**Congregational Support Commission**

**Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council**

**of The United Church of Canada**

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WOWRC Purpose:***Connecting, Supporting, Transforming***

WOWRC Values:***Love Unconditionally, Seek Reconciliation, Risk Courageously***

WOWRC Commitment to be***Affirming, Anti-Racist***

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July 25, 2024, **1:30 pm**

Roster: (12) Ann Harbridge (DLM, Chair), Norm Eygenraam (Lay), Lesley Fox (OM), Bruce Gregersen (OM-R), Marg Krauter (Lay), Peter Kudelka (Lay), Peter Kupfer (Lay), Sharon Norton (Lay), Colin Snyder (OM), Rebekah Duncan (OM), Roz Vincent-Haven (DM-R)

Staff Support: Rev. John Neff, Minister, Congregational Support

Sue Duliban, Executive Assistant

Regrets: Roz Vincent Haven, Bruce Gregersen

Welcome and Constitute Meeting:Ann Harbridge welcomed all and constituted the meeting in the name of Jesus Christ for all business that should come before it.

Acknowledging the Land: Ann acknowledged the land on which she lives and works.

Opening Worship: Ann Harbridge

## Opening Agreements

Approval of Agenda:

The Congregational Support Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council **agree** on the agenda.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

The Congregational Support Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council **agree t**o approve the minutes of [240619 - CSC Mtg Minutes.docx](https://unitedchurch.sharepoint.com/:w:/r/sites/WOWCSC/MeetingLibrary/240619%20-%20CSC%20Mtg%20Minutes.docx?d=w679a75c1e8894410a30b81d600912e96&csf=1&web=1&e=E84ZAm).

## Business Arising:

1. Email votes (confirmation of email votes)

**June 25, 2024**

**Cape Croker UC**

MOTION: Peter Kupfer / Bruce Gregersen: That the Congregational Support Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council support the request from Cape Croker United Church for a technology grant in the amount of $996.27, and that we forward this grant request to the National Office. CARRIED.

**July 13, 2024**

**Glen Morris UC**

MOTION: Colin Snyder/ Peter Kupfer That the Congregational Support Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council approve an exception (Manual 7.3.1) to allow for Bill Coppes to serve as a member of the Governing Body (Steward & Chair of Finance) with Glen Morris United Church for the duration of his term. CARRIED.

**Trinity Primrose Pastoral Charge - CoF Profile**

MOTION: Colin Snyder/ Peter Kupfer That the Congregational Support Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council receive the Community of Faith Profile from Trinity Primrose Pastoral Charge, including the Living Faith Story, Demographic Profile, Real Property Worksheet and Financial Viability and concur with their request to seek a minister 15 hrs / week up to category F. CARRIED.

**Blyth United Church - use of restricted funds**

MOTION: Colin Snyder/ Peter Kupfer That the Congregational Support Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council approve the request of Blyth United Church for the use of restricted funds from the sale of the manse, to be used for paving the church parking lot. Estimated cost of $45,000 (plus GST). CARRIED.

**Consent Docket**

1. Correspondence: n/a

2. Pastoral Charge Supervisors

1. Liz Dillman as PCS to St. Paul’s UC, Milverton effective July 15, 2024
2. Rudy Plug as PCS to Wasaga Beach for a meeting July 25, 2024 (Ann Harbridge isn’t avail)
3. John Neff as PCS to Emmanuel UC, Waterloo effective May 22, 2024
4. Alex Jebson as PCS to Egmondville UC effective July 24, 2024
5. Ann Harbridge as PCS to Creemore-New Lowel PC from Aug 1 – Nov 30, 2024 to cover holidays and sabbatical
6. Kathy Underwood as PCS to Kilsyth/Keady-North Derby PC effective July 25, 2024

