

Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council
Meeting of the Executive
Thursday, March 9, 2023 – 9 a.m.

Living Mission Statement for the Regional Council

- *Supporting and enhancing the ministry of Communities of Faith*
- *Supporting Ministry Personnel, Staff and Lay Leadership in Communities of Faith*
- *Supporting and nurturing Right Relations, Social and Ecological Justice*
 - *Supporting people in all seasons of life*
 - *Supporting and building Communications*

MOTIONS

2023-03-09_001 MOTION (T. Burnett-Cole/T. Demirdjian-Petro) That the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive appoints Nancy Hazen as Equity Monitor for this meeting. **CARRIED**

2023-03-09_002 MOTION (J. Allen/L. Church) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive accepts the Minutes of February 9, 2023 as circulated. **CARRIED**

2023-02-09_003 MOTION (T. Demirdjian-Petro/C. Ryan) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive accepts the agenda as circulated. **CARRIED**

2023-02-09_004 MOTION (C. Ruda/C. Ryan) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive extend appreciation to Carolyn Ruda for her service on the Executive over the past three years, and also extend well wishes to her and her husband as they move into the future. **CARRIED**

2023-03-09_005 MOTION (C. Casey/T. Demirdjian-Petro) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive, on the recommendation of Finance Team, approves the ministerial plan and sales proceeds investment plan of St. Andrews United Church (Matawatchan). **CARRIED**

2023-03-09_006 MOTION (J. Allen/N. Hazen) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive amend motion 2023-02-09 to include the name of buyer and sale price of Knox United Church (Edwards):

That the East Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive on the recommendation of its Property Leadership Team, give permission to Knox United Church (Edwards), situated at 1450 Yorks Corners Road, Edwards, Ontario, K0A 1V0, being Part 3 on Plan 4R-15764 being the original property that the church was on - approximately .25 acres; Part Lot 5, Concession 9, being Part 2 on same R-Plan (approximately 4.6 acres and the part that the church now sits on) City of Ottawa, to sell to Afghan Ja'afari Cultural Center, for the sale price of \$601,000.00.

RESOLVED further that the Regional Council accepts the undertaking of the Trustee of Knox United Church (Edwards) to provide a disbursement plan of all assets subject to Regional Council policy for approval at a future Executive meeting. **CARRIED**

2023-03-09_007 MOTION (T. Demirdjian-Petro/L. Church) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive authorize Rev. Eric Hebert-Daly, Executive Minister, as representative of the Regional Council, to sign the agreement letter between Kindred Works, Trustees of Merrickville and Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council. **CARRIED**

2023-03-09_008 MOTION (J. Allen/C. Casey) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive reconsiders the motions approving the disbandment of the Oxford Mills (excerpts below) to allow sufficient time

for Oxford Mills United Church to discern within a sound visioning process, the creative possibilities for amalgamation.

2022-10-13_011 MOTION (J. Allen/L. Gardiner) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive approves the request of Oxford Mills United Church to set Dec 31/2022 as the disbanding date, and Dec 4 as the Decommissioning Service date. CARRIED

2022-10-13_012 MOTION (L. Church/J. Allen) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive authorizes the current Trustees of Oxford Mills United Church, namely Don Clarke, Douglas Therrien and Grant Birtch to continue on behalf on the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council until such time as the property has been sold, and all assets dispersed as per a plan to be submitted following the joint Rural United Ministry meeting on October 19, 2022. CARRIED

2023-02-09_007 MOTION (J. Allen/N. Hazen) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive, on the recommendation of its Property Leadership Team, concurs with the request of the trustees of Oxford Mills United Church to sell their church property at 42 Water Street, Oxford Mills, Ontario, K0G 1S0, being Lt 40 NE/S Water St, 42 NE/S Water St Pl 4 Oxford Mills; North Grenville together with an easement over Pt 3, 15R11182 as in GC13071, to Capital Marketing Wholesalers Inc. for the sum of \$255,500.00 on the terms of the Agreement of Purchase and Sale dated January 18, 2023.

