

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Members: Bette Ashley, JD Kennedy, Delena Powell, Faith March-MacCuish, Rachel Campbell, David Atwood

Purpose: “The Property Committee is responsible for receiving, reviewing, and deciding all property request from communities of faith, and incorporated bodies of The United Church of Canada within its boundaries, in consultation with the Executive Minister all property request from matters before the committee.”

The committee was very active in 2025 processing a number of requests for property approvals. In addition to requests, there were several questions about the procedures to follow when a property transaction is in the planning stage or forthcoming.

Summery of activity - The committee has met many times for approval of the following activities.

Renovations of existing properties	Properties totalling \$333,251
Sale of Properties	Properties totalling \$486,900
Distribution of funds from sale	4 approved
Grant Request	4 approved
Loan request	2 approved
Transfer of cemetery property entity	2 approved

Monies raised from property sales are shared with the Pastoral Charge and a portion is redistributed within the Region to support new ministry initiatives, archives and property funds. A recent change to the funds, is that each fund has been capped, and excess will be applied to other funds as deemed necessary by the property committee in conjunction with the Financial and Mission Services Committee.

Also, congregations can apply for funds from the Property Fund to assist with the cost of dealing with abandoned or about to be abandoned cemeteries.

Respectfully submitted,
Bette Ashley
Acting Chair