

**Living Skies Property Commission
May 8, 2020**

Present	Annette Taylor, Daryl Woods, Jim MacNaughton, Bev Kostichuk, George Thurlow
Staff Present	Shannon McCarthy, Executive Minister (recording secretary)
Call to order	Annette called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
Check-in & Worship	We checked in and Annette led us in reading from 1 Peter 2:4-6.
Agenda 066-2019/2020	It was agreed by consensus: That the agenda be received as amended.
Minutes 067-2019/2020	It was agreed by consensus: That the minutes of April 17, 2020 be approved as distributed.
BUSINESS ARISING	
Letter to go to congregations who give to RC	Action item: Bev will write something that will go to congregations that send a portion of their proceeds to the Regional Council.
Policy & Procedures document	Updated policy and procedures has been approved by the Executive and is on the Living Skies Regional Council website. Action Item: Everyone is asked to make sure their congregations have the most up to date version (approved by the Executive on March 12, 2020).
Property Handbook	There are a few remaining pieces that need to be changed once it is complete Annette will send it on to the Executive for approval.
Third Avenue	Annette asked the pastoral charge supervisor, Brian Maitland, to check with their accountant and find out when Third Avenue UC would receive their 2018 audited statement (and, of course, the 2019 statement). Annette also sent the revised policy document to Kenneth Holmes and received a reply. Kenneth copied the board on his reply and said he was expecting the final draft of the 2018 financial statements by mid-May.
NEW BUSINESS	
Lone Rock United Church	The Congregation of Lone Rock United Church decided to close a number of years ago. At that time they sold the building as described below for the price of \$1.00. All final information was provided to Prairie Pine Presbytery and to George Thurlow and they have complied with everything asked of them. Lone Rock United Church located on lots 19 nineteen & twenty 20 block 5 five Lone Rock Saskatchewan plan B21176 reserving out all minerals registered as D-2766 B.Z 1175 with fixtures but not movables To Larry Ludwig and Terwina Ludwig of box 2835

	Lloydminster Saskatchewan S9V0Z1 for 1.00 dollar and being responsible for all legal fees and Registration costs Dated at North Battleford this day of February 2018
Disbanding of Lone Rock United Church 068-2019/2020	It was agreed by consensus: That Living Skies Property Commission does hereby declare Lone Rock United Church disbanded effective immediately.
Stoughton Grace United Church manse 069-2019/2020	It was agreed by consensus: That Living Skies Property Commission approve the listing for sale of the manse located at Lot 10, Block 47, Plan 67R39390 and the municipal address of which is 331 Russell St., Stoughton, Saskatchewan as requested by the Trustees of Grace United Church, Stoughton.
CEMETERY UPDATE	
Speers Cemetery 070-2019/2020	This cemetery is being cared for by the Little Lone Cemetery Society but this group is not incorporated thus cannot own property. They have lobbied the RM of Douglas to take ownership of this property and the rural municipality has agree to this transfer. The transfer will be done by our General Council as the property is in the name of the United Church of Canada It was agreed by consensus: That Living Skies Property Commission request the approval of the transfer by the registrar of the new Ottawa cemetery (also know as Speers Cemetery) the legal description of which is Parcel B. Plan 101773201 Ext 27 being title S118855561 and the municipal address of which is in the R.M. of Douglas to the RM of Douglas #436.
Dorintosh 071-2019/2020	This cemetery is being used by the community. The village agreed to this transfer several years ago but the transfer was not registered. The village will be completing the transfer documents. This transfer would also be completed by our General Council as it is the name of the United Church of Canada. It was agreed by consensus: That Living Skies Property Commission approve the transfer of Rosewood cemetery being Parcel A-Plan 101634926 Ext 8 and Parcel B-Plan 101634937 Ext 9 of NE 8 62 18 W 3rd to the Village of Dorintosh as a cemetery for community use.
Signing Officers for ISC 072-2019/2020	It was agreed by consensus: That the Living Skies Regional Property Commission request the Living Skies Regional Council Executive designate the following officers for Living Skies Regional Council as the Presiding Officer, Secretary and Clerk of Living Skies Regional Council, as indicated below, for the purposes only of property matters under the Model Trust Deed, Schedule "B" to The United Church of Canada Act, effective immediately:

	<p>Presiding Officer - Tricia Gerhard, Chair of Living Skies Regional Council Executive</p> <p>Secretary - Shannon McCarthy; Executive Minister, Living Skies Regional Council</p> <p>Clerk - Annette Taylor, Chair of Living Skies Property Commission</p>
ABANDONED PROPERTY UPDATE	39 properties, we are focusing on 9 and Bev and George are following up.
Fern	Action Item: Shannon will contact the Regional Council Lawyer regarding where we stand on the title for the property in Fern.
Ruddle 073-2019/2020	<p>It was agreed by consensus:</p> <p>That Living Skies Property Commission request the Living Skies Regional Council Trustees approve of the sale of certain United Church of Canada property in Ruddle, legal description of Lot 5-Blk/Par 2-Plan D14 Ext 0 trustees approve this transfer and send back a signed appendix A.</p>
Wartime 074-2019/2020	<p>It was agreed by consensus:</p> <p>That Living Skies Property Commission request that the Living Skies Regional Council Trustees approve the transfer of certain congregational property, the legal description of which is Lots 1 and 2 Block 3 Plan AX4894 extension 0 being titles numbers 101123783 and 101123794 and the municipal address of which is Main Street Wartime Saskatchewan , pursuant to an agreement between the Board of Trustees of Wartime congregation a congregation of The United Church of Canada, as vendor, Stuart Jans and Amy Jan during the month of May 2020 and subject to regional council approval, the terms of which are as follows: Stuart Jans and Amy Jans to arrange for the preparation and registration of the transfer while Living Skies Regional Council property commission will be responsible for other resolutions and certificate .</p> <p>And that the trustees prepare and return a signed Appendix A to the Living Skies Property Commission.</p>
Mineral Rights	We discussed the possibility of offering mineral rights for some of the properties. We decided to leave it for now and deal with it later.
NEW BUSINESS	
Reports for Executive and Docket	Annette sent a quarterly report to the executive and submitted the report for the regional council docket.
Description of Property Commission	<p>We reviewed the responsibilities of the property commission on the website and agreed to request the following changes (highlighted in yellow):</p> <p>PROPERTY COMMISSION</p> <p>PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION</p> <p>The Property Commission will oversee and make decisions on property</p>

	<p>matters in accordance with Section C.2.6 of The Manual and the property policies of the regional council and general council.</p> <p>MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>The commission is made up of 5 to 7 members appointed by the regional council through the nominations process.</p> <p>RESPONSIBILITIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make decisions related to property matters on behalf of the Living Skies Regional Council within the scope of regional responsibilities as set out in C.2.6 of The Manual and property policies adopted by the regional council • Make decisions related to the disbanding of congregations including the approval of disbursement of assets. • Report all decisions quarterly to the regional executive • Report to the regional council meeting including a summary of decisions made and any concerns, suggestions, etc. related to property matters • Make recommendations to the regional council or its executive for new regional policies related to property matters • Meet electronically or by telephone as required to deal with property matters including within 5-7 days of an offer for the sale of property or any other matter requiring a time sensitive decision. • One member is a corresponding member of the Committee for Communities of Faith Support <p>QUALIFICATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An interest in property matters • Willingness to meet on short notice.
Upcoming Meetings	<p>June 5 & September 3rd and 4th</p> <p>We will meet as necessary following our meeting in June during the summer months</p>
Adjournment	<p>Annette adjourned the meeting at 11:33 am.</p>