

Western Ontario Waterways Transition Commission Meeting
Wednesday, May 8, 2019
(Supporting, Connecting, Transforming)

The Western Ontario Waterways Transition Commission was called to meet on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at Drayton United Church.

PRESENT

Presbytery	Rod Coates (Bruce)	Hamilton	Heather Leffler
Representatives	Ann Harbridge (Northern Waters)	Conference	Tim Reaburn
	Margaret Krauter (Northern Waters)	Representatives	
	Mark Laird (Waterloo)	London Conference	Brent Caslick
	Laurie O’Leary (Huron-Perth)	Representative	

Guests: Dale Kellar

Regrets: Gord Dunbar, Sue Duliban, Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer Sampa

1. Welcome / Gathering / Opening

Laurie O’Leary welcomed everyone in attendance and opened the meeting at 10:05 AM. She noted that while driving to the meeting today through the beautiful countryside we were reminded that these are the traditional territories of many First Nations peoples, and their culture & stewardship of these lands are something we acknowledge and of which we remain mindful.

She concluded her welcoming and opening remarks with a brief prayer to centre us for the meeting.

2. Building Commissions & Executive

Laurie O’Leary noted that the summary of Expressions of Interest submitted by regional representatives had been assembled by Mark Laird, with grouping of preferences into categories of Executive, Commission, and Resource Pool.

In the discussions about processes to address the building of commissions, the following principles evolved:

- Ten (10) members of the maximum twelve (12) were assigned, to allow the commissions the discretion to add members.
- Where none of the nominees was known to those in attendance, the expression of interest was read and reviewed.
- Where too many or too few nominees indicated a preference for a commission, they were re-assigned based on second choice.

During the process of building of Commission and Executive nominations, a review of the Governance Handbook raised a few issues which were resolved through some amendments.

Moved by: Heather Leffler

Seconded by: Tim Reaburn

The Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council Governance Handbook, Regional Council Executive – Membership, be amended as follows:

- Subsection A – Delete “1 representative of the United Church Women (UCW) be named by the UCW of the region, AND
- Amend the following sentence to read “Any groups not named specifically, *including the United Church Women (UCW)*, are encouraged to complete an expression of interest through the nomination process”, AND
- That the position of Secretary be added to the membership of the Executive.

CARRIED (1 abstention)

Having completed the review of commission and resource pool nominations, Tim Reaburn led the meeting through a discussion of the Executive position nominations. The consensus arising from this discussion was:

- A president-elect will not be named at this time but someone from the Transition Commission will be named to act in that role.
- In consideration of the role which Tim Reaburn brings to our region, and that he is a General Council Executive rep, he fulfills the sexual orientation/gender identify diversity position on the Executive.
- The President will be elected through a nomination process at the upcoming annual meeting.

It was noted by Heather Leffler that decisions being made at this time are peculiar to our present circumstances and our time of transition, and it will be another year before we are in the full rotational cycle for nominations.

(Lunch break at 12:15 – 12:35)

3. Wallace United Church Sale

Dale Kellar joined the meeting to outline proposals received for the sale of the Wallace United Church property. He presented several reasonable purchase offers and highlighted multiple zoning and other issues (water, power, septic, etc.) associated with the property. Several offers were conditional and required the seller (i.e., the Trustees appointed by the Regional Council) to expend money to disposition those conditions.

After considerable discussion concerning the various purchase offers and other options, it was agreed that of the several offers discussed, one with the fewest conditions could be the best alternative for a path forward.

Moved by: Tim Reaburn

Seconded by: Brent Caslick

That Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council authorizes the Trustees of Wallace United Church to counter a purchase offer of \$159,000 with a counter-offer of \$100,000 with no conditions, AND if that counter-offer is not accepted, we will have the Trustees sign the \$50,000 purchase offer. **CARRIED**

Laurie O'Leary declared meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM.

4. Next Meeting

Next meetings will be:

- May 15 (via ZOOM) 10 a.m.
- May 24-26 May 2019, Unifor Centre, Port Elgin

Signature of Chair

Signature of Secretary