

**Living Skies Property Commission
September 9, 2022**

Present	Annette Taylor (chair), Daryl Woods, Jonathon Zacharias, George Thurlow, Bev Kostichuk (secretary)
Staff Present	Shannon McCarthy
Call to order	Annette called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.
Check-in & Worship	We did a check-in. Annette shared a prayer, The Chinook Blessing Litany from Earth Prayers.
Agenda 038-2022/2023	It was agreed by consensus that the agenda be approved as amended.
Minutes 039-2022/2023	It was agreed by consensus that the minutes of August 26, 2022, be approved as distributed.
Business Arising:	
Church Rentals	George talked to Beth regarding church rentals. Beth would like to meet with us in October to discuss the matter then probably will have something to share with us for November.
Letters to 3 congregations	George has prepared draft letters to Biggar, Carrot River and Preeceville/Sturgis. Annette will have these mailed out.
Correspondence	None
Property Decisions:	
Lumsden – St. Andrew’s United Church renovations 040-2022/2023	<p>It was agreed by consensus that Living Skies Regional Property Commission approve the request from Trustees of St. Andrew’s United Church, Lumsden SK to renovate a certain congregational property commonly known as Lumsden United Church with the legal description of Lot 1- 10 Blk B Plan N3045 and the municipal address of 115 King Street, Lumsden, Sk with the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of current insulation • Replacement with spray foam insulation which also forms a vapour barrier • Work to be completed by a third-party insulation company under the oversight of the Chair of the Property and Maintenance committee of the congregation • Cost of the project is fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be paid from the savings (liquid investments) of the congregation.
Abandoned Property Decisions	
Ardath United Church	In 2018 Prairie Pine Presbytery approved the transfer of this property and sent all documents to the Trustees, but the transfer was never

	<p>completed. Ardath has not been disbanded. George will follow up on this with Lyall Campbell. To be on October agenda.</p>
<p>Order of the Day</p>	<p>Miriam Bowlby and Carly Forrester from Kindred Works (UPRC) and Deborah Smith and Tracy Murton from the Committee on Community of Faith Support joined our meeting.</p>
<p>Meeting with Kindred Works (UPRC)</p>	<p>Kindred Works (KW) is currently working with the following United Church congregations in Saskatchewan: Knox-Metropolitan in Regina (for a longer term), First United in Swift Current (recently - looking at housing options), introductory meetings with Wesley in Regina and Minto in Moose Jaw.</p> <p>Miriam – Church and Community Engagement - looking at options for congregations where housing development may not be possible. They are looking at smaller housing models or community used space in existing buildings which may involve partnering with community tenants or social enterprises that would provide income to the congregation. These will be context driven in each community.</p> <p>Carly – Presented slide of Kindred Works 4 step process for housing developments (to date congregations are reaching out to Kindred Works):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary Review- introduction of KW then a feasibility study including possibilities in this community, prepare a 3D model and financial model of project which are presented to congregation if they agree then a Letter of Intent is signed • Development Plan: more detailed planning, which is taken back to the congregation, if agreed then this is the go forward stage • Development Management: site plan is agreed upon, specialist brought in, approvals from municipalities are sought, and building takes place - congregation is kept up to date with all progress • Long Term Management- ongoing property management is in place by KW or an outside management company so that the burden does not fall on the congregation. Annual budgets are prepared by management team with quarterly distribution of net proceeds to the congregation <p>All agreements must be approved by the Regional Council thus Regional Council should be involved early in the process.</p> <p>Congregational involvement is with a small group – usually 4 to 6 people which may or may not include the minister</p>

	<p>Financing is with CMHC and other municipal or provincial granting agencies- congregation is not expected to put up capital. Their contribution is in land or a building, unless improvements of church are required, or parts of the construction fall outside funding guidelines.</p> <p>Saskatchewan context has made it difficult for housing projects as rental rates are low compared to the Canadian context. There is a need for housing, but low rents make development difficult without government incentives.</p> <p>Tracy will share her list of 5 or 6 congregations that might be appropriate for KW's involvement. Tracy's list is related to congregational volunteer capability not an assessment of the property.</p> <p>The importance of the regional councils being kept up to date on KW's work with congregations within the region was discussed.</p>
Abandoned Property Decisions continued:	
Jan Hus Cemetery Transfer 041-2022/2023	<p>We adopted a proposal on June 11, 2021, which referred to the Jan Hus congregation as a disbanded congregation. This congregation was amalgamated with Outlook not disbanded. The Appendix A was from the trustees of the Jan Hus congregation as named in the appendix B from the minister. Thus, a new proposal is required:</p> <p>It was agreed by consensus that Living Skies Regional Property Commission approve the request from the Trustees of Jan Hus United Church for the transfer of a certain congregational property of Jan Hus United Church, a congregation of The United Church of Canada, property commonly known as the Jan Hus cemetery and church with the legal description of Blk A Plan 101600211 ext. 19 (Parcel 146187670) and SE 26-28-07-W3 ext. 22 Certificate of title 81S42641 desc.22 (parcel 146187614) to the Jan Hus SK Preservation Society Inc. with the following terms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer price of one dollar (\$1.00) • Transfer costs to be paid by the Jan Hus SK Preservation Society Inc.
Policies/Procedures	None
Other Business	None

Liaison	Liaison for Coronach United Church (considering selling their church but not disbanding) - Jonathan
Disbanding:	
Asquith United Church 042-2022/2023	In 2019, the Property Commission requested the Living Skies Regional Council Executive to disband the Asquith congregation. It has come to our attention that this was not done, therefore: It was agreed by consensus that Living Skies Regional Property Commission approve the request from the congregation of Asquith United Church to be disbanded effective September 9, 2022.
Adjournment	Annette adjourned the meeting at 11:12a.m.
Upcoming meetings	Next meeting: Zoom meeting at 9:30 a.m. on October 14, 2022, George will lead devotion.