

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA  
FIRST DAWN EASTERN EDGE REGIONAL COUNCIL  
**REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE**  
April 27, 2021 at 3:00pm via video conference

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**ATTENDANCE**

Attendance

Bob Bennett, Elizabeth Dawson, Paula Gale, Peggy Johnson, Faith March-MacCuish, Christopher Mazhandu, Simon Muwowo, Debra Sparkes-Mercer, Grant Stuckless, Paul Vardy, Roy West.

**WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER**

Welcome

The President thanked the members for their attendance at this special meeting of the Executive and opened the meeting with prayer.

Opening Prayer

**QUORUM AND CONSTITUTION OF THE COUNCIL**

Quorum

The President, Peggy Johnson, noted that a quorum was present and constituted the council in the name of Jesus Christ, for all the business that shall properly come before it.

Constitution of the Council

**ACKNOWLEDGING THE LAND**

Acknowledging the Land

The President, Peggy Johnson acknowledged the territory on which we gather. We strive for respectful partnerships with all the peoples of this land as we work towards healing and reconciliation.

**AGENDA**

Agenda

This special meeting of the Executive was called to deal with the following items:

1. Minutes for Approval
2. Budget 2022
3. Audited Financial Statements 2021
4. Justice, Mission and Outreach Structure

**MOTION:** (Debra Sparkes-Mercer/Bob Bennett)

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES**

Minutes

**MOTION:** (Grant Stuckless/Roy West)

That the minutes of the March 9, 2021 meeting of Executive be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING**

Business Arising

**CLARENVILLE REVIEW REPORT**

Clarenville Review Report

The Executive Minister reported that the review report has been completed and sent to the official board and the minister. The next steps will be to have an Executive meeting to receive the review report and to hear from members of the pastoral charge regarding the recommendations.

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**REGIONAL COUNCIL SERVICES AND SUPPORT**

Regional Council Services and Support

**Broadview Regional Report**

Broadview

Simon Muwowo reported that the communications committee has reviewed the proposal from *Broadview*, including the associated costs, and recommends that the region not proceed at this time. The committee will focus on its initiatives to develop an e-connect good news newsletter for the region, as well as encouraging subscriptions to *Broadview*.

Justice, Mission and Outreach**Justice, Mission and Outreach Structure**

Simon Muwowo reported that the Division of Regional Council Services and Support has met to discuss the issue of where the Justice, Mission and Outreach work within the region would fall in the governance structure. The Division recommends that this work be carried out as a team within the Division. The Executive discussed this recommendation and brought the following motion:

**MOTION:** (Simon Muwowo/Roy West)

That Justice, Mission and Outreach be named a new team in the governance structure, reporting through the Division of Regional Council Services and Support.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:** (Simon Muwowo/Grant Stuckless)

That the report of the Division be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

Finance and Administrative Resources**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE RESOURCES****Budget 2022**Budget 2022

Roy West, Chair of the Division of Finance and Administrative resources, presented the draft budget for 2022. The chair noted that this budget is based on estimates, given that we have just completed a pandemic year and as a result there are still many unknowns regarding "regular" operations.

**MOTION:** (Roy West/Bob Bennett)

That the draft budget for 2022 be accepted as presented and that it be brought to the regional council annual meeting on May 15, 2021 for approval.

**CARRIED**

Audited Financial Statements**2020 Audited Statements**

Roy West presented the 2020 audited statements to the Executive. The auditors have stated that the statements *present fairly the financial position of the regional council*. It was also noted that the reports outline the restricted and unrestricted funds of the region very clearly.

**MOTION:** (Roy West/Paul Vardy)

That the 2020 audited financial statements be received as presented and that they be brought to the regional council annual meeting on May 15, 2021.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:** (Roy West/Christopher Mazhandu)

Auditor

That MNP be named as the auditor for 2021 for the First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council.

**CARRIED**

Camp Insurance**Camp Insurance**

The chair noted that the United Church camps are struggling as a result of the pandemic. The Executive Minister approached the insurance company to inquire as to whether the camps could receive a break on insurance premiums. The response received was that vacant camps actually pose a greater risk and no reduction of fees is possible at this time.

The chair brings this issue to the Executive for future consideration, as the three camps are likely under some financial strain. This item will be discussed by the division and brought to the June meeting of the Executive.

**BENEDICTION**

Benediction

Grant Stuckless, President-Elect, closed the meeting with prayer.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment

**MOTION:** (Paula Gale/Bob Bennett)

That having no further business, the meeting adjourn.

**CARRIED**

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Rev. Peggy Johnson  
President

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Rev. Faith March-MacCuish  
Executive Minister