

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA  
FIRST DAWN EASTERN EDGE REGIONAL COUNCIL  
**REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE**

RC17

January 21, 2021 at 9:30am via video conference

**ATTENDANCE**

Attendance

Bob Bennett, Elizabeth Dawson, Paula Gale, Peggy Johnson, Faith March-MacCuish, Christopher Mazhandu, Simon Muwowo, Debra Sparkes-Mercer, Grant Stuckless, Paul Vardy, Roy West.

**WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER**

Welcome and  
Opening  
Prayer

The President thanked the members for their attendance at this special meeting of the Executive. Elizabeth Dawson opened the meeting with devotion, song, and prayer around the theme phrase *Find in Me Thine All in All*.

**QUORUM AND CONSTITUTION OF THE COUNCIL**

Quorum

The President, Peggy Johnson, noted that a quorum was present and constituted the council for all the business that shall properly come before it.

Constitution of  
the Council

**ACKNOWLEDGING THE LAND**

Acknowledging  
the Land

The President, Peggy Johnson acknowledged the territory on which we gather. We strive for respectful partnerships with all the peoples of this land as we work towards healing and reconciliation.

**AGENDA**

Agenda

This special meeting of the Executive was called to deal with the following items:

1. Minutes for Approval
2. Annual Meeting Planning
3. Affirm Standing Committee Terms of Reference
4. Insurance Options 2021
5. Town Hall Meeting Date

**MOTION:** (Roy West/Simon Muwowo)

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES**

Minutes

**MOTION:** (Bob Bennett/Paula Gale)

That the minutes of the December 1, 2020 meeting of the Executive be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:** (Roy West/Christopher Mazhandu)

That the minutes of the December 21, 2020 meeting of the Executive be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING**

Business  
Arising

**Future Planning**

Roy West reported that this group has not met. The Executive Minister asked that this matter be included on the agenda for the next Executive meeting in March. The Regional Minister will be asked to coordinate a meeting of the group.

HALO Project**HALO Project**

The Executive Minister reported that contact has been made with the project provider and that this work is moving forward.

Legal Counsel**Legal Counsel**

The Executive Minister reported that work is concluding with the previous legal counsel, and that files are in the process of being transferred to the new legal counsel for action.

Annual Meeting Planning**ANNUAL MEETING PLANNING**

The date of May 14-16, 2021 has been set for the 2021 Annual Meeting of the region. The Executive discussed the fact that we are still living within the global pandemic, and there is still much uncertainty regarding when the vaccine will be available to the general population.

**MOTION:** (Paula Gale/Simon Muwowo)

That the May 14-16, 2021 meeting of the Regional Council be held virtually.

**CARRIED**

It was agreed that advance notice allows for a more meaningful meeting experience, including webinars, workshops, retiree and anniversary celebrations, business, and worship.

Affirm Standing Committee**AFFIRM STANDING COMMITTEE**

Paul Vardy reported that the Nominations Team were not ready to bring the terms of reference to this meeting of the Executive. Concern was expressed that some of the momentum for this work may suffer if this work is deferred to the March Executive meeting. The Executive Minister will follow up on this work with the Nominations Team and perhaps a short Executive can be called to deal with this piece prior to March.

Insurance Options**INSURANCE OPTIONS 2021**

Roy West brought forward options for insurance coverage for communities of faith within the region. These options have been provided by Steers Insurance in an effort to offer more specific insurance coverage to meet the needs of those covered under the blanket insurance policy. It was noted that a policy will need to be set for the region if communities of faith wish to change their coverage:

1. Replacement Cost – most common form. At the time of loss, the insured is put back to where it was before the loss.
2. Functional Replacement Cost (FRC) – uncommon, however useful if it is known that a particular building would be replaced, but at a reduced capacity. Would need a builder's estimate to determine the value of the new replacement.
3. Actual Cash Value (ACV) – replacement cost less depreciation. Very difficult to determine.
4. Wreckage or Salvage Insurance – Only to be used if property has no value. Insured for removal of debris in total loss.

It was noted that education would need to take place with communities of faith to determine what options will work best in each situation. A congregational meeting would then need to take place to confirm the choice.

**MOTION:** (Roy West/Paul Vardy)

That the First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council Executive bring the four (4) insurance options offered to Communities of Faith.

**CARRIED**

**INSURANCE TOWN HALL**

Insurance  
Town Hall

Steers Insurance is willing to work with congregations on these options for this current insurance year, however a lot of education needs to take place before communities of faith can make an informed decision. Jason Sharpe of Steers Insurance has agreed to be a part of a Town Hall for some of this discussion. The Executive agreed that ministry personnel, pastoral charge supervisors, board chairs and central treasurers would be invited to participate in the town hall, scheduled at 7:00pm on February 22, 2021

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment

**MOTION:** (Simon Muwowo/Debra Sparkes-Mercer)

That having no further business, the meeting adjourn.

**CARRIED**

**BENEDCITION**

Benediction

The President Elect, Grant Stuckless, closed the meeting with prayer.

**NEXT MEETING**

Next Meeting

The next meeting of Executive will be held on March 9, 2021 at 9:30am.

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Rev. Peggy Johnson  
President

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Rev. Faith March-MacCuish  
Executive Minister