



**THE ANGLICAN SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
DIOCESAN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of March 24th – 26th, 2017 at Alert Bay

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| The Bishop The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Logan McMenamie | The Chancellor Canon Dr. Constance Isherwood R |
| The Dean The Very Rev'd M. Ansley Tucker R | The Registrar Mr. Nathan Lampard R |
| The Lay Secretary Canon Judy Trueman | The Vice Chancellor Mr. Bob Gill R |
| The Clerical Secretary The Rev. Canon Susanne House | The Treasurer Mr. Michael Murgatroyd |

ELECTED BY SYNOD

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| The Rev. Canon Dr. Dawna Wall | Canon Ian Alexander R |
| Mr. Bruce Winter R | Mr. David Stewart |
| Ms. Penny Holt | Ms. Brenda O'Brien |
| The Reverend Clara Plamondon | Mr. Aidan Cunningham R |
| Ms. Elizabeth Walker R | |

ELECTED REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

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| The Reverend Eric Partridge | Canon Dr. Jeanette Muzio R |
| The Reverend Craig Hiebert | Mr. David Buckman |
| The Venerable Lon Towstego | Mr. Tony Davis |
| Ms. Janice Varga | Mrs. Andrea Davis |

APPOINTED

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| The Venerable Brian Evans | Dr. Don Wilson |
| The Venerable Alastair McCollum | The Reverend David Chillman R |

EXECUTIVE STAFF

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| The Director of Finance Mrs. Gail Gauthier | The Assets Manager Mr. Peter Daniel |
| Diocesan Executive Officer Mr. Stephen Martin | Communications Officer Ms. Catherine Pate |

1. The members of council arrived at Alert Bay at 3pm, were given direction to their sleeping accommodation and began to unpack. All returned to the Lodge for dinner. In attendance for dinner were the Reverends Lincoln McKoen and Tanya Packer-McKoen along with Chief Debra Hanuse and some of the 'Namgis Councilors and Elders. The members of council were honoured to spend time with our guests and listen to their stories. The evening closed with worship led by the Bishop.

On Saturday, March 25th Bishop McMenamie welcomed the members of Council to the Band Hall and opened the meeting with worship centred around conversation around water and a You tube clip of Mumford and Sons singing "Ghosts that we knew". The table groups had the opportunity to discuss the video and to report back.

2. Regrets for absence and agenda review

The regrets of individuals were noted.

3. Bishop's Remarks

The Bishop's written report is on file.

4. a) Minutes of the Diocesan Council meeting February 23, 2017

MOVED BY: Brian Evans

SECONDED BY: Clara Plamondon

That the minutes of the Diocesan Council meeting of February 23, 2017 be adopted as corrected.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

- i. The shovels will be in the ground to begin construction at Mount Douglas Housing at the end of May.
- ii. The Venerable Lon Towstego presented the information on the Lay Ministry Group.

b) Results of Electronic Voting

5. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

6. Business Arising

7. Finance

a) Minutes of March 16th, 2017

it was

MOVED BY: Tony Davis

SECONDED BY: Bob Gill

That the financial reports of the March 16th, 2017 meeting of the Finance Committee be received.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Ratifications of motions passed at the meeting of March 16th, 2017

Reception of February 2017 minutes

MOVED BY: Alastair McCollum

SECONDED BY: Michael Murgatroyd

That the financial reports of February 2017 be received.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Threshold Housing

MOVED BY: Brian Evans

SECONDED BY: Tony Davis

That the Finance Committee recommends to Diocesan Council that the 2017 income earned from the Sheltered Housing Fund be given to Threshold Housing.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

St. Paul's Housing Society

MOVED BY: Michael Murgatroyd

SECONDED BY: Clara Plamondon

That the Finance Committee recommends to Diocesan Council the approval of a withdrawal of \$13,000 from the CTF (St. Paul's Housing Society, non-restricted funds) for property taxes.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

The Venerable Lon Towstego and Mr. David Buckman abstained due to conflict of interest.

St. George's Endowment

MOVED BY: Alastair McCollum
SECONDED BY: Michael Murgatroyd

That the Finance Committee recommends to Diocesan Council the approval of a withdrawal of \$11,000 from the CTF (St. George's Endowment Fund) to be applied to St. George's operations.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

St. Matthias re-roofing

MOVED BY: Brenda O'Brien
SECONDED BY: Janice Varga

That the Finance Committee recommends to Diocesan Council that St. Matthias be permitted to proceed with the reroofing at a cost of \$40,000+GST to come from St. Matthias own funds.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

b) Financial Statements

Gail Gauthier spoke to the financial statements. It was

MOVED BY: Michael Murgatroyd
SECONDED BY: Tony Davis

That the Financial Statements to the end of February 2017 be received.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

c) Anglican Foundation Grants

St. Columba, Port Hardy

The Anglican United parish of St. Columba, Port Hardy is applying to the Anglican Foundation for a grant of \$8,300 for three years to fund a project focusing on creating and building upon innovative ministry to walk with the First Nations as they and the parish work toward reconciliation.

