

**Living Skies Property Commission
June 9, 2023**

Present	Annette Taylor (chair), George Thurlow, Jonathon Zacharias and Bev Kostichuk (secretary) Regrets from Daryl Woods.
Staff Present	Shannon McCarthy, Heather Dootoff
Call to order	Annette called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.
Check-in & Worship	We checked in. Annette led worship with a reading from Steve Garnaas-Holmes based on Mathew 9:9.
Agenda 001-2023/2024	It was agreed by consensus: That the agenda be approved as circulated.
Minutes 002-2023/2024	It was agreed by consensus that the minutes of May 12, 2023, be approved as circulated.
Business Arising:	
Letter to GC re: assessments	No response from Erik Mathiesen. Annette will continue to follow up on this.
Correspondence	None
Property Decisions:	
Shamrock UC Sale 003-2023/2024	<p>It was agreed by consensus that the Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission approve the request from the Trustees of Shamrock United Church, a congregation of The United Church of Canada at Shamrock , SK to request permission from The United Church of Canada for the sale of a congregational property known as Shamrock United Church with the legal description of Lot 5-Blk/Par 4-Plan CX97 Ext 0 Parcel 103909518 in the town of Shamrock, SK according to an agreement between the Trustees of Shamrock United Church as seller and the town of Shamrock as buyer with the following conditions;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sale price of one dollar (\$1.)
Moose Jaw Minto UC 004-2023/2024	<p>It was agreed by consensus that Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission approve the request from the Trustees of Minto United Church, a congregation of The United Church of Canada at Moose Jaw, SK to list for sale the congregational property known as Minto United Church with the legal description of lots 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 Blk 15 Plan K 2802 and the municipal address of 1036 7th Avenue NW, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan with the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A sales committee will be established to hold discussions and undertake negotiations with interested buyers, if no reasonable offer is received the committee with consider listing with an agent,

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Asking price is one million one hundred thousand dollars (\$1,100,000) 3. Possession date to be negotiated, 4. Proceeds of the sale will be approved at the time of the approval of a sale in accordance with the policy on proceeds from sales for continuing congregations as set out in Property Policies and Processes
<p>Bethune UC Listing and sale 005-2023/2024</p>	<p>It was agreed by consensus that Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission approve the request from the Trustees of Bethune United Church, a congregation of The United Church of Canada at Bethune, SK to negotiate with the village for the sale of a congregational property known as Bethune United Church with the legal description of Lot 22 Blk D Plan 63MJ12773 Ext 0 and the municipal address of 766 Central Avenue, Bethune, SK.</p> <p>It was agreed by consensus that the Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission approve the request from the Trustees of Bethune United Church, a congregation of The United Church of Canada at Bethune, SK for the sale of a congregational property known as Bethune United Church with the legal description of Lot 22 Blk D Plan 63MJ12773 Ext 0 and the municipal address of 766 Central Avenue, Bethune, SK according to an agreement between the Trustees of Bethune United Church as seller and the Village of Bethune as buyer with the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sale price of five hundred dollars (\$500.) • Closing date June 30, 2023 • Proceeds of the sale to pay the outstanding assessments, any additional funds to be distributed at the time of disbanding.
<p>St Thomas Wesley Distribution of assets 006-2023/2024</p>	<p>It was agreed by consensus that the Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission approve the request from the Trustees of St Thomas Wesley United Church, a congregation of The United Church of Canada at Saskatoon, SK to distribute their final assets of \$24,409.43 in the following manner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission and Service: \$9,763.77 • Living Skies Regional Council: \$7,322.83 • Indigenous Ministry and Justice Work: \$4,881.87 • Living Skies Regional Council Archives: \$2,440.96
<p>Abandoned Properties</p>	
<p>RM of Maple Creek</p>	<p>Landowners of adjacent quarter are not interested in purchasing this piece of property. George knows of someone else who is interested in the property.</p>

007-2023/2024	It has been agreed by consensus that the Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission request permission from the Trustees of Living Skies Regional Council to negotiate the sale of a Methodist lot with the legal description of Blk/Par A-Plan 101632801 Ext 1 Title 123423791
Davis Cemetery 008-2023/2024	It was agreed by consensus that Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission approve the payment of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to the PA Youth Travel Group for cutting the grass four times on Davis Cemetery for 2023 with the money to come from the Property Fund.
Stockholm UC Permission to negotiate sale 009-2023/2024	<p>A group of people are interested in developing a museum in Stockholm in the Stockholm United Church. This building has been vacant since 2007, it is need of extensive repairs. Possible ownership is being negotiated; the owner would be the town, recreation board or museum board.</p> <p>It has been agreed by consensus that the Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission request permission from the Trustees of Living Skies Regional Council to negotiate the sale of a congregational property known as the Stockholm United Church with the legal description of lot 25 blk 2 Plan B4461 Ext 0 (mineral) and lot 25 blk 2 Plan 4461 Ext 0 (surface) with any interested buyer.</p>
Cemeteries	<p>George advised in an email that there is a builder's lien on the John Huss cemetery that is holding up the transfer.</p> <p>Also, Bob Hayes does not know how long the PA Youth Travelling Group will be continuing the upkeep of the Davis Cemetery; George will contact the RM about this cemetery. Bob Hayes is also going to try to locate the other cemeteries that may be United Church in the Prince Albert area.</p> <p>Bev advised that she had contact with a person from Calgary regarding a dead moose in the Halmok cemetery; Bev contacted the person looking after the cemetery who was aware of this and will be removing it as soon as it is safe.</p>
Policies/Procedures	
Bequests for disbanded congregations	<p>George has emailed the lawyer who contacted us about the bequest to the Fillmore United Church. If the region receives this bequest the commission will have to recommend how the funds are distributed. The commission would then consider recommending a policy on future bequests for disbanded congregations to the Executive.</p>
Other Business	
Mankota UC sale of manse	<p>Mankota (Grasslands pastoral Charge) are considering the sale of their manse; Daryl will be the liaison</p>

National Consultation on Property	This consultation has been organized by a regional council in Ontario. They will be meeting on June 13, 2023; Annette, George and Shannon will participate.
Congregational Property list	We reviewed and updated the congregational property list with two congregations being removed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Battleford congregation have decided to take the church off the market at this time. • St. Andrew's United Church, Yorkton have received insurance for their roof repairs; they will pay the \$5000 deductible which is less than 20% of their annual income.
Regina – Westminster Replace elevator	Westminster replaced their elevator in 2022, they should have requested approval from the commission but did not. The cost of the elevator was \$75,000 which was covered from their legacy fund which is now about \$300,000. This is being recorded for information.
Adjournment	Annette adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.
Upcoming meetings	Next meeting: Zoom meeting at 9:30 a.m. on July 14th, 2023 George will lead devotion.