

ATTENDANCE

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Amanda Barnes, Bob Bennett, Jocelyn Cook, Elizabeth Dawson, Oliver Dingwell, Paula Gale, Faith March-MacCuish, Gneid Lackey, James Ravenscroft, Debra Sparkes Mercer, Roy West.

REGRETS

Regrets

Nancy Mojica-Fisher, Paul Vardy.

WELCOME

Welcome

Amanda Barnes, President, welcomed members and thanked those gathered for attending this additional meeting of the Executive.

QUORUM AND CONSTITUTION OF THE COUNCIL

Quorum

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

Constitution of the Council

ACKNOWLEDGING THE LAND

Acknowledging the Land

The President began the meeting by acknowledging the land on which we gather. The island of Newfoundland is the ancestral homeland of the Mi'Kmaq and Beothuk. We also recognize the Inuit and the Innu as the original people of Labrador. We strive for respectful partnerships with all the peoples of this province as we search for collective healing and true reconciliation.

AGENDA

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It was noted that the purpose of this meeting is to receive a presentation from Kindred Works regarding the feasibility study for development of the vacant land at 320 Elizabeth Avenue, as agreed at the April 9, 2024 meeting of the Executive.

(Oliver Dingwell joined the meeting)

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

Corresponding Members

MOTION: (Paula Gale/Jocelyn Cook)

That Kindred Works presenters, Miriam Bowlby and Carly Forrester, be corresponding members of the May 2, 2024 meeting of the Executive.

CARRIED

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

Welcome

The members of the Kindred Works team were welcomed to the Executive meeting. Executive Members took time to introduce themselves to the presenters. The President, Amanda Barnes, opened the meeting with prayer.

Opening Prayer

KINDRED WORKS

Kindred Works

Miriam Bowlby and Carly Forrester of Kindred Works presented the preliminary concept for the proposed site development on the property at 320 Elizabeth Avenue. The current presentation proposes new building construction on the regional council land. The land is currently designated as institutional, which includes use for churches, universities, and community spaces. In terms of redevelopment, currently residential use is not permitted, so a Municipal Plan Amendment would be required.

The proposed building is a 6 (six) story timber construction, containing 103 (one hundred and three) units. This proposed building would take approximately 25 (twenty-five) months to construct.

Currently, financial programs are available to support residential housing development, however it is proposed that the first floor be designated for office or retail space, if this could still fit within the parameters for funding sources. It was noted that the St. James United Church property is not incorporated in this current proposal. It was agreed by the Executive that the regional council would like to see options which include the use of the properties at 320 - 330 Elizabeth Avenue, with space for the regional council office and archives; as well as two individual plans for each property. It was agreed that the proposal be revised in-keeping with these considerations and re-presented at the June 26, 2024 meeting of the Executive.

(Miriam Bowlby and Carly Forrester left the meeting)

It was agreed that the Executive Minister would be in contact with the small group, which had been formed by the Executive to investigate uses for the vacant property, to solicit their advice and recommendations moving forward.

Closing
Prayer

CLOSING PRAYER

The President, Amanda Barnes, closed the meeting with prayer.

Next Meeting

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The next meeting of the Executive is scheduled on June 26, 2024 via Zoom Video Conferencing. It was agreed that the meeting time be changed to 9:00am, in order to accommodate the Kindred Works presentation at 10:00am. It was noted that Debra Sparkes-Mercer has offered to lead opening devotions.

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the President declared that the meeting adjourn.

Rev. Amanda Barnes
President

Rev. Faith March-MacCuish
Executive Minister