MOVED BY: Craig Hiebert
SECONDED BY: Janice Varga

That the Diocesan Council of the Diocese of British Columbia support the application to the Anglican Foundation by the parish of St. Columba, Port Hardy.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

St. Mary, Oak Bay

The Parish of St. Mary the Virgin, Oak Bay is applying to the Anglican Foundation for a grant of \$8,500 to replace the roof over the passageway between the Church and the parish hall. It was

MOVED BY: Brian Evans
SECONDED BY: Eric Partridge

That the Diocesan Council of the Diocese of British Columbia support the application to the Anglican Foundation by the Parish of St. Mary the Virgin, Oak Bay.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

d) Fanny Bay OAP Group

The Asset Manager has worked with the OAP Group in Fanny Bay. They have signed a lease with the option to renew for a further 3 year term.

MOVED BY: Eric Partridge
SECONDED BY: Michael Murgatroyd

That the Diocesan Council agrees to the requested addition of an option to renew for a further three-year term on the signed lease at Fanny Bay by the Old Age Pensioners Group of Fanny Bay.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

e) Property at Ladysmith

There have been some challenges with the sale of the Ladysmith property. The buyers are not able to purchase the property under the terms that have been set forth by the Asset Manager in consultation with the Diocesan Council. After much conversation as to how to move forward, it was

MOVED BY: David Buckman

SECONDED BY: Tony Davis

That the Diocesan Council request the Asset Manager counter the latest offer of the buyers of the property at Ladysmith with the following offer: the cost of the property is \$300,000; \$250,000 cash and \$50,000 vendor take back with the first mortgage being for 1 year at 5%. This counter offer is to be open for one month only.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

8. Nominations

a) Mt. Doug Housing Board

Moved By: Janice Varga

Seconded By: Alastair McCollum

That the nomination of David Stewart to the Board of Mt. Doug Housing be approved.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

9. Partners in Mission

The Venerable Lon Towstego spoke to the report. The committee is in need of more members. They are asking questions like what does it mean to be missional? The committee would like to broaden their mandate to include the world wide communion. The committee administers the \$25,000 Mission Fund for projects within the diocese.

10. Engaging God's world

Eric Partridge spoke to a Power Point presentation on Engaging God's world and spoke about emerging communities within the diocese. Emerging communities use videos to proclaim who they are.

The Diocesan Council meeting broke for lunch at noon and an opportunity to see the community. The meeting will resume at 2pm.

11. River of Life

Catherine Pate led the council through an exercise to talk about the hopes and dreams for the look of Synod 2018 and as a result what would think the outcomes of the Synod would be. The information collected will be added to the minutes.

12. TRC Calls to Action

The Calls to Action (particularly directed to the Church) were shared amongst table groups to be discussed and to find concrete ways to work on possible responses. These responses are included with the minutes as an addendum.

The Council broke to prepare for dinner with the Council and Elders of the 'Namgis Band and for an evening of engagement and listening.

The evening ended at 9pm and everyone went back to where they were staying for rest.

The council met on Sunday morning at the Lodge for breakfast and then packed up in order to join the people of Alert Bay at worship in Christ Church. The Bishop preached and presided at the service. The community welcomed the Diocesan Council at a luncheon at the Elder's Centre before catching the 12.20 ferry to Port McNeill to support the Bishop as he begins the next leg of his Sacred Journey from Port McNeil to Port Hardy stopping in Fort Rupert; Parksville to Port Alberni; Saanich to Sooke.

The meeting adjourned at 2.57pm with the Doxology said by all.

The next meeting is Saturday, April 29th at 11 am at St. George's, Cadboro Bay.

Addendum

Diocesan Council spent time on Saturday, March 25 reviewing the TRC Calls to Action for faith organizations and churches and began the process of brainstorming the diocese can respond to these calls. The following is the result of that activity. Refer to *Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action*.

Calls to Action

48.

- a) Sacred Journey—in his travels across the diocese, speaking with First Nations leaders and on the walk across the islands, the bishop has begun the work of listening to and retelling the story.
- b) Take proactive steps to be conscientious of our pronunciation of words in Indigenous languages (i.e. place names).
- c) The archives are currently putting together a list of names of children who attended St Michael's and any additional information we have about them.
- d) Publicly support campaigns for returning to traditional names of landmarks.

49.

- a) Find out who has yet to do so.
- b) Contact our national office and request that it challenge those church organizations who haven't done so.

59.

- a) Encourage parishes to publicly read the primate's March 20, 2017 Open Letter to Canadian Senator Lynn Beyak.
- b) Initiate educational initiatives re: cultural genocide attempts by fed gov'n't
- c) Encourage parishes to make opportunities to hear the stories of First Peoples.
- d) Hold diocesan gatherings (e.g. clergy days) at First Nations centres and facilitate opportunities to hear stories from First Nations people.
- e) Develop a presentation about our history as it relates to residential school that could tour the diocese (could this be a youth drama?)

60.

- a) Partner with other denominations.
- b) VST & Wycliff offer Indigenous education in the seminaries
- c) Provide all clergy with a resource/reading list (could this also go on the website?)
- d) Develop a Safe Church education model
- e) Find ways to meet with and partner with First Nations spiritual leaders.

61.

- a) Tell story of Aboriginal Neighbours initiatives at synod and in the Diocesan Post
- b) Regional/nation-specific approaches
- c) Cultural revitalization centres e.g. coffee houses like "He Brews"
- d) Anglican Healing Fund—promote financially support it.

73-75. We need to work to get our archival records back from the federal government.