

**Living Skies Property Commission  
April 17, 2020**

<b>Present</b>	Annette Taylor, Daryl Woods, Jim MacNaughton, Bev Kostichuk, George Thurlow
<b>Staff Present</b>	Shannon McCarthy, Executive Minister (recording secretary)
<b>Call to order</b>	Annette called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
<b>Check-in &amp; Worship</b>	We checked in and Annette led us in a meditation by Steve Garnaas-Holmes
<b>Agenda 061-2019/2020</b>	<b>It was agreed by consensus: That the agenda be received at was reviewed, several additions were made, and the amended agenda was accepted by consensus.</b>
<b>Secretary 062-2019/2020</b>	<b>It was agreed by consensus: That Bev Kostichuk be named the Secretary of the Property Commission.</b>
<b>Minutes 063-2019/2020</b>	<b>It was agreed by consensus: That the minutes of March 13, 2020 &amp; March 27, 2020 be approved as distributed.</b>
<b>Redvers 064-2019/2020</b>	<p><b>It was agreed by consensus (via email April 4, 2020): That the Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission approve the request from the trustees of Knox United Church, Redvers, Saskatchewan for:</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>1) the sale of Knox United Church, the legal description of which is Parcel number 203444591 Blk/Par D-Plan No 102281194 Ext 0, and municipal address of which is 19 Broadway Street, Redvers, Saskatchewan, pursuant to an agreement between the buyers (Timothy John Bastable, Thomas Nicholas Bastable and Oliver William Bastable) and the Board of Trustees of Knox United Church, Redvers, Saskatchewan, a congregation of The United Church of Canada as sellers with the following conditions:</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>Purchase price of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) with a deposit of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be deposited to their lawyer's trust and seventy-thousand dollars (\$70,000) mortgage subject to the buyer receiving approval by April 13, 2020</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>Sale pending satisfactory building inspection and zoning approval from Town of Redvers by April 13, 2020. The completion day for sale is May 15, 2020. Church purchase price includes fridge, stove, window treatments, four tables, 20 chairs, and pews.</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>2) to maintain the proceeds of the sale for the ongoing work and</b></p>

	<b>ministry of Knox United Church, Redvers, Saskatchewan.</b>
<b>Indigenous Church money acknowledgment</b>	<p>Congregations are receiving a letter from General Council acknowledging donations, it includes some information about what the money will be used for.</p> <p><b>Action item:</b> Bev will write a similar letter acknowledging the money received by the Regional Council and send it to Tricia Gerhard, Chair of the Regional Council to have it go out under her name.</p>
<b>Redvers</b>	Bev reported that the offer for sale of the Redvers church has been withdrawn. The good news is that another the realtor has shown the property to another potential buyer.
<b>Disbursal of Assets when disbanding revision 065-2019/2020</b>	<p><b>It was agreed by consensus:</b> That Living Skies Property Commission recommend to the Living Skies Executive a change to the percentages for the disbursal of assets when a congregation is disbanding and that it will include all assets including from the sale of property as follows:</p> <p>In accordance with <i>Manual</i> Section C.2.6(a), the Living Skies Regional Council policy is that funds remaining when a congregation disbands (including those obtained from the sale of property) be disbursed in the following manner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reimbursement of holding/maintenance/disposal costs</li> <li>• Dealing with shortfalls in assessments arising from closure of churches</li> <li>• 50% to priorities of the previous/disbanded congregation if applicable. These need to be outlined and approved by the regional council property commission.</li> <li>• 10% to Indigenous ministry and justice work as per Call to the Church #8(b).</li> <li>• 15% to the regional council for other initiatives of the regional council.</li> <li>• 5% to the regional council archives.</li> <li>• 20% to Mission &amp; Service for immediate short-term operational needs of the work of the church.</li> </ul>
<b>Property Handbook</b>	We reviewed the most recent draft of the handbook and made some adjustments. Bev will make the changes then send to commission members to review; we will attempt to have it to the executive by the end of the weekend for their April 22 meeting.
<b>Cemeteries &amp; Abandoned properties</b>	George has received replies to his emails about cemeteries from 3 RM's. These 3 will not accept the property being transferred to them. It was agreed that George should call the RM's that did not respond.

	<p>Bev advises that there are abandon properties on the UCC property list that indicate that Bill Doyle was contacting potential buyers but ISC searches indicate that they have not been transferred.</p> <p>Cemeteries and abandoned properties will be discussed at our May meeting.</p> <p>There is also the matter of many properties in the name of the Presbyterian church, George advises that if the Presbyterian church has not contacted ISC regarding these properties and do not identify them as their property then ISC determines that they are United Church property. We discussed contacting the Presbyterian church regarding these properties.</p>
<b>Property List</b>	Reminder to submit any changes to the property list to Bev Kostichuk.
<b>New Business Third Avenue</b>	<p>Third Avenue UC – still waiting for 2018 audit</p> <p><b>Action Item:</b> Annette will contact Brian Maitland, pastoral charge supervisor and ask him to contact the auditor regarding the delay in the 2018 audit.</p>
<b>Next meeting</b>	<p>May 8<sup>th</sup> &amp; September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup></p> <p>We will discuss the need for meetings between June and August at the May meeting.</p>
<b>Adjournment</b>	Annette adjourned the meeting at 11:40 am.