

**REGION 8 TRANSITION COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Monday, November 12, 2018**  
*(Supporting, Connecting, Transforming)*

The Region 8 Transition Commission was called to meet by teleconference on Monday, November 12, 2018.

**PARTICIPANTS**

<b>Executive Minister</b>	Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer Sampa	<b>Hamilton Conference Representatives</b>	Gord Dunbar Heather Leffler
<b>Presbytery</b>	Rod Coates (Bruce)		Tim Reaburn
<b>Representatives</b>	Ann Harbridge (Northern Waters) Margaret Krauter (Northern Waters) Mark Laird (Waterloo) Laurie O'Leary (Huron- Perth)	<b>London Conference Representative Executive Assistant</b>	Brent Caslick

**1. Call to Order/Opening Prayer**

Laurie O' Leary called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM and began with a brief time of prayer, asking blessing upon the work of the commission and some of its difficult work and decisions which still lie ahead.

**2. Acknowledgement of Territory**

Laurie gave thanks for the indigenous peoples upon whose land we hold our meeting today, acknowledging their territory and our relationships with them.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Upon review, the agenda was approved by consensus

**4. Approval of Minutes - 25 October 2018**

After a brief discussion, Laurie O'Leary declared the minutes of the October 25, 2018 meeting approved by consensus.

**5. Update - Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer Sampa**

Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer Sampa began her update with a discussion of the proposed name for Region 8. She noted that Kim Uyede-Kai had had conversations with her about the former proposed Region 8 name but received no further feedback from indigenous representatives. Cheryl Ann said that further attempts to contact Cape Croker and Saugeen representatives have not yet garnered responses. Gord Dunbar added some context about his reaching out to Cape Croker on this matter. The consensus was that we would continue with the proposed name unless we hear otherwise.

Cheryl-Ann went on to say that the executive ministers had met with Maggie Dieter and Lori Ransom (who is responsible for the remit implementation in indigenous church) to talk about the progress towards relationships with the church. An upcoming gathering of indigenous representatives will occur in January (Ontario and Quebec Aboriginal Congregations and Great Lakes Waterways Presbytery Implementation Gathering), and each region will be invited to send a representative can be sent. Cheryl-Ann said that our concerns in Region 8 are not unique and we continue to work things out.

#### **6. Proposed Name - Western Ontario Waterways**

As noted in Item 5, the consensus is that commissioners are in accord with this proposed name unless we hear differently from the Region 8 indigenous communities.

#### **7. Network & Grant Requests**

The Region 8 transition commission has received three requests for consideration, accompanied by detailed information, as follows:

- 1) Week of Guided Prayer Network (Hamilton Conference) Heather Leffler and Pat Gushue
  - a request that the Week of Guided Prayer Network of Hamilton Conference become a Network of Region 8
- 2) New Ministries Development and Leadership Granting Committee (Northern Waters Presbytery) Patti Rodgers
  - a request for clarification regarding committee membership & representation
- 3) Skylight Festival - Deborah Laforet, Michael Shewburg
  - a request for consideration of financial support for the 2019 Skylight Festival

Marg Krauter said she felt it was premature to approve these three items. Speaking to the Week of Guide Prayer Network request, Heather Leffler said it was a matter of deciding how this network might best fit within the new structure. Gord Dunbar said that a broader issue is that we do not support networks with staff personnel and we therefore need to consider connecting them to regions; networks are not part of our governance, but part of our process going forward. Cheryl-Ann said we would have a better understanding of budgets by the time of our next meeting (late November).

Ann Harbridge said that we ought to keep and track these items so that they do not fall through the cracks.

Tim Reaburn noted there were differences between the requests and that not all are networks – e.g., Skylight Festival is an event. Brent Caslick suggested this would be considered a mission support grant, with Cheryl-Ann noting that request would fit into the overall allocation of our region's financial resources. Gord Dunbar suggested that we wait until the end of November and confirm an answer back for each of these requests after we have sorted out some additional governance and process issues.

Ann Harbridge suggested that existing networks and clusters need to identify themselves so that the commission can continue to support them. Cheryl-Ann said that we need to announce our mission support grants and communicate the message that others need to identify if they expect to require mission support grants in future. Cheryl-Ann noted that we

need to make sure that we don't get requests in dribs & drabs, but in a coordinated fashion. Gord Dunbar suggested this might be a future newsletter item. It was noted that there are common resources we can provide for networks – e.g., setting up conference calls, use of PayPal – which are not necessarily easy for an individual to manage and therefore simpler to provide common support to all.

**Moved by:** Marg Krauter

**Seconded by:** Ann Harbridge

That the Region 8 transition commission confirm Patti Rodgers as its representative to the New Ministries Development and Leadership Granting Committee until the conclusion of her term in June 2019.

**CARRIED**

**8. Anything Else**

No additional business was raised.

**9. Adjournment**

Gord Dunbar moved adjournment at 1010h.

Laurie O'Leary declared the meeting closed.

**Next Meeting**

- November 29/30 (Best Western Stone Ridge Conference Centre) (Region 7, 8 & 9) beginning at lunchtime on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

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Signature of Chair

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Signature of Secretary