**Executive Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council**

**of The United Church of Canada**

***Connecting, Supporting, Transforming***

**Minutes**

October 16th, 2024 9:30 a.m.

**Zoom link:** <https://united-church.zoom.us/j/89840688769>

**Roster:** Jennifer Irving (President), Rebekah Duncan (President Elect), Brent Caslick (Treasurer), Dawn Blanchard (Recording Secretary), Andrea Allan, Ann Harbridge, Andrew Hyde, Beth Kerr, Cathy Larmond, Heather Leffler, Terry Smith

**Present:** Jennifer Irving (President), Rebekah Duncan (President Elect), Brent Caslick (Treasurer), Dawn Blanchard (Recording Secretary), Ann Harbridge, Andrew Hyde, Heather Leffler, Terry Smith

**Staff Support**: Mark Laird, Executive Minister, Max Watkinson Executive Assistant

**Regrets:** Beth Kerr, Cathy Larmond, Andrea Allan

**Welcome and Constitution of Meeting** Pres. Jennifer Irving: I constitute this meeting in the name of Jesus Christ, the one true head of the Church and by the authority invested in me by Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council for whatever business may properly come before it.

# Acknowledging the Land

For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality. We acknowledge that collectively we are situated on the diverse traditional lands of the Petun, Anishinabewaki, Huron-Wendat peoples. Mississauga's of the New Credit, Attawondron, Aninishinabwe, Haudenesaune, the Anishinabek Nation, the people of the three fires known as the Odawa, Ojibway and Potawatomi First Nations, the Chippewas of Saugeen, the Saugeen Ojibway Nation, Attawandaron, and Anishinabeg.

We acknowledge the enduring presence of First Nation, Métis and Inuit people on this land and are committed to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation and respect.

# Opening Worship

**Opening Agreements**

Consent Docket

Any of the following matters that require discussion can be lifted from the consent docket and voted upon separately:

A.  Enabling Actions

1. That the proposed Agenda be approved as presented.
2. That the minutes of the September 18, 2024 meeting be approved as distributed.
3. That motions be written and given to the Recording Secretary.

Approved by consensus.

That Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council (8) Executive take the following action(s):

* Chalmers Community Services Centre of The United Church of Canada

…based on the guidance received from General Council Staff, pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve BY-LAW NO 1, as approved by the members on June 6, 2024 of the incorporated ministry known as Chalmers Community Services Centre of The United Church of Canada.

...pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve Chalmers Community Services Centre of The United Church of Canada 2024-2025 Board of Directors

Crystle Avery

Dineen Beath

John Benham

Greg Hopkins

Rhondda Lymburner

Gaylyn McLean

\*Geoffrey Martin

Lucy Mutharia

David Parr

\*Kyle Reaburn

Bruce Ryan

Janet Wood

\* Board members have since resigned

Confirming Email Motion: Moved by, Heather Leffler, Seconded by Mark Laird that Western Ontario Waterways Executive submit John Adeyemi and Sungmin Jung as nominees to be category H commissioners to General Council 45. Carried on Monday Oct 14 2024

**Business Arising**

1. Commission Reports
   * + 1. Human Resources  - report submitted
       2. Discipleship and Justice - Motion to receive Ayla to D & J Commission

Moved by Brent Caslick, seconded by Heather Leffler – Carried

* + - 1. Congregational Support - verbal report given, to be added to be submitted in writing

1. Financial Update
2. Capital Grant application / PTCC (Presbyteries of Toronto Conference Corporation)  Grant Request

Discussion regarding procedure. Mark Laird to consult with PTCC

* + Approval grant application moved by Heather Leffler & seconded by Ann Harbridge - Carried

Abstentions – Terry Smith & Brent Caslick

Questions regarding awareness of grants.

1. WOW 2025 Budget
   * Consensus to present discussed budget at WOW Regional Council Fall Meeting in November 2024
2. WOW 2023 Audited Statement Motion to Accept WOW 2023 audited Statement Moved by Terry Smith & Seconded by Brent Caslick – Carried

**New Business**

1. Student and Candidate Support Network
   1. – Heather L. suggests a network that would identify students. Consensus for WOW RC Executive to be originating body to bring this proposal to WOW Regional Council in Fall Meeting November
2. Effective Transitional Leadership Training – reminder
3. Discussion of WOW Regional Council Fall meeting - reminder WOW Regional Council Fall Meeting Nov.16th . Celebration of Ministry to be held at Grace United Church Hanover at 3 pm. November 17, 2024
   1. CSC, D&J, and Congregational Support written reports to Michele by Nov 6th , 2024

**Final observances / Check out**

**Candle Extinguishing / Adjournment**

**Next Meeting: December 18, 2024**