

Executive
Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council
OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Connecting, Supporting, Transforming
Thursday, January 14, 2021

Roster: Andrea Allan, Gary Clark (President), Rod Coates (Secretary), Brent Caslick (Treasurer), Heather Leffler, Jessica Cottrell, Heather Davies, Joyce Johnston, Mark Laird (President-Elect), Tim Reaburn, Terry Smith, Micol Cottrell (Human Resources Commission), Bruce Dickson (Mission & Discipleship Commission), Norm Eygenraam (Covenant Commission)

Staff Support: Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa (Executive Minister), Sue Duliban (Executive Assistant)

Present: Andrea Allan, Brent Caslick, Gary Clark, Rod Coates, Micol Cottrell, Heather Davies, Bruce Dickson, Norm Eygenraam, Mark Laird, Heather Leffler, Sue Duliban, Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa

Regrets: Jessica Cottrell

The Executive of the Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council was called to meet via Zoom teleconference on Thursday, January 14, 2021, for the purpose of addressing a follow-up item from the meeting of December 16, 2020.

Welcome and Constitution of the Meeting

Gary Clark welcomed Executive members present and called the meeting to order at 2:33 PM. He declared the meeting constituted in the name of Jesus Christ, the one true head of the Church and by the authority invested in him by the first meeting of the Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council for whatever business may properly come before it.

Acknowledging the Land

Gary Clark stated:

We acknowledge that we live, work and worship God on the historic traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee, Anishnabe, the Neutral Nation and the Mississaugas of New Credit as well as the lands of other 1st peoples . By force these people were robbed of their land and denied their culture. Our prayer is that in love we find ways to share the land and celebrate all culture who call this land home. May our acknowledgement of truth be but the first step toward reconciliation between the 1st peoples of the land and all who have come later.

Opening Prayer

Gary Clark led in an opening prayer, asking for wisdom and guidance to meet the best interests of the congregation of Massie United Church and the decisions of the Executive.

Moved by: Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa

Seconded by: Mark Laird

That the meeting agenda be the topic of Proposal #4, from the minutes of the Executive meeting of December 16th, 2020.

CARRIED

Correspondence

Moved by: Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa

Seconded by: Andrea

That we receive the correspondence of David Shearman for information.

CARRIED

It was stated that David Shearman has been appointed pastoral charge supervisor of Massie United Church by the Covenant Commission. Cheryl-Ann said that the congregation has not yet been advised of the review articulated by Proposal #4. David Shearman's correspondence outlined the possibility of progress without initiating the review immediately, having been in conversation with the chair of the board of Massie United Church.

Moved by: Heather Davies

Seconded by: Brent Caslick

That we move to an in camera session.

CARRIED

Moved by: Heather Leffler

Seconded by: Brent Caslick

That we move out of an in camera session.

CARRIED

Moved by: Heather Leffler

Seconded by: Bruce Dickson

Having discussed the correspondence received, the Executive remains concerned for the broken relationship between the regional council and Massie United Church, and for the patterns of decision-making evident in the past two congregational meetings of Massie United Church (November 8th and December 6th, 2020) and therefore proceeds with the review of Massie United Church ordered in Proposal #4 of the December 16, 2020 meeting of Executive. The Executive appoints Rev. C. Hancock, Order of Ministry as reviewer for the fee of \$5,000 plus expenses.

CARRIED

Abstention: Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa

Moved by: Heather Davies

Seconded by: Mark Laird

That Rev. Cathy Larmond be appointed to provide pastoral care for the Massie United Church congregation.

CARRIED

Moved by: Micol Cottrell

Seconded by: Mark Laird

That Janet Isles, past secretary of Northern Waters Presbytery, be paid on a per-hour basis for her services as coordinator of the interview process.

CARRIED

Cheryl-Ann said she would provide notification to the congregation of Massie United Church, as well as communication of an announcement to the congregation from Carol Hancock.

Gary Clark closed the meeting at 4:20 with prayer.