**Living Skies Property Commission**

**May 13, 2022**

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| **Present** | Annette Taylor (chair), Daryl Woods, Gayle Wensley, Jonathon Zacharias, George Thurlow, Bev Kostichuk (secretary) |
| **Staff Present** | Shannon McCarthy sent her regrets |
| **Call to order** | Annette called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. |
| **Check-in & Worship** | We each checked in; Gayle read John 13: 31-35 then shared some of the discussion with her Bible Study groups on this reading. They found it to be a difficult reading. She then shared Walter Farquharson’s and Jeff Cook’s thoughts on this reading from their book An Audacious Invitation. |
| **Agenda**  **073-2021/2022** | **It was agreed by consensus:  That the agenda be approved as amended.** |
| **Minutes**  **074-2021/2022** | **It was agreed by consensus:**  **That the minutes of April 8, 2022 be approved as distributed.** |
| **Business Arising:** | None |
| **Correspondence** | None |
| **Congregational Property Decisions:** |  |
| **Big River First United Church Manse Sale**  **075-2021/2022** | **It was agreed by consensus that Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission approve the request from the Trustees of Big River First United Church to request The United Church of Canada to sell a certain congregational property of Big River First United Church , a congregation of the United Church of Canada, commonly known as Big River First United Church manse with the legal description of Lot 6 and Lot 7 Block 26 Plan CA4537 Ext 0 and the municipal address of 207 5th Avenue South, Big River, Saskatchewan pursuant to an agreement between the Trustees of Big River First United Church as seller and Jake and Marie McCrea as buyer dated April 23, 2022 with the following conditions:**   * **Sale price of one hundred and seventy thousand dollars ($175,000) with a deposit of one thousand dollars ($1,000) and the balance to be paid on or before the closing date of July 4, 2022.** * **Property as is with no other conditions.** |
| **Wynyard United Church renovations**  **076-2021/2022** | **It was agreed by consensus that Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission approve the request from the Trustees of Wynyard United Church to renovate a certain congregational property commonly known as Wynyard United Church with the legal description of Lot 1 Block 16 Plan Q7104 and the municipal address of 301 1st street east Wynyard Saskatchewan with the following renovations:**   * **Replace door and replace ceiling tiles in sanctuary by Jordan Construction with a cost of $7,648** * **Replace window by Wadena Glass with a cost of $4,995.** * **Replacement costs to paid from funds of Wynyard United Church plus a Modernization Grant** |
| **Loreburn-Hawarden Pastoral Charge Manse Listing**  **077-2021/2022** | **It was agreed by consensus that Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission approve the request from the Trustees of Loreburn-Hawarden Pastoral Charge to list the following congregational property commonly known as Loreburn-Hawarden United Church Manse with the legal description of Lot 1 and Lot 2 Block 5 Plan ADX4712 and the municipal address of 146 Railway Avenue, Loreburn, SK with the following conditions:**   * **Listing with Benita McNeill of Royal Lepage, Outlook, SK** * **Commission of 6% on the first $100,000 and 4 % on the balance** * **Listing price of one hundred and forty-seven thousand five hundred dollars ($147,500)** * **Possession to be a minimum of ten days after approval of the offer by Living Skies Regional Property Commission.**   Gayle will be the liaison for Loreburn-Hawarden Pastoral Charge. |
| **Disbanding Congregation** |  |
| **Shellbrook Knox UC Disband**  **078-2021/2022** | **It was agreed by consensus that Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission approve the disbanding of Knox United Church in Shellbrook.** |
| **Kelfield St Paul’s U C Disband**  **079-2021/2022** | **It was agreed by consensus that Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission approve the disbanding of St. Paul’s United Church in Kelfield.** |
| **Abandoned Property Decisions:** |  |
| **RM of Invergordon**  **Sale**  **080-2021/2022** | **It was agreed by consensus that Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission request permission from the Trustees of Living Skies Regional Council to sell a former property of The Methodist Church of Canada with the legal description of Block A Plan 101457817 Ext 8 (surface) Parcel number 115621073 and Block A Plan 101457817 Parcel 146971783 (Mineral) pursuant to an agreement between the Trustees of Living Skies Regional Council as seller and DL5 Holdings Ltd as buyer with the following conditions:**   * **Sale price of five hundred dollars ($500)** * **Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission will complete the transfer, DL5 Holdings Ltd will pay fifty dollars ($50) to the Commission for this service.** |
