

**Living Skies Property Commission
June 5, 2020**

Present	Annette Taylor, Daryl Woods, 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 a reflection from Courage to Love called 'Celebrate Values'.
Agenda 001-2020/2021	It was agreed by consensus: That the agenda be received as amended.
Minutes 002-2020/2021	It was agreed by consensus: That the minutes of May 8, 2020 be approved as distributed.
BUSINESS ARISING	
Acknowledgement of money	Bev will communicate with Heather Dootoff when sales happen. Heather will communicate with Bev Reminder that we need to send the list of where to send the money, Bev will include it with the other documents that they need to complete a sale.
Handbook & Commission Description	Both the handbook and commission description were approved by the executive. Reminder to commission members to send the updated policies and handbooks.
Fern	Bev contacted the archives and they didn't have anything connected to Fern. It is in the RM of Storthoaks. Which would have been in Twin Valleys Presbytery.
Dorintosh	The Village of Dorintosh were given the documents about three or four years ago, they just need to register them. The paperwork is from Conference and Presbytery days so we don't know if ISC will accept them. Action Item: George is following up with the Village clerk.
PROPERTY LIST	We reviewed the property list and made necessary updates.
Lemsford 003-2020/2021	It was agreed by consensus:

	<p>That Living Skies Property Commission request the Living Skies Regional Council Trustees approve of the transfer of certain United Church of Canada property in Lemsford, legal description which is Lot 9-Blk/Par 5-Plan H719 Ext 0 Title 126379402 and the municipal address is Se corner Sceptre Ave & Assiniboia Ave in the village of Lemsford, Saskatchewan to the RM of Clinworth #230 with the conditions that the RM be responsible for the preparation, registration and any costs of the transfer.</p>
<p>Ruddell 004-2020/2021</p>	<p>It was agreed by consensus: That the Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission approve the request from the Trustees of Living Skies Regional Council to request the United Church of Canada to transfer a certain congregational property the legal description which is Lot 5 Block 2 Plan D14 Ext 0 being Title 122865701 and the municipal address which is Elm Street, Village of Ruddell, Saskatchewan pursuant to an agreement between Living Skies Regional Council as transferor and the Village of Ruddell as transferee with the conditions that the Village of Ruddell be responsible for the preparation, registration and cost of the transfer.</p>
<p>Third Avenue</p>	<p>We have the draft audited for 2018, there is a plan in place to have a meeting of the board in the next couple of weeks.</p> <p>Action Item: Annette will send them to Daryl and George for review.</p>
<p>Tuberose 005-2020/2021</p>	<p>It was agreed by consensus: That Living Skies Property Commission request the Living Skies Regional Council Trustees approve of the transfer of certain United Church of Canada property in Tuberose, legal description is Lot 1, Block 4, Plan 5184 Ext. 0 being Title number 101101677 and the municipal address which is 1st Avenue and 1st Street, Tuberose, Saskatchewan to the RM of Lacadena #288 with the conditions that the RM of Lacadena #288 will responsible for the preparation, registration and any costs of the transfer.</p>
<p>006-2020/2021</p>	<p>It was agreed by consensus: That the Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission approve the request from the trustees of Living Skies Regional Council to transfer a certain congregational property (which was the property of Tuberose Congregation a disbanded congregation of The United Church of Canada), the legal description is Lot 1, Block 4, Plan 5184 Ext. 0 being Title number 101101677 and the municipal address which is 1st Avenue and 1st Street, Tuberose, Saskatchewan pursuant to an agreement between the Trustees of Living Skies Regional Council as transferor and the Rural Municipality of Lacadena #288 as transferee with the conditions that the RM of Lacadena #288 will responsible for the preparation, registration and any costs of the transfer.</p>
<p>Wartime</p>	<p>It was agreed by consensus:</p>

007-2020/2021	<p>That the Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission approve the request from the Trustees of the Living Skies Regional Council for To the transfer of a certain congregational property (which was the property of Wartime Congregation, a disbanded congregation of the United Church of Canada) the legal description is Lots 1 and 2 Block 3 Plan AX4894 Ext 0 being Title Numbers 101123783 and 101123794 and the municipal address which is Main Street Wartime, Saskatchewan, pursuant to an agreement between Living Skies Regional Council Trustees as transferor and Stuart Jans and Amy Jans as transferee with the conditions that Stuart Jans and Amy Jans be responsible for the preparation, registration and any costs of the transfer.</p>
<p>Stoughton 008-2020/2021</p>	<p>It was agreed by consensus (via email on May 29, 2020): That the Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission approve the request from the trustees of Grace United Church, Stoughton, Saskatchewan.</p> <p>To sell a certain congregational property, the legal description of which is Lot 10, Blk 47, Plan 67R39390 and the municipal address of which is 331 Russell Street, Stoughton, Saskatchewan pursuant to an agreement between the Board of Trustees of Grace United Church, Stoughton, Saskatchewan a congregation of The United Church of Canada, as seller and Don and Mae Eckert, as purchasers with the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase price One hundred and fifty thousand dollars(\$150,000) with a deposit of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) • and the balance of one hundred and forty-nine thousand dollars (\$149,000) to be paid by the closing date, • Closing date of June 22nd, 2020 <p>The recommendation of the trustees regarding the distribution of assets from this sale to be submitted to Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission by Wednesday, June 3rd for consideration at the commission`s June 5th meeting.</p>
<p>Stoughton 009-2020/2021</p>	<p>It was agreed by consensus: That the Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission approve the request from the trustees of Grace United Church, Stoughton, Saskatchewan to use the funds from the sale of their manse for the operation of the Stoughton United Church.</p>
<p>Cemetery and Abandon Properties</p>	<p>How much do we want to price vacant lots and corners of fields?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We discussed the amount of \$350 with the purchaser paying the lawyer fees and transfer cost. We will offer it for \$500 and accept anything over \$350. <p>We discussed when to use our lawyer and agreed that we will use Elizabeth Williamson whenever necessary if the buyer doesn't engage a lawyer.</p>

Derelict properties	<p>Do we want to reconsider getting insurance on our abandoned buildings? At this point we won't get insurance on these properties.</p> <p>As we deal with each property we will discuss what we will do with the building.</p>
Abandoned Cemeteries 010-2020/2021	<p>Still working on getting the RM's to take ownership.</p> <p>We don't think metal detectors will work to help identify graves, looking for indentations on unmarked graves is probably our best option to try to get a count of how many are buried in the old cemeteries.</p> <p>Should we encourage registration with province? We don't think it is worth registering them because we would have to provide a succession plan/financial plan/map of burial locations.</p> <p>It was agreed by consensus: That the Living Skies Property Commission will not attempt to register cemeteries at this time.</p>
Nominations	<p>We brainstormed some possibilities.</p> <p>Action Items: George will contact Sherrel Fox. Annette will contact John Aiken.</p>
New Business	<p>We discussed the storage of files and maintaining an ongoing record. We would like to shift from Dropbox to the UCC cloud storage.</p> <p>Action Item: Shannon will contact Bill Gillard to inquire about the possibility of using teams and sharepoint for this.</p>
Upcoming Meetings	<p>July 10 at 9:30 via zoom September 3&4, 2020 we will still plan to meet in person at this point and review in July.</p>