoning will be covered by buyers.

A current Profile is not available. Regular attendance is 10 – 17, winter time maybe 2. Income is from 10 to 11 people on PAR. This year’s loss is approx. 22,000. Covering expenses from memorial and investment accounts. The sale will allow time to plan on minister and mission possibilities.

MOTION by Carey Wagner / Adam Kilner that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council agree *in principle* with the sale of Courtright United Church, for \$310,000, conditional upon being provided the financial demographic profile and review of the final sale documents.

MOTION

CARRIED

Consent Docket

1. **Approval of Minutes** of September 6, 2023 and October 2, 2023 be accepted as circulated.
2. **Appointment of Pastoral Charge Supervisors & Companions**
 - a. Jim Stirling to Tilbury-Quinn for October 1, 2023

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

MOTION by Judith Fayter / Andi McKillop that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the consent docket of October 4, 2023 as circulated.

MOTION

CARRIED

Greg Simpson handed the chair to Mark Perry while he stepped away.

New Business

Community of Faith Profile

1. **Talbotville United Church**

MOTION by Dave Whiting / Judith Fayter that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the Community of Faith Profiles for Talbotville United Church and their request to seek a call/appointment for a full-time minister, (40 hours per week) up to Category F, *pending approval of the profile by the congregation.*

MOTION

CARRIED

Adam Kilner abstained.

Transitions

1. **Kerwood United Church and Strathroy United Church**

MOTION by Carey Wagner / Andi McKillop that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to the amalgamation of Kerwood United Church and Strathroy United Church based on the agreement approved by each congregation. The date of the amalgamation shall be January 1, 2024.

MOTION

CARRIED

2. **Belle River United Church**

MOTION by Carey Wagner / Andi McKillop that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to the request from Belle River United Church to disband. A final worship service will be held on October 29, 2023 and the disbanding date will be sent once all assets have been disbursed according to Antler River Watershed Regional Council's property policy. With gratitude and thanks for their many years of faithful service.

MOTION

CARRIED

3. **St. Andrew's United Church and New Vision United Church, St. Thomas**

MOTION by Judith Fayter / Dave Whiting that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council approve the Collaborative Ministry Agreement between St. Andrew's United Church and New Vision United Church, effective November 1, 2023.

MOTION

CARRIED

4. **Darrel S. Moffat Memorial Church, Tilbury**

Update: They have approved the collaboration agreement with South Buxton United Church. Will be sent to the commission when prepared.

Property

1. **Kerwood United Church, Kerwood**

MOTION by Adam Kilner / Carey Wagner that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to the request from Kerwood United Church to use funds from the sale of Kerwood United Church to cover roof repair expenses and the sewer cost debenture.

MOTION

CARRIED

2. **Bryanston United Church, Bryanston**

MOTION by Greg Simpson / Adam Kilner that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to the request consent to the request from Bryanston United Church

(1) to the listing for sale of certain Real Property, the legal description of which is Plan 307 Lot 4 roll number 393903402013300, and the municipal address of which is 22925 Highbury Avenue North, pursuant to an agreement between the Trustees of Bryanston United Church, a congregation of The United Church of Canada, as trustees, and Rob Sanderson, as realtor, dated the 27th day of August 2023, and subject to regional council approval, the terms of which are as follows:

Agent: Rob Sanderson, a Remax Agent

Commission: 2% if sold by agent directly to buyer or 4% if sold through another agent

Listing period: Until date of amalgamation December 15, 2023

Asking price: \$ 369,900

Conditions: Property to be sold with NO CONDITIONS

Possession: The property will be available for immediate possession, on closing date

The building is to be sold to the highest bidder on a NO CONDITIONS basis.

(2) to the following disposition of the proceeds arising from the transaction:

The proceeds from the sale are to be held in a restricted fund for the beneficial use of the newly amalgamated Villages United Pastoral Charge, as per Antler River Watershed Regional Council policies and approval(s).

MOTION

CARRIED

Restricted Funds

1. Carlisle United Church, Carlisle

MOTION by Dave Whiting / Greg Simpson that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to the request from Carlisle United Church to access restricted funds to cover building repairs and maintenance completed in 2022 for a total of \$10,683.72.

MOTION

CARRIED

MOTION by Dave Whiting / Greg Simpson that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to the request from Carlisle United Church to access restricted funds to cover expenses for fire safety upgrades identified by the Fire Marshall. Total expense is not yet known.

The commission will reconsider this motion upon receiving specifics and the estimate.

2. Wesley United Church, Charing Cross

MOTION by Judith Fayter / Andi McKillop that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to the request from Wesley United Church to access \$25,000 from restricted funds to repay their debt to the pastoral charge account by covering expenses related to the cleaning and updating of the pastoral charge manse.

MOTION

CARRIED

3. **Cottam United Church, Cottam**

Update: re transfer of property to Cottam UC for the housing of vulnerable persons.

4. **Glenwood United Church, Windsor**

Update: Notice of lease for a cell tower on the property.

Greg Simpson resumed the chair.

Other Business

1. **Herb deJong:** Information provided regarding a policy for setting listing price for properties. Will follow up on this at the Orientation Day on October 11.

2. **Executive Report:** Greg Simpson

Upcoming Orientation Day, next Wednesday, October 11, 2023. The Fall Gathering of Antler River Watershed Regional Council is October 27 and 28.

Our commission has approximately 45 minutes for the CSC presentation at the Fall Gathering. Does this include the Pastoral Charge Supervisors portion?

3. **Congregational Support Minister Report:** Lynne Allin

Collaborative ministry will be discussed at the Orientation Day commission time.

Next Meeting: October 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Worship by:

MOTION that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council having concluded its business, be adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

MOTION

AGREED