| **RM of Lumsden**  **Sale**  **081-2021/2022** | **It was agreed by consensus that the Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission request permission from the Trustees of Living Skies Regional Council to sell a former property of The Board and Management of the Church and Manse Building Fund of the Presbyterian Church with the legal description of Block A Plan 101340335 Ext 30 Parcel Number 145229418 pursuant to an agreement between the Trustees of Living Skies Regional Council as seller and Sheri Bews as buyer with the following conditions:**   * **Sale price of five hundred dollars ($500)** * **Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission will complete the transfer, Sheri Bews will pay fifty dollars ($50) to the Commission for this service.** |
| **RM of Wellington**  **Tender**  **082-2021/2022** | **It was agreed by consensus that Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission, having received permission from the Trustees of Living Skies Regional Council, offer for sale by tender a congregational property of the disbanded congregation of Colfax United Church, a disbanded congregation of The United Church of Canada, with the legal description of Lots 20, 21 and 22 Block 3 Plan BJ1051, tender closing date of May 30, 2022.** |
| **RM of Antelope Park**  **Tender**  **083-2021/2022** | **It was agreed by consensus that Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission, having received permission from the Trustees of Living Skies Regional Council, offer for sale by tender the congregational property of the disbanded congregation of Hoosier United Church, a disbanded congregation of The United Church of Canada, commonly known as Hoosier United church with the legal description of Block 4 Plan G551 Ext 1 Parcel number 163760711, tender closing date of May 30, 2022.** |
| **RM of Clayton Stenen United Church** | Preeceville Sturgis are assuming responsibility for this church. The Commission will request a written confirmation that the Charge is taking full responsibility for this property including having insurance coverage. |
| **RM of Rocanville Prosperity UC** | It has been determined that Prosperity United Church and Rocanville United Church were amalgamated by Qu’Appelle Presbytery on February 5, 1963. George will advise Rocanville that they have responsibility for the property of Prosperity UC. We will request a written confirmation that the Charge is taking full responsibility for this property including having insurance coverage. |
| **RM of Gravelbourg**  **Permission to negotiate with RM**  **084-2021/2022** | **It was agreed by consensus that the Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission request permission from the Trustees of Living Skies Regional Council to negotiate with the RM of Gravelbourg for the transfer of the Hillside Cemetery a congregational property of the disbanded congregation of Hillside United Church and the disbanded congregation of Gravelbourg United Church, disbanded congregations of The United Church of Canada.** |
| **RM of Redburn**  **Hearne UC** | George will contact the adjacent landowner regarding purchase of the property. |
| **RM of Fillmore**  **Huronville UC**  **Permission for Transfer**  **085-2021/2022** | **It was agreed by consensus that Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission request permission from the Trustees of Living Skies Regional Council to transfer a congregational property of the disbanded congregation of Huronville United Church, a disbanded congregation of The United Church of Canada, with the legal description of Blk A Plan 101228374 Ext 6 Parcel 120394076 to the RM of Fillmore NO. 096 according to an agreement dated May 12, 2022 between the Trustees of Living Skies Regional Council as transferer and the RM of Fillmore as transferee.** |
| **RM of Moose Range**  **Aylsham** | This property is the responsibility of Carrot River United Church. George will contact as it was connected to the Aylsham United Church |
| **Policies/Procedures** |  |
| **Policy Handbook**  **Approval**  **086-2021/2022** | **It was agreed by consensus that Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission approve the Handbook on Church Property Matters May 2022 as amended and this Handbook be emailed to the Living Skies Regional Council Executive for their information**.  We had a discussion on the length of the Handbook and that it may be overwhelming for congregations. Providing a checklist for congregations for certain activities such as for sales or disbanding would be helpful. Daryl offered to use some of his retirement time to create checklists later in the year. |
| **Other Business** |  |
| **UPRC** | Annette will contact UPRC to meet with us to discuss their services. Annette will contact Tracy Murton to invite the Committee on Community of Faith Support to be part of this meeting with UPRC. |
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| **Adjournment** | Annette adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m. |
| **Upcoming meetings** | Next meeting is a Zoom meeting at 9:30 a.m. on June 10, 2022 Opening devotion for June 10th – Jonathan  Meetings will continue to be on the 2nd Friday of each month with the August meeting being cancelled unless required |