

April 15, 2020

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA  
SHINING WATERS REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a meeting of the  
Communities of Faith Commission  
Wednesday, April 15, 2020**

The Communities of Faith Commission of Shining Waters Regional Council met on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 by video conference call. The meeting began at 10:00 a.m.

**Present:**

Christine Smaller (Chairperson), Carolyn Harding, Calin Lau, Ross Leckie, Amy Lee, Kevin Logie, Sandra Nottegar, Emma Pipes, Cindy Randall, Harry Ramsaran, Gloria Tozek

Jody Maltby (Staff Lead)

**Welcome, check in and prayer**

The chairperson welcomed everyone, gave an acknowledgement of the land, and acknowledged our commitment to being a safe place for all people to gather and participate in our Region. She offered a prayer poem, *Lockdown*, by Brother Richard Hendrick. Members checked in.

The chairperson constituted the meeting in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Agenda**

**MOTION** by Amy Lee/Ross Leckie that the agenda be approved as presented.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**Minutes**

**MOTION** by Carolyn Harding/Sandra Nottegar that the Minutes of the meeting of the Communities of Faith Commission of Shining Waters Regional Council dated March 18, 2020 be approved as circulated.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**College Street United Church – Interim Ministry**

**MOTION** by Harry Ramsaran/Kevin Logie that upon recommendation by the Intentional Interim Ministry Committee, the Communities of Faith Commission of Shining Waters Regional Council approve the request of College Street United Church, Toronto, for an intentional interim minister.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**West Hill United Church, Scarborough**

The commission reviewed the documentation provided by West Hill United Church, along with the legal opinion provided by Graham Andrews SMM Law Professional Corporation. The chair welcomed Rev. Gretta Vosper, Michael Lawrie (chair) and Annie DePide (administrator) from West Hill United Church. The commission had the opportunity to ask questions about the proposed sale.

The chair thanked the representatives from West Hill United Church and they left the meeting.

The commission considered the documentation and presentation.

**MOTION** by Sandra Nottegar/Gloria Tozek that the Communities of Faith Commission of Shining Waters Regional Council approve the Agreement of Purchase and Sale between Boys & Girls Club of East Scarborough and The Trustees of West Hill Congregation of The United Church of Canada, in the amount of Three Million, Six Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$3,650,000), for the property at 62 Orchard Park Drive, legally described as Pt Lot 14, Plan 2253, as in SC298319, SC190807, SC101230, except SC362585 and Pt 1 64R6071, in the City of Toronto; and that this approval is conditional upon the approval by this Commission of the final Lease Agreement between the parties.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**Congregations – Funding, Covid-19 Pandemic**

**MOTION** by Kevin Logie/Cindy Randall that the Communities of Faith Commission of Shining Waters Regional Council approve that the Staff Lead may approve an application from a congregation for a United Church Pandemic Response Bridging Loan of up to \$10,000 to assist with salary and other expenses while churches are closed due to Covid-19 pandemic.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Ross Leckie/Harry Ramsaran that the Communities of Faith Commission of Shining Waters Regional Council authorize the Staff Lead, in exceptional circumstances where the funds are available, to approve up to \$100,000 from restricted funds to support salary and expenses as a result of Covid-19 pandemic. This authority will be terminated upon the commission's instruction. The Staff Lead will provide monthly tracking and reporting.

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The Staff Lead will require a motion from the governing body and financial documentation to consider the request.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**Closing**

Ross Leckie closed the meeting with a prayer and the meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

**Next Meeting**

May 20, 2020, 9:30 – 12:30 via Zoom, Jody Maltby will lead worship.