



MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE

Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE
The United Church of Canada

30 April 2014
CONFERENCE CALL

PRESENT	Don Seaton, Stephen Hershey, Bari Castle, Leslie Stirling, Norma Fraser (Chair), Leslie Ross (Secretary), Irene Hart, Joanne Koster (Youth Minister), and Reta Robertson. Guests: Rob Couch, Chair of the Property and Manse Working Unit, and Marion Best, Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Oasis United Church while the minister, Carol Shatford, is on sabbatical.
REGRETS	Ian Fraser and Ivy Thomas (Conference Minister)
AUTHORITY & CALL TO ORDER	Pursuant to the authority of the Spring Meeting (February 14-16, 2014) of Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery (KOP), the Executive of KOP was Called to Order at 10:05 am. Don Seaton convened the call; Norma Fraser (Chair) presided. A quorum was present. The meeting was called so that Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery could determine whether it would give consent to a proposed land purchase by Oasis United Church. The purchase agreement included a subject that this decision needed to be made by April 30, 2014.
OPENING PRAYER	Norma Fraser led us in prayer.
AGENDA	Norma Fraser explained the procedure for this meeting: the motion would be read into the minutes, Rob Couch and Marion Best would provide background information, each member would be given an opportunity to ask questions and provide comment, and the vote would be taken.
PROPERTY DECISION MOTION	<p>Motion: (Don Seaton / Irene Hart) That Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery gives consent to the purchase of those lands and premises at 3693 Skaha Lake Road, Penticton BC, V2A 7K2, more particularly known as: PID: 010-244-891 Lot A Plan 5761 Except Plan KAP9478 DL 189 SDYD pursuant to a contract of purchase and sale dated March 24, 2014 between The Trustees of the Congregation of Oasis United Church (purchaser) and Home By The Sea Holdings Ltd. (seller) for a price of \$645,000.00, with the following condition:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Oasis United Church receive further Presbytery approval for the financing of this purchase before June 20, 2014 (or such later date as Presbytery may allow). <p>Carried.</p>
DISCUSSION PRIOR TO VOTE	At the start of the discussion, Norma Fraser thanked Rob Couch for the extent and diligence of the work he has been doing with the Oasis United Church congregation on behalf of Presbytery. She also referred to the e-mail received from Ivy Thomas in which gratitude was expressed for the professional perspectives that Rob Couch and Don Seaton are able to bring to the discussion so that an informed decision can be made. Rob Couch reported that he had attended a Sunday worship service and congregational meeting on April 6 th and has viewed the property. The congregation is quite excited and very

positive about the possibility of purchasing the property. He provided financial information and explained some of the future challenges.

Marion Best reported on the Oasis United Church’s Board Meeting that she attended at which the property purchase was discussed and informed us that the Board had received communication from Carol Shatford supporting the proposal to purchase the property.

Don Seaton reported that, as per *The Manual* requirement, Penticton United Church had been consulted regarding Oasis United Church’s proposed purchase. The response of its Executive of Council and Trustees had been circulated by e-mail and was considered.

ACTION FOLLOWING VOTE

The Property and Manse Working Unit will communicate the decision to Oasis United Church including the Executive’s encouragement that the congregation continues working with the Property and Manse Working Unit regarding all aspects of the purchase process.

Marion Best noted that Oasis United Church’s next Board Meeting is May 15, 2014 and that the Purchase Agreement states it is “subject to the Congregation of Oasis United Church approval to proceed with this purchase and sale on or before May 30th, 2014.” For Marion Best to be present, the congregational meeting would need to be held May 18th. She will remind them of the requirements for calling a congregational meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Norma Fraser closed the meeting with prayer at 10:57 am.

Norma Fraser, Chair

Leslie Ross, Secretary

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