

Living Skies Property Commission

Aug 26, 2022

Present	Annette Taylor (chair), Daryl Woods, Jonathon Zacharias, George Thurlow, Bev Kostichuk (secretary)
Staff Present	Shannon McCarthy Tracy Murton joined us for the discussion on UPRC
Call to order	Annette called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
Check-in & Worship	We did a check-in. Daryl shared a reading based on Proverbs 8 Wisdom by Phillip Mills from Celtic Treasurers ending in prayer
Agenda 029-2022/2023	It was agreed by consensus that the agenda be approved as amended.
Minutes 030-2022/2023	It was agreed by consensus that the minutes of July 8, 2022, be approved as distributed.
Lashburn St James UC distribution of assets Email vote July 25, 2022 031-2022/2023	<p>It was agreed by consensus that Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission approve the request from the congregation of St. James United Church, Lashburn, SK to distribute their remaining assets as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10% to Indigenous ministry and justice work of the United Church of Canada • 15% to Living Skies Regional Council • 5% to the Archives of Living Skies Regional Council • 20% to Mission & Service • 6.25% to Lashburn Museum • 6.25% to Lashburn CN Sportsplex • 6.25% to Lashburn Legion • 6.25% to Lashburn Cemetery • 6.25% to Lashburn Community Hall • 6.25% to All Saints Anglican Church in Lashburn • 6.25% to Lashburn Community Church • 6.25% to The Northwest School Division for The Mindful Kitchen (breakfast program) at Lashburn Community School.
Business Arising:	
Third Avenue Saskatoon	<p>Heather has reviewed the Third Avenue records.</p> <p>We discussed disbanded congregations letting us know where their financial records are being kept for required 7 years. No action was decided.</p>

Correspondence:	
Golden Prairie UC	George will contact CP Rail regarding this property. We discussed having the church demolished or moved but as CP Rail owns the property, we would need their consent to do anything with the building. George will also contact Bob Wilson and the person interested in buying the property to advise that we are contacting CP Rail.
Upcoming meeting with URPC	Tracy Murton joined us for this discussion. Tracy will provide a list based on the 2021 annual reports of 5 or 6 congregations that have some leadership capacity to engage with URPC in future planning.
Property Decisions:	
Lang-Milestone UC outstanding allocation 032-2022/2023	It was agreed by consensus that Living Skies Property Commission recommend to the Living Skies Regional Council Executive that Living Skies Regional Council pay the outstanding assessments for Lang Milestone Pastoral Charge of \$7,460.00. Annette will contact the Executive
Big River distribution of proceeds 033-2022/2023	It was agreed by consensus that Living Skies Property Commission approve the request from the Trustees of Big River First United Church to distribute the net proceeds of their manse sale as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10% to the Indigenous ministry and justice work of The United Church of Canada • The balance to be retained by Big River First United Church to be used for the ongoing ministry of their congregation
Davidson United Church Sale of Manse 034-2022/2023	It was agreed by consensus that Living Skies Property Commission approve the request from the Trustees of Davidson United Church, a congregation of The United Church of Canada for the sale of a certain congregational property commonly known as Davidson United Church manse, the legal description which is Lot 1-Blk/Par G-Plan AU6342 Ext 223 and Lot 2-Blk/Par G-Plan AU6342 Ext 224 and the municipal address of 420 Toronto Street, Davidson SK according to an agreement between the Trustees of Davidson United Church, as seller and Adam Gerwing and Tina Stone, as buyers with the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sale price one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) with a deposit of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) and the balance to be paid prior to possession, • Possession date of September 1, 2022,

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The net proceeds of the sale will be held by Davidson United Church for its ongoing ministry. <p>Daryl will mention to the congregation that they could consider sending the Indigenous Ministry 10% of the net proceeds of this sale.</p>
Abandoned Property Decisions:	
Mineral titles on small properties 035-2022/2023	It was agreed by consensus that Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission request permission from the Trustees of Living Skies Regional Council to negotiate with the surface owners of small rural and urban properties where the church owns the mineral rights to transfer the mineral titles.
Davies Cemetery Maintenance 036-2022/2023	It was agreed by consensus that Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission approve the payment of \$1000 to the PA Youth Travel Group for the upkeep of Davis Cemetery for 2022 with the money to come from the Property Fund.
Review Abandoned property list	Asquith disbanding- the Property Commission recommended that Living Skies Regional Council Executive disband this congregation, General Council do not have a record of this being done and Bev Diebert has been unable to find a record of the disbanding.. We need to follow up on this. Ardath property will be discussed at our next meeting
List for sale RM of Elcapo Properties 037-2022/2023	It was agreed by consensus that Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission request permission from the Trustees of Living Skies Regional Council to list for sale by tender the two congregational properties of the former Rillington congregation of The United Church of Canada with the legal description of Blk/Par A-Plan 101322548 Ext 61 and Blk/Par A-Plan 101322582 Ext 62 in the RM of Elcapo #154. George will determine how and where these properties should be listed.
Policies/Procedures	None
Other Business	
Rentals	The Property commission need to approve leases and partnership agreements. Regarding rental agreements, the Property Commission will provide congregations with more detailed information on renting their facilities. George will contact Beth Williamson to request that she write up information for congregations to consider when they are renting their facilities possibly including a sample rental agreement.
Liaison	Liaison for St. Andrew's United Church (Yorkton)- Annette

Disbanding congregations in 2022	Bev will advise General Council that the following congregations will probably be disbanding in 2022: St Andrew's United Church, Balcarres; St Thomas Wesley United Church, Saskatoon; Lashburn United Church and Tompkins United Church. Wiseton and Penzance Congregations both have property so will likely not be closed in 2022.
Letters to congregations regarding responsibility for abandoned properties	George will prepare letters for Annette to review then send to Biggar United Church regarding Triumph property and Carrot River United Church regarding Moose Range property. These letters will include the history of the amalgamations of these properties and the fact that these properties are the responsibility of the active congregations. George will also prepare a letter for Annette to review and send to Preeceville Sturgis pastoral charge trustees requesting confirmation that they are assuming responsibility for the Stenen United Church.
Adjournment	Annette adjourned the meeting at 11:39 a.m.
Upcoming meetings	Next meeting: Zoom meeting at 9:30 a.m. on September 9, 2022, UPRC, Tracy Murton and Deborah Smith will join the meeting at 10:30 – Annette will lead devotion.