**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

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

**Staff Support:** Rev. Lynne Allin, Minister, Congregational Support, [lallin@united-church.ca](mailto:lallin@united-church.ca); Krista Ford, Admin,

**Regrets**: **Mark Perry, Herb DeJong**

**Guests:**

# Welcome and Constitute Meeting: Greg Simpson welcomed everyone to the meeting. The meeting was then constituted at 9:05 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: Greg Simpson presented worship with a moment of silent reflection and prayer.

**Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION** by**Adam Kilner** / **Judith Fayter** that the agenda be accepted as circulated.  
 **CARRIED**

**New Business**

**Property**

**Background:** Essex UC met with Kindred Works as advised by regional council and agreed to transfer the property to the regional council trust when they disband in October. The property will be rented to cover costs until an appropriate time for development. Congregation then decided to test the market by posting the property for sale without obtaining any approvals. Decision: to approve the sale or transfer to the regional council trust

1. **Essex United Church**

**MOTION** by **Dave Whiting** / **Jim Stirling** that the Congregational Support Commission of Antler River Watershed Regional Council consent to the request from Essex United Church

1. to the sale of certain Real Property, the legal description of which is PL267, L811,

L21-23, PTL7 & 24, Pt closed alley, in the Municipality of Essex, County of

Essex, Province of Ontario, and the municipal address of which is 49 Talbot

Street South, Essex, Ontario, pursuant to an agreement between the Trustees of

Essex United Church, a congregation of the United Church of Canada, as seller

and 325 Talbot INC, as buyer, and subject to regional council approval, the terms

of which are as follows:

* Purchase Price $1,500,000 (one million, five hundred thousand dollars)
* Deposit $10,000
* Closing date December 15, 2024
* Commission 3.5%

**DEFEATED**  
  
Carey Wagner took over as Chair at 9:30 as Greg had to leave.  
Greg Simpson retuned as Chair at 9:45 and called for the vote.

**MOTION** Adam Kilner/Carey Wagner that the ARW CSC will request a meeting with members of the Essex UC congregation to discuss property matters and opportunities of their legacy.  
 **CARRIED**

Motion to adjourn