

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

May 15, 2019

Mark, rod, laurie, brent, Margaret, ann, ca, me

Regrets tim gord heather

Acknowledgement of territory

Prayer adapted from book called sanctuary where heaven and earth touch

Dec 14 2018 minutes: approve the changes as part of the governance handbook in January have the inclusive language – if folks be happy to include it rod will tidy and append to 2018 minutes. CA will withdraw them because first sentence.....

Consensus dec minutes will be withdrawn

Approval of general consent docket

Minutes april 23, may 8, exec and commission

Alliston st johns foundation, 2 names to be removed to final version of minutes.

Wish to include list of commissions etc, as appendix to minutes? Only when approved document, not working background.

Official motion to endorse list with attachment

Update to governance handbk

Ca – want to ensure 1/3 rollover...take terms off add line when exec first meet will determine who serves 1, 2,3 to ensure that there is a regular rotation of one third of the members.

Same term for commissions

Leave the terms the current tc have indicated.

Approx. 64 people need to be advised. Also need to figure out what doing pple made no choice and maybe left open to commissions,

Board of vocation pple that they can be part of pool, not decision making.

One email : exec & commissions thank you for your apps you have been approved

After annual meeting track who didn't say where want to work and they can be assigned to pools

Rod at least acknowledge say thank you for your interest, and we may wish to invite to training day. Resource pool

I will send out emails with lol

Consensus on general consent docket

Pastoral relations consent docket consensus

Pastoral charge spvsrs: no names to appoint at this pt. may need to do something about that in near future

Covenant service marg will work with flesherton Eugenia

Gail Clarkson – lic to admin sacraments ann says something (ret dm)

Business arising

Wallace uc – sold 75,000 no conditions.

Everything is signed (mark says) signed letter that gave him permission to work as our agent to start rezoning process. Closing july 31

Need agreement of terms of sale to me, rod, ca

Hampstead new agreement with operation sharing – john neff review when gets back from vacation

Brent send email to john, nothing

Covenanting services

Given up hope on website, til after agm c-a says

Letter to registrants, link to past minutes, send couple pieces working on via that link
Confirming decisions lol asks? Ca have to receive the minutes motion. Ca am concerned but gen sec say have to have them and some way agree.
The regional council receive the minutes of the commission acted on their behalf and confirm with thanks

Supper after june 5th day with wow folks

Business arising

Confidentiality covenant wording – does it feel like it captures what you want, if so sign and bring on june 5.

Correspondence

Wgp annual report shared on wow facebook page. Share any further, what like done if anything
Receive with thanks for the ministry and look fwd to their continued service

Req huron perth time agenda – ca very wisely and lol concur that that's not the forum, so not possible.

Kate Crawford – their council worked on proposal re greta vosper, but lol has not received anything

Rod post heather's report in future on website

Financial considerations and updates

Trinity (john on holiday, hold)

Sebringville cemetary – brent still being worked on at lawyer no further update.

Hensall uc – ca – they continue to say what should we do with our money and we continue to say tell us what your ministry is and what you want to do. They are impatient – think will work with john. Lol what are they missing is it's their ministry not ours.

Staff updates

Could come and be part of your region – no room at the inn for plenary gatherings or meals

Tucc: Felicia Urbanski volunteered to be one of 2 members. Does provide link for some of the info from tucc

Ca if don't have anyone for 2nd, suggest someone from covenant commission?

Brent would be interested in another year – but not this year.

Ask tom mcdonough – ca will contact

Meeting – agenda planning

Lol asks questions:

Moderators message at beginning

Community building – do we have someone might be helpful to do that: leave with Kathy douglas and ca come up with something - design and someone else could lead it – similar Share purpose – how got how it informed governance

Share work done to date – key pieces, review governance, share list of pple named to commissions etc.

Share property policy

Ca will present financial info only FOR INFO we know have access to other resources, anticipate money come from other presbyteries, suggest exec be entrusted with that and bring motion next yrs

Motion recognize work to date

Covenant commission – which will go to covenant commission

Self assessment form tie that to living faith story. Lynne john ca have some resources between them, but have to prepare – john lead a part of that

Lol can I anticipate getting something in print? My anxiety comes from not having clear pic how flow will happen. Not feeling comfortable with all the pieces.

Ca - who among you might be willing to lead some of the sections

Ann – will do governance 15 – 20 minutes maybe

Brent – property 15-20 minutes (don't know if it will take that long)

