Welcome and

Quorum Constitution of

the Court

Newport and

Ste. Croix-

<u>Pastoral</u>

Charges

**Ellershouse** 

### THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA **REGIONAL COUNCIL 15** March 19, 2019

Riverview United Church, Elmsdale, NS

**ATTENDANCE** Attendance

Krista Anderson, Ross Bartlett, Elaine Gray, Peter Hardy, David LeBlanc, Catherine MacDonald, Faith March-MacCuish, Fay Smith, Carol Smith, Janet Sollows, Joyce Wylie.

**REGRETS** Regrets

Anne Cameron, Alicia Cox, William Drysdale, Derek Elsworth, Allison Etter, Ruth Gamble, April Hart, Max Martin, Beverley McDonald, Jane McDonald (Corresponding Member), Donald Morrison, Donna Tourneur.

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

Opening Prayer The meeting opened with prayer.

QUORUM AND CONSTITUTION OF THE COURT

Catherine MacDonald noted that a quorum was present, constituted the court and acknowledged the land.

**MINUTES Minutes** 

**MOTION:** (David LeBlanc/Carol Smith)

That the minutes from the March 5, 2019 meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE** Correspondence

1. Newport and Ste. Croix-Ellershouse Pastoral Charges - Email From David Hewitt requesting permission for experimental ministry. Following meetings between representatives of the congregations of the Newport Pastoral Charge and the Ste. Croix-Ellershouse Pastoral Charge, the congregations have approved that the Rev. Kevin Cox will do pulpit supply at the Ste. Croix-Ellershouse Pastoral Charge for a three-month trial period starting March 17, 2019. The hours of worship approved by both congregations are to be: Newport Pastoral Charge at 9:45am; Ste. Croix-Ellershouse Pastoral Charge at 11:15am. At the end of the three-month trial, if everyone is satisfied with the arrangement, Rev. Kevin Cox intends to apply for the part time ministry position at Ste. Croix-Ellershouse Pastoral Charge.

MOTION: (Janet Sollows/Elaine Gray)

That we concur with the request of the Pastoral Charges to enter a three month trial in shared ministry.

CARRIED

(Krista Anderson declared a conflict of interest and did not participate in the discussion).

**DIVISION OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION** 

Youth Forum

The Division of Finance and Administration recommends the availability of up to \$100 (one hundred) for each participant in Youth Forum or I@C for the year 2019. We feel this funding should be reflected in future budgets and that future subsidies will be decided based on approximate numbers in attendance the previous year(s). It is important to support our youth as they are the future of our church.

Division of Finance and <u>Administration</u>

Youth Forum

MOTION: (Carol Smith/David LeBlanc)

That the Executive concur with the decision of the Division of Finance and Administration supporting Youth and I@C.

CARRIED

# Orchard Valley UC

## Orchard Vailey United Church

Orchard Valley United Church has permission from their congregation to move forward with what we might call *Phase 1* of their possible expansion of their existing facility. This phase would include "environment assessment, land acquisition, design engineer-firm and lawyer to represent us" to quote their email. They are asking permission from the Region to start this process. To properly evaluate whether they can use the existing property they need to spend money on the services mentioned above. The committee felt that this was necessary work that they would need to do for their due diligence for the congregation. The congregation is well equipped financially to support this work. As there is a need to move forward with this, the Division recommends that they be given a limit of \$50,000 (fifty thousand) that they could use for the above *Phase 1* work. If at any time this *Phase 1* work were to possibly exceed this amount they would need to make a further request to the Region.

MOTION: (Joyce Wylie/Fay Smith)

That the Regional Council Executive support the recommendation regarding Phase 1 of the Orchard Valley proposal (up to \$50,000 (fifty thousand)).

**CARRIED** 

#### Riverport PC

#### Riverport Pastoral Charge

The Congregation received a Faithful Footprint grant through the United Church of Canada to help with the preservation of their building (insulation) and equipping it with more energy efficient heating system (heat pumps). Between the grant and money raised by the congregation they have the funds to complete the work. They are asking the Region for permission to start the work and utilize the grant as they have a limited window for the labour to get the work done. The Division recommends the approval for Riverport to move ahead with the work and utilize the grant received.

MOTION: (David LeBlanc/Janet Sollows)

That the Executive grant Trinity United Church, Riverport Pastoral Charge, permission to proceed and employ the grant.

CARRIED

#### Mileage Rate

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The Division of Finance and Administration recommend the mileage rate for committee work for the year 2019 be set at \$.30/km (thirty cents per kilometer). This is the same rate as from the years 2013-2018. Until we get a measurement of the needs for the Region, we feel it would be appropriate to maintain the status quo.

MOTION: (Elaine Gray/Joyce Wylie)

That the Executive concur with the recommendation of the Division and set the 2019 mileage rate at \$.30/km (thirty cents per kilometer).

CARRIED

Negative vote recorded: David Leblanc

GOVERNANCE		Governance
MOTION: (David LeBlanc/Krista Anderson)		Quorum
If a Division/Committee has sufficient men stated membership (at least 1/3 of those Document) they have permission to act undo Document.	positions named in the Governance	
	CARRIED	
MOTION: (David LeBlanc/Carol Smith)  That those members of the Executive who are not Regional Council representatives from Communities of Faith have their lodging and meals at the annual meeting covered. (2019 only)		Annual
		Meeting
	CARRIED	
(Krista Anderson and Elaine Gray abstained from the	vote).	
NEXT MEETING		Next Meeting
Directory of Divisions and Standing Committees.		Directory of
ADJOURNMENT		
The business being concluded, the President declared the meeting adjourned.  BENEDICTION		Committees
		Adjournment
The President closed the meeting with prayer.		<u>Benediction</u>
Catherine MacDonald President	Ross Bartlett Secretary	