

Property Commission
November 14, 2024

Attendance: Ken Thomas, Chair, Wayne Sanderson, Dwight Rutherford (corresponding member), Chuck Ross

Lynne Sanderson, co-chair of the Regional Council Executive, joined the meeting to discuss some property concerns, specifically the sale of a building for a nominal fee when the congregation closed still having outstanding debts. It was agreed that in the future the commission will confirm the financial obligations of a congregation when disposing of property for less than FMV. There followed a further conversation on regional property matters

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 am and quorum was confirmed. Opening prayer by Wayne and acknowledging the territory by Ken. Chuck Ross joined the meeting. Dwight Rutherford left the meeting.

Motion 2024 - 40

Moved by Chuck, seconded by Wayne, that the minutes of October 24, 2024 be approved. Carried.

Motions 2024-41

Moved by Wayne, seconded by Chuck, that Prairie to Pine Property Commission give its consent to the listing for sale of certain Real Property, the legal description of which is PCL5723SEC DKF, LT 15 S/S KING ST PL M226 EXCEPT PT 2 & 3,23 R4030;S/T LT59934; DRYDEN, and the civic address is 23 Van Horne Ave, Dryden, ON. subject to real estate appraisal. Carried.

Ken provided an update on the two day visit by representatives of United Property Resource Corporation, Nov. 12 & 13. With the UPRC reps, visits were held at Churchill Park, Westworth and Westminster churches to discuss possible projects. UPRC provided a presentation at Windsor Park UC in person and via Zoom. On Wednesday, there was a tour of Augustine and meetings with the Centre Board and representatives of AUC Council. The Regional Trust is now in place.

Ken also provided an update on a meeting with St. Mary's Road project rep and reps from Releven, formerly Trinity, who are assisting SMRUC. They are now sending out an RFP to prospective developers for the redevelopment of the site.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the future of church properties. There is a developing concern within Winnipeg over the number of church buildings that already are or will soon be looking to repurpose, redevelop or sell the property. The church is holding millions of dollars of property, much of which is

becoming surplus. Commission members are concerned that a new approach is needed for the future of urban properties, and in some cases, rural properties. It was agreed further consideration needs to be given to these issues.

Ken reported that he had been approached by Releven for a list of Winnipeg churches, as they would like to host a survey in Winnipeg of potential clients. The commission agreed that we would prefer to facilitate a survey using regional resources and using UPRC as consultants, as they are a United Church entity, and can provide assistance at no cost.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Submitted

Ken Thomas, Chair