RESOLVED further that the Regional Council accepts the undertaking of the Trustee of Oxford Mills United Church to provide a disbursement plan of all assets subject to Regional Council policy for approval at a future Executive meeting. CARRIED

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2023-03-09_009 MOTION (J. Allen/L. Church) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive clarifies that liquid assets and property (real) assets be treated separately and the Policy Regarding Proceeds from the Sale of Property apply to both. **CARRIED**

2023-03-09_010 MOTION (J. Allen/T. Demirdjian-Petro) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive receive the recommendation from the Finance Leadership to adopt a policy which allows Communities of Faith to garner revenue by transferring up to 5% of the total value of the invested funds as of December 31 in the prior year, as long as the original investment remains intact. **CARRIED**

2023-03-09_011 MOTION (C. Casey/C. Ryan) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive receive the recommendation from the Finance Leadership, as a follow up to the August 15, 2022 communication to Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council, and establish the Zion Memorial Apple Hill Legacy Fund with the following terms of reference:

1. An Annual income will be granted from the Legacy Fund of Zion United Church, Apple Hill Pastoral Charge in keeping with the investment policy of Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council, for the purposes of providing a fully paid Gathering Day or perhaps even a weekend retreat or a series of learning event for Licensed Lay Worship Leaders.
2. If proceeds from the annual investment exceed the costs of the weekend retreat or learning event, providing funds for other retreats and learning events for ministry personnel or lay leadership in the church is permissible.

3. If the ministry of Lay Licensed Worship Leaders ceases to exist, the legacy fund would be used to fund learning events for the successor ministry or for those engaged in church leadership.

CARRIED

2023-03-09_012 MOTION (C. Casey/T. Burnett-Cole) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive, on the recommendation of the Finance Leadership Team adopt the Education Bursary Guidelines as distributed.

2023-03-09_013 MOTION (T. Demirdjian-Petro/L. Church) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive receives the minutes and recommendations of the Pastoral Relations Commission from meetings held on February 14, 2023 for information. **CARRIED**

2023-03-09_014 MOTION (T. Demirdjian-Petro/J. Allen) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive receive the recommendation of the Pastoral Relations Commission to extend the licence to administer the Sacraments to October 31, 2023 of Bev Buckingham (DLM), while she serves in her appointment at Parkdale United Church (it had previously been granted up to June 30, 2023). **CARRIED**

2023-03-09_015 MOTION (C. Ryan/T. Burnett-Cole) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive, on the recommendation of the Affirm Leadership Team, approve the following proposal to amend the Living Mission Statement as follows, and recommend to the Regional Council:

The Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council seeks to support and strengthen the ministries of its communities of faith, as well as the ministry personnel, staff and lay leadership within those communities.

As we seek to carry out this ministry, we will be intentional about how we include all in Christ's love and service. This means that in our work as a Regional Council we will actively seek equity for the full diversity of God's creation; seeking racial justice, identifying and dismantling colonialism, celebrating all sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, valuing linguistic and cultural diversity, seeking to include all those living with disabilities and who face challenges with their mental and physical health or social and economic circumstances.

We will carry out our ministry with people in all seasons of life, nurturing right relations and emphasizing the importance of ecological justice and sanctity. We will work to effectively and respectfully communicate with one another so that no one is left behind. **CARRIED**

2023-03-09_016 MOTION (T. Burnett-Cole/C. Ryan) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive receive and approve the recommendation from the Nominations Leadership Team to add Sharon Sanderson (a LLWL) to the Licensed Lay Worship Leadership Team. **CARRIED**

2023-03-09_017 MOTION (T. Demirdjian-Petro/L. Church) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive receive and approve the recommendation from the Nominations Leadership Team to add Phyllis MacRae to the Property Leadership Team. **CARRIED**

2023-03-09_018 MOTION (T. Demirdjian-Petro/C. Ryan) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive receive and approve the recommendation from the Nominations Leadership Team to add the following people to serve on the Setting Our Sights Working Group: Cindy Casey (OM), Liz Church (L), David Clemis (L), Paul Dillman (OM), Mary Ruth Endicott (L), Kimberly Heath (OM), Mary Royal Duczek (OM), and Sharon MacDonald (L). **CARRIED**

2023-03-09_019 MOTION (L. Church/L. Suddaby) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive contribute up to \$9000 to Kanestake Bible Translation Project. **CARRIED**

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Adjournment – Through consensus, the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Executive adjourn this meeting at 12:05 PM.