

**Living Skies Property Commission
November 4, 2022**

Present	Annette Taylor (chair), Daryl Woods, Jonathon Zacharias, George Thurlow, Bev Kostichuk (secretary)
Staff Present	Shannon McCarthy, Heather Dootoff
Call to order	Annette called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
Check-in & Worship	We checked in. Annette shared a Mediterranean story called Letting Go from the book 100 Wisdom Stories from Around the World
Agenda 047-2022/2023	It was agreed by consensus: That the agenda be approved as amended.
Minutes 048-2022/2023	It was agreed by consensus that the minutes of October 14, 2022, be approved as distributed.
Business Arising:	
Letter re Stenen	Archives confirm that Stenen was closed. The title is in the name of The United Church of Canada. Annette will write to the trustees of Stenen United Church requesting confirmation that they will assume responsibility for the Stenen United Church property.
Kindred Works	A report was received on their current work in Living Skies Regional Council. This report is in Team in the Kindred Works Reports folder. Jonathan has sent Kindred Works information on funding for new housing in Saskatchewan.
ISC signing authority	A proposal changing signing authority was approved at the October LSRC Executive meeting. Bev will email the proposal to ISC.
Assessment for Lang-Milestone PC	LSRC Executive approved the payment of the outstanding allocation for Lang-Milestone United Church. Cheque has been mailed.
Rental agreements	Beth Williamson will join our December meeting for an update
Correspondence	None
Property Decisions:	
Shaunavon – Centre Street UC	Shaunavon has a \$10,000 offer from the local theatre group, council will be considering this offer. Commission members felt that this offer was worth considering as it is from a community group. The congregation could consider negotiating for their continued use of the building.
Lacadena UC 049-2022/2023	It was agreed by consensus that Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission approved the request from the Trustees of Lacadena United Church a congregation of The United Church of Canada in Lacadena, Saskatchewan for the transfer of a congregational property commonly known as Lacadena United Church with the legal description of Lots 1 and 2 Blk/Par 6-Plan BX6255 Ext 0 with parcel numbers 103317667 and 103317522 to Chad Pitman according to an agreement made in October 2022

	<p>between the Trustees of Lacadena United Church as transferer and Chad Pitman as transferee with the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer of the two lots for the price already paid for the building • Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission will complete the transfer.
Abandoned Property	
Mineral Royalties Offer	Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission decided that the offer is low, we are not prepared to accept it at this time. Shannon will advise Ross Walker.
Adjustment for allocation on multi-point charges	General Council do not adjust the new allocations for multi-point pastoral charges when one congregation closes. This seems to be discriminatory to small congregations which are usually part of a multi-point charges; when a single congregation closes there is no allocation in the future years. Adjusting the allocation would be simple as it could be based on each congregation's per centage share of the operating cost of the pastoral charge. Annette will write a letter to General Council executive with a copy to Living Skies Regional Council Executive raising our concern.
Liability Insurance on Abandoned Properties	George has sent Erik Mathiesen our list of abandoned properties with buildings regarding obtaining liability insurance, Erik has not replied.
RM of Maple Creek	Annette has contacted the owners of the adjacent property; they believe that they own this property. Annette will send them a letter and a copy of the title and an offer to sell this property to them for \$300.
RM of Piapot	<p>Annette contacted the previous owner of the adjacent property. She advises there was a Presbyterian church and cemetery on this property; then the land was cultivated. This land has now been sold. It is now in pasture.</p> <p>Genealogical society shows 6 graves from 1916 to 1918. The previous owner is willing to put a plaque on the edge of the property identifying it as a former cemetery, the Commission concurs with the placement of this plaque. Annette will contact the new owner regarding the property.</p>
Policies/Procedures	None
Other Business	
Land Transfers	George advises that it has come to his attention that RM and village secretaries now are not trained in and do not regularly submit title transfers to ISC.

Questions from Earthcare Partners at First United Swift Current	The United Church work's related to reducing the church's carbon footprint is being done by Faithful Footprints. Information regarding Faithful Footprints was in the last Rambler. The Commission's role related to this matter should be in considering requests for renovations. We should be asking if the congregation has been in contact with Faithful Footprints and how the proposed renovation is reducing the congregations carbon footprint.
Property List review	We reviewed the Property list. Avonlea will be removed from the list as too many renovations were required so rental agreement will not be completed Brock will be removed from the list; Bev will advise the archives that the records are being held in the Brock Museum Hanley will be removed from the list; Daryl will advise them that if there is further action related to the sale of the lots they should contact the Commission Daryl will prepare a check list for congregations related to selling or transferring property and disbanding as the Handbook is useful but can be overwhelming. The other updates are on the list dated November 4, 2022
Regional Prayer list	Bev Diebert had asked about removing congregations from the 2023 Prayer list. The Commission members feel that congregations should remain on the list until they disband as congregations need the support of the regional council and other congregations as they are going through the process of disbanding. Bev will advise Bev D of this.
Historical list	The original Historical list has been updated to remove properties that we have confirmation are not the responsibility of the region. Bev will send a copy of our Historical list to archives.
Adjournment	Annette adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.
Upcoming meetings	Next meeting: Zoom meeting at 9:30 a.m. on December 9, 2022 will lead devotion. Daryl will do the minutes. Shannon will lead worship