

**Living Skies Property Commission
May 14, 2021**

Present	Annette Taylor (chair), Daryl Woods, George Thurlow, Gayle Wensley, Jonathon Zacharias, Bev Kostichuk (secretary)
Staff Present	Shannon McCarthy
Call to order	Annette called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.
Check-in & Worship	We each checked in; Annette led us in prayer.
Agenda 098-2020/2021	It was agreed by consensus: That the agenda be approved as amended.
Minutes 099-2020/2021	It was agreed by consensus: That the minutes of April 15, 2021 and May 7, 2021 be approved as distributed.
Email vote May 7, 2021 Third Avenue UC Counteroffer 100-2020/2021	<p>The Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission approve the request of the Trustees of Third Avenue United Church to make a counteroffer to St. Vincent of Lerins Orthodox Church that would include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • leaving the price at \$1,400,000 • the roof repair to be completed by Third Ave UC • the closing date to be moved to June 30, 2021
Business Arising:	
Third Avenue UC, Saskatoon	<p>It was agreed that the Commission does not need to make further proposals regarding the sale as we have already given direction to the Trustees to counteroffer. Living Skies Regional Council Executive are to approve this sale.</p> <p>Distribution of funds- it was agreed that this is the responsibility of LSRC Property Commission to approve the distribution of the final funds for Third Avenue United Church.</p> <p>The current staff person is in the best position to do the necessary work to disband the congregation. Tracy Murton has talked to the Trustees about continuing the current contract with this staff. It will probably take until July or August to do the necessary work to close the books and complete necessary financial reports.</p> <p>The signing offer to sale has arrived including cheques payable to LSRC. Shannon will talk to Heather about handling the Third Avenue accounts, she will connect Heather with the staff person. There may be investments that will need to be signed over to the Region rather than losing interest by cashing these at this point.</p>

	George will be the liaison to the congregation during Annette's sabbatical.
Correspondence:	None
Congregational Property Decisions:	
Wawota United Church Manse Listing 101-2020/2021	<p>It was agreed by consensus that Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission approve the request from the Trustees of Wawota United Church to list for sale a certain congregational property commonly known as the Wawota United Church manse with the legal description of Lot 18 blk 8 Plan 16534 Ext 0 and Lot 19 blk 8 Plan 101236474 Ext 43 with a municipal address of 214 Lonsdale Street, Wawota Saskatchewan with the following terms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listing with REDROOF Reality, agent Leanne Sorenson • Commission 5% on the first \$100,000 and 2% on the remainder • Sale price of \$155,000 with immediate possession.
Grosvenor Park UC Renovations 102-2020/2021	<p>It was agreed by consensus that Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission approve the request from the Trustees of Grosvenor Park United Church, Saskatoon SK for the renovations of the Chancel / family washroom / kitchenette / stage lighting / broadcasting renovation components of Grosvenor Park United Church with the municipal address of 407 Cumberland Street South, Saskatoon SK with the estimated all-inclusive cost being \$257,000; approval is contingent on adequate financing being arranged.</p>
Grosvenor Park UC Renovation Financing 103-2020/2021	<p>It was agreed by consensus that Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission approve the request from the Trustees of Grosvenor Park United Church, Saskatoon SK to finance the renovations approved in motion 102- 2020/2021 in the following manner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • seek a \$500,000 line of credit facility with a commercial lender secured by title to the property, the legal description of which is Grosvenor Park United Church and the municipal address of which is 407 Cumberland Ave. S., Saskatoon SK S7H 2L3, for the purpose of bridge funding. • apply to the Capital Assistance Program of the United Church of Canada for a loan of up to \$250,000 to cover the renovation expenses.

