

**Living Skies Property Commission
December 8, 2023**

Present	Annette Taylor (chair), Daryl Woods, George Thurlow, Bob McPherson, Jonathan Zacharias, Bev Kostichuk (secretary)
Staff Present	Shannon McCarthy, Heather Dootoff
Call to order	Annette called the meeting to order at a.m.
Check-in & Worship	We each checked in; Daryl shared a Liturgy of Longing from A Rhythm of Prayer by Sarah Bessey
Sale of Radville PC Manse Email vote November 14 to November 16 2023 026-2023/2023	<p>It was agreed by consensus that Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission approve the request from the Trustees of Radville Pastoral Charge, Radville, SK a pastoral charge of The United Church of Canada for the sale a certain congregational property which is commonly known as the Radville Pastoral Charge manse which is on the land with the legal description of Lot 16 Block 9 Plan AX1974 Ext.0 and the municipal address of 637 Geisen Street, Radville, SK according to an agreement between the Trustees of Radville Pastoral Charge, Radville, SK as seller and Richard Pirio and Beverly Pirio of Radville, Sk as buyers with the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sale price of ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000) 2. Deposit of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) 3. Balance of eighty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$87,500) to be paid on or before the date of possession. 4. The closing date of this offer is December 8, 2023. <p>The proceeds of the sale to be deposited to the account of the Radville Pastoral Charge</p>
Retaining lawyer for Kisii estate action Email vote November 22 to November 24, 2023 027-2023/2023	That Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission approve the hiring of Adam Hnatyshyn of Hnatyshyn Gough as our representative in any legal actions related to the Estate of Patricia Kisil.
Agenda 028-2023/2023	It was agreed by consensus: That the agenda be approved as amended.
Minutes 029-2022/2023	It was agreed by consensus: That the minutes of October 20, 2023 be approved as distributed.
Business Arising:	
LSRC Policy on Bequests	Darrell Reine advises that there is no policy regarding bequests. The Executive is having an in-person meeting in February where they may be able to deal with this. They would appreciate some input from the Commission on this.

	The Conference had a policy which Heather has forwarded to the Commission. Shannon will check with other regional councils to see if they have policies. George and Daryl will work on producing a policy.
Updates on Handbook	Updates were completed on Appendix B and Lease agreements in the Handbook, the updated Handbook is on the website. Communities of faith should be referred to the website which also has copies of our appendices in Microsoft Word documents
Policy on Distribution of Funds	Chantel will be working on a new format for this policy in the new year.
Correspondence	None
Property Decisions:	
Radville PC sale of manse 030-2023/2023	<p>During the inspection of the manse, water damage was discovered. The pastoral charge has agreed to lower the price of the manse and the Trustees have submitted a new appendix A reducing the price for the manse. The following replaces proposal 026-2023/2024.</p> <p>It was agreed by consensus that Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission approve the request from the Trustees of Radville Pastoral Charge, Radville, SK a pastoral charge of The United Church of Canada for the sale a certain congregational property which is commonly known as the Radville Pastoral Charge manse which is on the land with the legal description of Lot 16 Block 9 Plan AX1974 Ext.0 and the municipal address of 637 Geisen Street, Radville, SK according to an agreement between the Trustees of Radville Pastoral Charge, Radville, SK as seller and Richard Pirio and Beverly Pirio of Radville, Sk as buyers with the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sale price of eighty-nine thousand five hundred dollars (\$89,500) 2. Deposit of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) 3. Balance of eighty-seven thousand dollars (\$87,000) to be paid on or before the date of possession. 4. The closing date of this offer is December 8, 2023. <p>The proceeds of the sale to be deposited to the account of the Radville Pastoral Charge</p>
Wesley UC sale of church 031-2023/2023	<p>It was agreed by consensus that Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission approve the request from the Trustees of Wesley United Church, Regina, SK a congregation of The United Church of Canada for the sale a certain congregational property which is commonly known as Wesley United Church with the legal description of Lot 4-Blk/Par 25-Plan 59R02162 Ext 1 and the</p>

	<p>municipal address of 3913 Hillsdale Blvd, Regina, SK pursuant to an agreement between the Trustees of Wesley United Church, Regina SK as seller and Montessori School of Regina Inc., Regina SK as buyer with the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sale price of one million nine hundred and ten thousand dollars (\$1,910,000) with a deposit of one hundred ninety-one thousand dollars (\$191,000); the balance of the purchase price shall be due on the closing date of the sale. • The closing date of the sale shall be January 31, 2024. • Other terms as set out in the Offer to Purchase dated November 23, 2023. <p>The proceeds of the sale shall be held in trust by Wesley United Church, Regina SK until further direction regarding the distribution of the proceeds from the congregation and approval of this distribution by Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission.</p>
Trinity UC, Edam sale of church 032-2023/2023	<p>It was agreed by consensus that Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission approve the request from the Trustees of Trinity United Church, Edam, SK a congregation of The United Church of Canada for the sale a certain congregational property which is commonly known as the Trinity United Church, Edam SK with the municipal address of 1312 1st Ave, Edam SK and the legal description of Lot 20 Blk 3 Plan H2302 Ext 0 Title 140711947 (Mineral) and Lot 20 Blk 3 Plan H2302 Ext 0 Title 118152176 (Surface Regular) according to an agreement between the Trustees of Trinity United Church, Edam SK as sellers and the Village of Edam as buyers with the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sale price of one dollar (\$1.00) to include church property, contents and fixtures.
Abandoned properties/ Cemeteries	
Moats Land	<p>Christie, Heather and George met. The offer from Pemoco is about half of the amount that should be offered. This group recommend that we engage a professional negotiator. George has approached a law firm who deals with oil and gas work to see if they would do this work for us.</p> <p>Letters will be sent to the oil company advising that we are interested in following up on this and to the renter advising that we are considering selling the surface rights on these properties.</p>

	The Commission agrees that George should proceed in finding a professional negotiator.
Wakaw UC	<p>Congregation was planning to disband but they own a United Church cemetery. They will continue as a community of faith with the purpose of maintaining the cemetery. The Town has indicated that they are not interested in a transfer to them.</p> <p>We recommend that the congregation check with CRA regarding their charitable status with this new plan.</p>
Policies/Procedures	<p>Annette had a question from Lanigan Pastoral Charge regarding a policy on the renting of manses. There are resources available for landlords through the Office of Residential Tenancies and the Residence Tenancy Act. Congregations should be referred to this office at</p> <p>https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/government-structure/boards-commissions-and-agencies/office-of-residential-tenancies</p> <p>If a minister is residing in the manse and the congregation puts in place rules which the minister is unable or unwilling to follow then the pastoral charge needs to be aware that a housing allowance would be required for the minister to find other accommodations.</p>
Other Business	
Estate to Wesley UC, Prince Albert	Our position is that the church's share of the estate should be given to the region or Calvary United Church. Court date is set for next week.
Wiseton United Church	George was informed by the congregation that they no longer own any property and that they wish to be disbanded. But after a search on the ISC database, it was determined that they still own two empty lots. George will advise them that they still own the property and that it will need to be sold or transferred before they can be disbanded.
Property List	We reviewed the property list. Knox-Metropolitan, Regina will be removed from the list for now. Other communities of faith will be contacted regarding their current status.
Adjournment	Annette adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.
Upcoming meetings	<p>Next meeting Friday, January 12, 2024, Zoom meeting at 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Devotion: Annette.</p> <p>Meetings will continue to be on the 2nd Friday of each month</p>