

**Living Skies Property Commission  
September 3 & 4th, 2020**

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| <b>Present</b>  | Annette Taylor, Daryl Woods, George Thurlow, Bev Kostichuk (recording secretary)   |
| <b>Staff Present</b>                                    | Shannon McCarthy, Executive Minister   |
| <b>CALL TO ORDER –<br/>September 3, 2020</b>            | Annette called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.   |
| <b>Check-in &amp; Worship</b>                           | We checked in and Annette shared a devotion from Steve Garnass- Holmes called “A Walk in the Woods”  |
| <b>Agenda<br/>027-2020/2021</b>                         | <b>It was agreed by consensus:<br/>That the agenda be received as amended.</b>   |
| <b>Minutes<br/>028-2020/2021</b>                        | <b>It was agreed by consensus:<br/>That the minutes of July 10, 2020 be approved as distributed.</b>   |
| <b>Redvers<br/>(sale of property)<br/>029-2020/2021</b> | <p>Email vote held between 12:30 p.m. Thursday, August 20th, 2020 and 12:30 p.m. Saturday August 22nd, 2020</p> <p><b>It was agreed by consensus that the Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission approve the request from the trustees of Knox United Church of Redvers, SK:</b></p> <p><b>1. To the sale of certain congregational property, the legal description of which is Parcel 203444591, Blk D Plan 102281194 Ext 0 and the municipal address of which is 19 Broadway Street, Redvers, Saskatchewan pursuant to an agreement between the Board of Trustees of Knox United Church Congregation, Redvers, Saskatchewan, a congregation of The United Church of Canada, as seller, and Kim Lousie Roberts and Amanda Kaleen Kish , as buyers, dated the 18 day of August, 2020 and subject to regional council approval, the terms of which are as follows:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchase price of fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000)</li> <li>• Sale subject to buyers obtaining approval for a mortgage of fifty-two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars (\$52,250) by August 31, 2020</li> <li>• Deposit of two thousand-dollar (\$2,000) to lawyer’s trustee fund</li> <li>• Balance of payment fifty-three thousand dollars (\$53,000) which will include seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750) cash subject to adjustments to be paid on or before the possession date</li> <li>• Sale subject to approval from the Town of Redvers to rezone the property as commercial (at the buyer’s expense) prior to August 31, 2020.</li> <li>• Possession date is September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.</li> <li>• Sale to include the contents, furnishings and appliances as listed in the agreement for sale.</li> </ul> |

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|  | <b>2. To the proceeds of the sale being directed to the ongoing operation and ministry of the Redvers Pastoral Charge.</b>   |
| <b>ACTION ITEM UPDATES</b>                               |  |
| <b>Nominations</b>                                       | Nominations have a note in the Rambler (Sept 2nd) for 2 positions on our commission.   |
| <b>Microsoft Teams</b>                                   | Documents in Microsoft do not appear as they were uploaded, if downloaded the documents are correct. Shannon will check if there is a way to enable document changes more easily currently, they must be downloaded, revised then uploaded.  |
| <b>Combining Lists</b>                                   | Bev gave an update on the 4 files within the abandoned property spreadsheet which is now includes Presbyterian, Methodist and United Church properties.  |
| <b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>                                    |  |
| <b>Buchanan United Church</b>                            | Bev gave an update on Buchanan United Church which was sold years ago. The person who bought it wanted to maintain it as a historical site. He has now died, and a family member may want to use it for some other purpose. The person who made the contact was an employee of the deceased, she is not the executor. Bev contacted Daryl, George, Cynthia Gunn, Madeline at archives who is unable to find the presbytery minutes related to this and a friend who was on the board at the time of the sale. The Trustees motion regarding the sale did not say anything about future use, the person who was on the board said that they were so happy to have a buyer that they would not have restricted future use. Bev wrote back to the person who made contact advising that there was nothing in the Buchanan motion regarding future use of the church but if the executors had any further questions, they should contact the commission.           |
| <b>NEW BUSINESS</b>                                      |  |
| <b>Gravelbourg (Distribution of funds) 030-2020/2021</b> | <p><b>That Livings Skies Regional Council Property Commissions approve the request from St. Stephen's United Church, Gravelbourg, SK that after all outstanding expenses are paid, including the 2020 assessments to General Council and Living Skies Regional Council, the funds remaining in all accounts owned by congregation be disbursed in the following manner:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>10% to Indigenous ministry and justice work as per Call to the Church #8(b);</b></li> <li>• <b>15% to the Living Skies Regional Council for other initiatives of regional council</b></li> <li>• <b>5% to the Living Skies Regional Council Archives;</b></li> <li>• <b>20% to Mission &amp; Service;</b></li> <li>• <b>\$500 to Gravelbourg Museum;</b></li> <li>• <b>\$500 to Air Cadel League of Canada (to go to Gravelbourg Branch);</b></li> <li>• <b>the remainder to St. Josephs Hospital/Foyer Foundation.</b></li> </ul> |
| <b>Dewar Lake (sale of property)</b>                     | The commission had asked the Trustees to make recommendations on only lot 3 in our previous motion on July 4 <sup>th</sup> . When the error was noted, we  |