**PCSs Needed:**

Armenian Evangelical Pastoral Charge 2/15/22

3. Documents received for information:

* 1. [Trillium UC, Cambridge - 2023 ANNUAL REPORT.pdf](https://unitedchurch.sharepoint.com/:b:/r/sites/WOWCSC/MeetingLibrary/Trillium%20UC,%20Cambridge%20-%202023%20ANNUAL%20REPORT.pdf?csf=1&web=1&e=UqgVsa)
  2. [Hope Springs UC - AnnualReport2023Final2.pdf](https://unitedchurch.sharepoint.com/:b:/r/sites/WOWCSC/MeetingLibrary/Hope%20Springs%20UC%20-%20AnnualReport2023Final2.pdf?csf=1&web=1&e=7Lvozv)
  3. [Crediton - Zion 2023 Annual Report (7-04).pdf](https://unitedchurch.sharepoint.com/:b:/r/sites/WOWCSC/MeetingLibrary/Crediton%20-%20Zion%202023%20Annual%20Report%20(7-04).pdf?csf=1&web=1&e=zri5uF)
  4. [Crediton - Zion 2023 Annual Report (7-04).pdf](https://unitedchurch.sharepoint.com/:b:/r/sites/WOWCSC/MeetingLibrary/Crediton%20-%20Zion%202023%20Annual%20Report%20(7-04).pdf?csf=1&web=1&e=zri5uF)
  5. [Dundalk 2023 Annual Report (5-13).pdf](https://unitedchurch.sharepoint.com/:b:/r/sites/WOWCSC/MeetingLibrary/Dundalk%202023%20Annual%20Report%20(5-13).pdf?csf=1&web=1&e=XaYOzt)
  6. [Hensall 2023 Annual (Financial) Report (7-04).xlsx](https://unitedchurch.sharepoint.com/:x:/r/sites/WOWCSC/MeetingLibrary/Hensall%202023%20Annual%20(Financial)%20Report%20(7-04).xlsx?d=w4b6c5a7220124c179bbdf2b98fe36380&csf=1&web=1&e=17dKmp)
  7. [2023 WC Southampton United Annual Report.docx](https://unitedchurch.sharepoint.com/:w:/r/sites/WOWCSC/MeetingLibrary/2023%20WC%20Southampton%20United%20Annual%20Report.docx?d=w5e8e1367d7a547d7b844c868628cd9e5&csf=1&web=1&e=NJzeAy)

4. Budget update - [CSC 2024 Budget](https://unitedchurch.sharepoint.com/:x:/r/sites/WOWCSC/Resources/CSC%20Budget%202024.xlsx?d=we7f92e197dbc40928a638f24718639c7&csf=1&web=1&e=WnhJSu) No changes.

5. Report from Rep to the Executive

President Jennifer Irving’s husband passed away. Prayers continue to be with her and her family.

The Covenant Commission of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council **agrees** by consensus to the Consent Docket.

## New Business:

1. Wasaga Beach UC – Proposal for Financial Support (prepared by Ann Harbridge and John Neff)

Ann Harbridge provided some background on the situation; highlighting from the proposal “this proposal aligns with the mission and values of the Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council. By supporting Wasaga Beach United Church, we are investing in the well-being and resilience of their church and community”. TUCC will be working with Wasaga Beach to come up with a building utilization plan (likely not until the fall).

Discussion on pros/cons followed. Suggestion that the phrasing “operational support” be more clearly stated recognize the support is for ministry, not propping up a building.

There was hesitancy expressed by some members in approving the proposal at this time. Much concern was expressed that providing funding could open the floodgates to many other congregations in similar straits requesting funds. Agreement that parameters are needed – what is required/what conditions need to be met, before the CSC even sends a proposal or request to the WOWRC Executive. Executive is working on establishing parameters around property funds.

Also, some members felt that they would like to see even a draft plan from Wasaga Beach before approving.

It was agreed to defer further discussion of the proposal to another meeting to provide more time for commission members to think through the proposal, come together and work on it. Ann will report back to Wasaga Beach that the commission supports what they are doing and also encourage them to work on their own plan.

**MOTION:** Peter Kupfer / Norm Eygenraam: That the Congregational Support Commission table conversation about the Wasaga Beach United Church Proposal for Financial Support to another meeting. **CARRIED.**

Next Meeting:  **September 12, 1:00 PM (2nd Thursday of the month)**

Worship by:

Land Acknowledgement:

## Adjournment