

**Brunswick Street United Church
Regular Church Council Meeting
7 pm, Wednesday, July 16, 2003**



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as called by the Chair

Location: Brunswick Street United Church, 2107 Brunswick St., Halifax, Nova Scotia

Chair: Scott Barber

Recording Secretary: Sharon La Framboise

Members: Gus & Lorna Pendelton, Sharon Laframboise, Doris McGrath, Arline, Elnora Roue, Hazel Anderson, Dianna & Jeff Martin, Scott Barber, Jim Sykes, Dineen Munteneau

Guests: Hugh Creighton, Susan LeFort, Wade Mitchell

Regrets: Renee Duffy, Lucinda Montizambert

Quorum:

Meeting began: 7pm

Welcome and Prayers

Gus Started us off with a prayer.

Mr. Phillip Hartling passed away this afternoon. We send our heart felt sympathy to his family.

Additions to Agenda: Accountant's report moved to # 3a
National declares bankruptcy.

Inner City Initiative

We have not decided wether to remain involved with the Halifax Inner City Initiative. We need to take a stand one way or another! Gus has formally removed himself and will be disclosing this to the other clergy in the area. (Gus briefed those of us who do not know who or what the Inner City Initiative is and what they do) Scott asked if council needs to formally remove ourselves from the ICI—We do not need to formally remove ourselves. Gus acted as clergy. Hugh suggested that we look in our 2001 minutes to see if there is anything with regards to the ICI.

Camp Trees!

We have begun a letter of campaign for funds. This is looking very good. We are looking at some forestry management by removing dangerous trees, lay trail and keep some bogs. Lorna has spoken with James Harper with Dept of Natural Resources. She also gave us a time line of what was and is happening. Lorna also spoke to Ken Retson of Irving—he looked at the camp. A fair bit of money could be made without clear cutting. A possible \$50-80 thousand could be made for the camp and the church. Mr. Sutherland who owns the land next to the camp is willing to help defray some of the cost for doing a survey.

If council approves, Irving would give us a large payment in advance for wood and land survey. Jim thought about this is that we specify what size and species of trees they are allowed to cut. Lorna said that Irving is looking for Red/White Spruce. Hugh suggested his father and Dave Dyer who at one time were both forestry people and who may lend us their expertise in this field. **We will return to this issue at a later date!**

Hugh's Report Hugh reported that the camp now has it's own bank account. And he went over that report with us. This year we have done well with fund-raising and hopefully we will continue to do so.

Camp Building The camp building is still not finished. While the camp is not in use, and while we still have good

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weather we should do the remaining work on it. We need to make the building useful so it can start bringing in some revenue.

One question was if we could sit down with Irving to ask more questions? Would a representative from council who might have more insight into the forestry area be able to attend this meeting to ask those vital questions. And can we have Longstaff to do the survey. This issue again is not able to be resolved tonight. It was suggested that members of council and the camp committee get together to discuss wether to cut or not to cut the trees and do we go with Irving or not. Jim will look over some of the documents for us. Scott suggested that we make a decision on this matter for our next council meeting in August.

Building Needs Was has made a list of what our building is in need of. Lights in the chapel (the long ones in the ceiling) and down stairs we also need spare lights. Scott asked if the building/maintenance committee has approached the caretaker of our church?

Budget Working Group Workshops were held with Stu & Avery. One problem is that we do not have a **BUDGET!!!**

Donations On Monday July 21, 2003, the Metro Food Bank will be donating a computer for those who use the food bank. All info will now be entered in this computer! **THIS COMPUTER IS ONLY FOR FOOD BANK PURPOSES!!**

Good By to National Car Rentals National Car Rental is declaring bankruptcy. We will try to keep this as cordial as possible.

Information/Announcements Next Meeting August 20 at 7pm

Adjourned: 9:30 p.m.

Prayers

Appendix

Signed: _____(Secretary) _____(Chair)

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