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| [*View this email in your browser*](https://mailchi.mp/7ba5ff2dff71/first-ever-virtual-regional-council-meeting?e=f8764f8451)*Next Deadline for submissions: TBA*[*Forward this to a friend to sign up for this newsletter.*](https://wowrcucc.us20.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=3430c44e426848fe31d8afb4b&id=65ceaaaf22) |

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| ****First Ever Virtual Regional Council Meeting**** |

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| ***W***estern Ontario Waterways Regional Council is holding our FIRST EVER virtual regional council meeting! We will make history.***Save these meeting dates & times!***

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| October 15 | Thursday | 6:00 – 7:30 pm |
| October 16 | Friday | 4:00 – 5:30 pm |
| October 17 | Saturday | 9:30 – 11:00 am & |
|     |     | 1:00 - 2:30 pm |
| October 18 | \*Sunday | 10:00 am  |
| **\*The Celebration of Ministries Service will be livestreamed.Rev. Keith Reynolds, Avondale United Church, Stratford, will preach.** |

***Celebration of Ministries Service****Plan now for your congregation to join the livestreamed service from Avondale United Church, Stratford, on Sunday morning. All communities of faith are invited to join the regional council service. Ministry Personnel are entitled to take this Sunday off for the regional council meeting. Instead of providing an alternate service for congregational worship, a link will be shared to enable us to worship as one -- a new and exciting experience!* |

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| ***To Prepare for the Meeting******Each Community of Faith is asked to**** *Ensure that their representative(s) to the regional council have been selected according to the formula set out in*[***The Manual C.1.2***](https://mcusercontent.com/3430c44e426848fe31d8afb4b/files/414b913d-8d23-4299-a4ac-c613bcd138b6/the_manual_2019.pdf)*.*
* ***Share the news****of our joint Sunday worship service with all your members.*

***For Regional Council Representatives and Ministry Personnel****Information will be available in September for you to register for the meeting.****Prior registration is essential for online voting****.****Information is***[***available on the website***](https://wowrcucc.ca/events/regional-council-meeting/)***for regional council representatives and ministry personnel to**** *Consider****openings on the Executive and Commissions****and discern how you might become involved. The work of the Executive and Commissions is detailed in the*[***Governance Handbook***](https://mcusercontent.com/3430c44e426848fe31d8afb4b/files/99235f6f-46ee-4071-9edd-172430560af2/Governance_Handbook_WOW_Revised_April_2020.pdf)*.*
* *Consider if you are our****regional council's next President****(to take office in the spring of 2021).*
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| Further details/information and the registration form will be available in September. Watch for emailed newsletters or check the [**Regional Council Meeting page**](https://wowrcucc.ca/events/regional-council-meeting/) on the website.This is such an **exciting opportunity** for us to learn to do something different together! We'll need patience and imagination and the blessing of the Spirit! |

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| Blessings*,**Executive Minister, Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council* |

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| **Upcoming Events - SAVE THE DATES****Connecting, Supporting, Transforming*during COVID-19 A Conversation about Safe Re-entrySeptember 17th, 7 to 8:30 pm on Zoom****The WOWRC Executive invites ministers & lay people to connect and share what is working for your community of faith, support one another as we face these challenging times and imagine how our churches might be transformed by this experience.  The link to this session will be shared soon.****AFFIRM NETWORK WebinarTuesday, September 22nd, 3 to 4:30 pm on Zoom****The link to this important advance session, in preparation for discussion at the Fall Meeting, will be shared soon.* |

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| *The Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council newsletter welcomes submissions of upcoming events, regional news and educational opportunities. This is also the place to keep up-to-date on information from the regional office.* |

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