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| 031-2020/2021  | <p>informally asked the trustees to make a recommendation on the transfer of lot 4 as well. We have received appendix A with the second lot.</p> <p><b>It was agreed by consensus that Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission approve the request from the Trustees of Living Skies Regional Council:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. To the sale of property, the legal description of which is Lot 3 Blk/Par 3 Plan G477 Ext. 0 being Title Number 116007702 and Lot 4 Blk/par 3 Plan G477 Ext. 0 being Title Number 116007713 and the municipal address which is Main Street and Railway Avenue, Dewar Lake, SK. pursuant to an agreement between the Living Skies Regional Council Trustees for the Dewar Lake congregation, a disbanded congregation of the United Church of Canada as vendor and Kaufman Farms Ltd as purchaser with the following conditions:<br/> Purchase price of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) per lot for a total price of five hundred dollars (\$500)<br/> Kaufman Farms Ltd be responsible to prepare and register the transfer.</b></li> <li><b>2. That the proceeds of this sale go to Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission for their ongoing operations.</b></li> </ol> |
| <p><b>Vanguard (sale of property)</b></p> <p>032-2020/2021</p> | <p>ISC would not accept the paperwork from the former Chinook Presbytery for this transfer which was never completed thus:</p> <p><b>It was agreed by consensus That the Property Commission approve the request from the Trustees of Living Skies Regional Council for the transfer of property, the legal description of which is</b></p> <p><b>Lots 22, -Block 8-Plan M5564 Ext 0 Title number 120372847,<br/> Lots 23, -Block 8-Plan M5564 Ext 0 Title number 120372858 and<br/> Lots 24, -Block 8-Plan M5564 Ext 0 Title number 120372869<br/> and the municipal address of which is 822 Nelson Street, Vanguard Saskatchewan, to Johan Dyck, Cornelius Thiessen, Jacob Guenther and Pedro Teichroeb (the Trustees of Old Colony Mennonite Church, Vanguard, SK) the terms of which are as follows:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>• twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500.00) already received by the congregation and</b></li> <li><b>• the Purchaser being responsible to prepare and register the transfer.</b></li> </ul>  |
| Policy Question  | <p>A concern was raised regarding communities of faith changing their name or naming a new community of faith. We suggest that consultation should be done with the Committee on Community of Faith Support who would then make a recommendation regarding a new name to the executive for approval.</p>   |
| Review of Congregational Property List                         | <p>We reviewed the congregational property list and made updates Shannon left the meeting at 2:30 during this discussion.</p>  |

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| <b>Abandoned Property 033-2020/2021</b>                                | <b>The Property Commission agreed that we do not require an appendix A from the Living Skies Regional Council Trustees for listing of abandoned properties. Instead, we will require an email with the results of their vote. Appendix A will be required for sale or transfer of abandoned property.</b>   |
| <b>Review of Abandoned Property List</b>                               | <p>We began reviewing the working file list in the abandoned property spreadsheet and making updates.</p> <p>During the summer months Bev, George and Annette made trips to visit many of the abandoned properties on our lists (including cemeteries). Fifty properties now have their own report including land titles information, directions and photos. This additional information is very useful as we determine what should be done with each property.</p> |
|  | Annette adjourned meeting at 4:40 p.m. Meeting to resume at 9 a.m.  |
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| <b>Call to order – September 4, 2020</b>                               | Annette called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.  |
| <b>Present</b>   | Annette Taylor, Daryl Woods, George Thurlow, Bev Kostichuk (recording secretary)  |
| <b>Staff Person</b>  | Shannon McCarthy, Executive Minister  |
| <b>Opening</b>   | Annette opened with a poem by Wendell Berry called “The Peace of Wild Things.”  |
| <b>Agenda</b>  | Added setting meeting dates at the end of the agenda  |
| <b>Review Abandoned Property list</b>                                  | We continued our review of the working list file in the abandoned property spreadsheet. Updates were added to the spreadsheet.  |
| <b>Review Cemetery List</b>  | We reviewed the cemetery file in this spreadsheet. See updates to the spreadsheet.  |
| <b>RM of Baildon: lot in Crestwynd (tender for sale) 034-2020/2021</b> | <b>It was agreed by consensus That the Property Commission request the Trustees of Living Skies Regional Council approve the advertising for sale by tender, in the Moose Jaw paper, a property the legal description of which is Lot 16 BLK 1 plan AK6664 Ext 0, registered as title 101206741 and municipal address which is corner of Terrace Avenue and High Street in the disbanded village of Crestwynd.</b>  |
| <b>Next Meeting</b>  | Next meeting dates for 2020 : all meetings will be Zoom meetings at 9:30 a.m.: Friday, October 9 <sup>th</sup> , Friday, November 13 <sup>th</sup> and Friday, December 11 <sup>th</sup>  |
| <b>Adjournment</b>   | Annette adjourned the meeting at 11:59.   |