

Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday January 4, 2022 at 1900h
Via Videoconference

Present: Al Hubbard (video conference host), Andy Choles, Carol Wilson, Christine Whiting, Clarke Grice, Elisabeth Evans, Heather McGillis, Kay Cranston, Louise Sinclair, Marg Shaver, Mary Dowding-Paré (representing Search), Richard Cranston, Rick Donaldson, Steve Shaver, Susan Gittings, Teresa Madeira

Regrets: Dana Bryant-Giguere, David Wheeler, Joanne Quennell, Pat Skinner, Shawn Bausch

Ministry Staff: Rev. Dr. Morar Murray-Hayes, Victoria Keane

Call to Order

Richard Cranston called the Special Council Meeting of **January 4, 2022** to order.

A quorum (18) of Council members were present.

Opening Prayer Rev. Morar

Opening Remarks Richard Cranston

Richard welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged this time of great excitement about our future minister, tempered by the bittersweetness of the impending change of relationship with Rev. Morar. He reviewed video conference courtesies and procedures, including voting by verbal response for opposition or abstention. Two items of Business Arising from Previous Minutes were added to the circulated agenda.

Motion to go In Camera

Richard Cranston reminded Council members that details of the Search process are confidential until the congregation is informed on January 23, 2022.

- MOTION to Council by Al Hubbard to go in camera. SECONDED by Rick Donaldson. Motion CARRIED.

Report from Search Committee Mary Dowding- Paré

Mary delivered her report by slide presentation, consisting of the following:

- Acknowledgement of the Search Committee members, and the support of Council, Rev. Morar and the congregation throughout the yearlong process
- Challenges involved in the search process
- Criteria for the search

- Key attributes and general information about the candidate to be recommended – no name to be revealed at this stage
- Key details of settlement terms
- Motion to be presented to the congregation on January 23, 2022
- Next steps that will follow the congregational meeting as well as additional considerations

A question-and-answer period followed her presentation. Mary and her team were commended for their diligence and perseverance throughout what has been a challenging process.

Motion to go out of In Camera

- MOTION to Council by Steve Shaver to go out of in camera. SECONDED by Andy Choles. Motion CARRIED.

Approval of the Search Committee Report

- MOTION to Council by Mary Dowding- Paré to approve the Search Committee report for presentation at the Special Congregational Meeting of January 23, 2022, with the following motion to be voted upon by the congregation:
 - MOTION by Mary Dowding- Paré, SECONDED by Barb Abrams on behalf of the Search Committee that Members of Christ First extend a call to xxx effective May 1, 2022 for the position of full-time lead minister; Christ First requests that Horseshoe Falls Regional Council approves this call, and that the Search Committee be disbanded, with our sincere thanks, following the covenanting service.
- SECONDED by Andy Choles. Motion to Council CARRIED.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- Semi-annual Congregational Meeting February 6, 2022 will be held via Zoom
- Reminder of deadline for Annual Report submissions

Closing Prayer Rev. Morar

Adjournment Andy Choles

Next Council Meeting January 26, 2022

[Redacted Signature]

Council Chair – Rick Cranston

January 26, 2022

Date

[Redacted Signature]

Council Secretary – Carol Wilson

Secretary: *CW*