

## Grace United Church Council Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2020

Executive		Committee Representatives	
Chair	Kirk Wilson ✓	AOTS	Al Grimwood ✓
Vice-Chair	Regan Pfaff-MacDonald ✓	Christian Development	X
Past-Chair	Barb Baxter ✓	Communications	Christopher Cooke ✓
Secretary	Diana Fisher x	Congregational Care & Growth	Iris Murtha ✓
Treasurer	Wayne Pease ✓	Finance	Bob Newman ✓
Ministry	Pat Morrison ✓	Regional Rep	X
		Outreach	Paul Cooper ✓
		Ministry & Personnel	John Cooke ✓
		Planning	X
		Property	X
		Proclamation & Special Events	X
		Trustees	Pete Melanson ✓
		Worship	Val Adamson ✓

### Pastoral Searching Committee

Bruce Davies ✓  
 Leslie Veldman ✓  
 Vernon Chiles ✓  
 Paige Ferguson ✓  
 Karen Morrison-Siklosi x

Regional Council Liaison – David Hewitson ✓

✓ = Present

Meeting was convened at ~4:05 pm. A quorum was in attendance.

John Cooke agreed to record the meeting minutes in the absence of Diana Fisher.

### 1. Approval of the Agenda

The meeting agenda was announced as:

1. Receive a recommendation from the Pastoral Searching Committee.
2. Update Council on the Church Re-Opening Plan

### MOTION to approve the agenda.

Bob Newman/Barb Baxter. Carried

### 2. Pastoral Search Committee Recommendation

The members of the Committee and David Hewitson, the Regional Council Liaison, were welcomed to the meeting. Bruce described the Committee's activity as an intense project and outlined the Committee's work as:

Training provided by David Hewitson  
 Reviewed ChurchHub profiles for ministers interested in moving to Antler River Watershed Region.

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Received applications from Ministers responding directly to the position vacancy.  
Conducted 4 first interviews and 2 second interviews.  
Selected 1 candidate and conducted reference checks.  
Negotiated the terms of the call, assisted by John Cooke.

Bruce outlined the candidate's academic background, ministry experience, qualifications and attributes. The Committee believes the candidate will be an excellent fit for Grace. The four references provided positive comments about the candidate. Committee members also offered comments in support of the candidate. Bruce and John Cooke reviewed the proposed terms of the call. One outstanding issue will be resolved before July 5. Bruce and the Committee responded to several questions about the merits of the candidate and the proposed terms of the call.

### **MOTION that Council endorse the recommendation of the Pastoral Search Committee.**

Chris Cooke/Bob Newman. Carried

The Chair and Val Adamson offered their thanks to the Committee on behalf of Council for an awesome job.

Council also expressed thanks to David Hewitson for his support to both the Supply Minister Search Committee and the Permanent Minister Search Committee.

A Congregational Meeting will be called for Sunday, July 5, 2020 to continue the process of calling a new minister.

Pastoral Search Committee members were excused from the meeting.

### **3. Church Re-Opening Plan Update**

The Chair advised that Council Executive met on June 23 to discuss potential for church building reopening now that Ontario has given the OK to go to phase 2 in the pandemic protocol. Council Executive passed the following motions:

MOTION: That Grace building remain closed and worship remain online-only until September 13, 2020, with Grace Exec revisiting the decision in mid-August.

MOTION: Strike an ad hoc 'Reopening Committee' responsible for reviewing guidelines from government and the United Church of Canada, consisting of membership from the following committees to process input from Grace staff and the committees of Council toward creating a comprehensive plan for how and when to reopen the building and equip Exec with this plan in time for the mid-August meeting: Worship, M&P, Property, Outreach, a member of Council Exec, the minister, and Office Administrator.

Following the Council Executive meeting, representatives identified were: Pat Morrison, Lori Armstrong, Regan Pfaff-MacDonald and Marion Staples. Representatives from Worship, M&P, and Outreach are to be named by July 1.

Meeting adjourned at 5:12 pm.

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Kirk Wilson, Council Chair

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Diana Fisher, Council Secretary