

Prairie to Pine Property Commission
July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Members: Kenneth Allison, Chuck Ross, Wayne Sanderson, Ken Thomas, Dwight Rutherford
(Corresponding)

The Commission met 12 times during the year and passed 18 motions.

Consent to list or seek to sell property - 9
Consent to sell property- 4 (3 rural and 1 urban church.)
Amendments to existing sale agreements - 2
Consent for renovation -1
Consent to demolish building - 1
Consent to lease church property for a cell tower - 1

The Regional Executive approved a recommendation from the commission to amend the formula for disbursement from the sale of church property. The region is experiencing more sales of valuable urban property, and this trend is expected to continue. The new policies will increase contributions to M & S and Indigenous Ministries and make more funds available to the region to enable regional initiatives. The new policies do not affect the sale of small rural churches under \$100,000.

The commission is also providing consultation and oversight on five major church repurposing projects in Winnipeg and facilitating early-stage exploration of another.

In the 2024 report it was noted that work was proceeding with establishing a regional trust. The regional trust has been established, but its operation in this region is still unclear and no churches have been transferred to the trust. The commission is seeking clarification and perhaps some amendment to how it operates.

As sales and development projects become larger and more complex, confidentiality is becoming a bigger issue for the commission.

Submitted,

Rev. Ken Thomas (Chair)