<p>Grosvenor Park Loan application 104-2020/2021</p>	<p>It was agreed by consensus that Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission approve the request from the Trustees of Grosvenor Park United Church, Saskatoon SK to proceed with a loan application under CEBA (Canada Emergency Business Account) for \$60,000 to cover the loss of operating income due to COVID 19 restrictions.</p>
<p>Bracken UC Church Sale 105-2020/2021</p>	<p>It was agreed by consensus that Living Skies Regional Property Commission approve the request from the Trustees of Bracken United Church, a congregation of the United Church of Canada for the sale of a certain congregational property commonly known as Bracken United Church with the legal description of lot 7 blk 2 Plan BO1610 Ext. 0, Lot 8 Blk 2 Plan BO1610 Ext 0, Lot 9 Blk 2 Plan BO1610 Ext 0 and Lot 10 Blk 2 Plan BO1610 Ext 0 with the municipal address of 301 1st Street East, Bracken, SK pursuant to an agreement between the Trustees of Bracken United Church, a congregation of the United Church of Canada as seller and Henry Fehr of Bracken, SK as buyer with the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sale price of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) • Deposit of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) the balance to be paid prior to possession date • Possession date of June 30, 2021 • Bracken United Church congregation will have the use of the church building for funerals or memorial services lead by a United Church minister without a rental fee. <p>Proceeds of the sale will be used for the ongoing operation of Bracken United Church.</p>
<p>Shellbrook UC Church Sale 106-2020/2021</p>	<p>It was agreed by consensus that Living Skies Regional Property Commission approve the request from the Trustees of Knox United Church, Shellbrook, SK for the sale of a certain congregational property of Knox United Church, Shellbrook, SK a congregation of the United Church of Canada commonly known as Knox United Church with the legal description of Lot 3 Blk 28 Plan 60PA01329 Ext 0 Parcel 134287173 and Lot 2 Blk 28 Plan 60PA01329 Parcel 147579362 and a municipal address of 302 2nd Avenue East, Shellbrook, SK pursuant to an agreement between the trustees of Knox United Church as seller and the Town of Shellbrook, buyer with the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Price of ten dollars (\$10.00), • The congregation can dispose of any contents that they wish

	<p>and leave any contents that are not disposed of,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possession date by September 1, 2021 • Adjustments of power, energy, water, and insurance be made on the date of possession, • Within a reasonable time after the date of possession the buyer will place a bronze plaque on the face of the building designating the building as “Knox United Building” and acknowledging that the buyer acquired the building through the generosity of the congregation of Knox United Church congregation, • The buyer will pay all legal cost associated with the sale and transfer.
<p>Shellbrook Manse listing 107-2020/2021</p>	<p>It was agreed by consensus that Living Skies Regional Property Commission approve the request from the Trustees of Shellbrook-Leask Pastoral Charge, a pastoral charge of the United Church of Canada for the listing of a certain congregational property commonly known as the manse with the legal description of Lot 14 Blk 9 Plan U390 Parcel 134827353 and the municipal address of 213 4th Avenue East, Shellbrook, SK with the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listing with RE/MAX P.A. Realty • Listing price of one Hundred and forty four thousand nine hundred dollars (\$144,900) • Commission for the sale be 6% on the first one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) and 3% on the balance • The property will be listed with Residential Saskatchewan MLS.
<p>Robert Hall Mission Distribution of Funds 108-2020/2021</p>	<p>It was agreed by consensus that Living Skies Regional Property Commission approve the request from the congregation of Robert Hall Mission, Prairie River, SK to the following distribution of their remaining funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10% - Indigenous Ministries and Justice Work • 20% - Mission and Service • 15% - Living Skies Regional Council (For other initiatives of the Regional Council) • 5% - Living Skies Regional Council – Archives • 50% - St. Stephen’s UC. – Hudson Bay Larger Parish in Hudson Bay
<p>Disbanding Congregations:</p>	

Fillmore UC Disband 109-202/2021	It was agreed by consensus that Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission approve the request from the congregation of Grace United Church, Fillmore , SK to disband effective May 14, 2021.
Manor- Knox UC Disband 110-2020/2021	It was agreed by consensus that Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission approve the request from the congregation of Knox United Church, Manor, SK to disband effective May 14, 2021.
Property Decisions- Abandoned Property	
Davis Cemetery Caretaking for 2022 111-2020/2021	It was agreed by consensus that Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission approve the increase of the previously approved payment of \$600.00 to \$1,000 to the PA Youth Travel Group for mowing the grass on Davis Cemetery four times during 2021 with the money to come from the Property Fund.
Other Business:	
Central Butte	Central Butte were considering sale of property and disbanding but have decided to keep worshipping until at least December thus no further contact is required at this time.
Abandoned property on farmland:	George has contacted several farmers regarding the sale of church property on quarters of land owned by them, some have not replied. This fall and winter, George will be following up with them regarding the purchase of these properties, if they do not wish to purchase then the property should be advertised for sale or offered for rent or as a last resort transferred to the farmers with them being responsible for the cost of the transfer.
Assigning Liaisons during Annette's sabbatical:	Lashburn- Bev Radville- Bev Strasbourg- Bev
Minutes	It was agreed that all 2020 minutes can be added to the website, future minutes will be added to the website when they are approved.
Reports	Bev reviewed the congregational items being placed in Team, we reviewed the LSRC Completed sales, transfer & disbanding list.
Adjournment	Annette adjourned the meeting at 10:57
Upcoming meetings	2021 Zoom meetings at 9:30 on June 11, August 20