



# THE DIOCESAN SYNOD OF FREDERICTON

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Cathedral Memorial Hall, Fredericton

18 June 2016

Pre-meeting circulation:

- Agenda
- Draft Minutes (19 May 2016)
- Attendance Chart
- Team and Standing Committee Reports

Attending: Irene Adams, Stuart Allan, Kathy Asch, David Barrett, David Bell, Sandra Craft, Patricia Drummond, David Edwards, Geoffrey Hall, Brent Ham, Chris Hayes, Susan Jack, Rosemarie Kingston, Cathy Laskey, Siobhan Laskey, Bonnie LeBlanc, Robert LeBlanc, Coralie Losier, Norman McLeod, Frank Morehouse, Keith Osborne, Edward Quann, Neville Sloane, Richard Steeves, Allen Tapley.

Regrets: Gilbert Carter, Rob Marsh, John Matheson, Dylan Nicoll.

Guests: Cheryl Jacobs, Leo Martin, Colin McDonald, Gisele McKnight.

Regrets: Ann Fairweather, Rick Haddad, Ken Neilson, Dorothy Shephard, Jason Smith.

### **Call to Order**

At the appointed time, the Diocesan Council was called to order with Bishop David presiding at the Holy Eucharist. In a brief meditation on the Gospel, he reminded Council members that we are messengers of what God has done for us and continues to do for us through the work that is done at the Council.

### **Meeting Agenda**

MOTION 1: N. Sloane / E. Quann

**That the agenda be approved as circulated.**

MOTION 1: Carried.

### **Minutes of the last meeting - 19 May 2016**

A correction was made to the note under Motion 8 (re: Parish of East Saint John) on page 7. It should read "January 2017" not "January 2007".

A further correction was noted under Motion 9 (re: Parish of Nerepis and St. John) on page 7. It should state there was more than one vote in opposition.

Under Safe Church, clarification was sought as to whether insurance would be cancelled if a parish was noncompliant. The Treasurer will verify.

MOTION 2: N. Sloane / N. McLeod

**That the minutes of the 19 May 2016 Meeting of Diocesan Council be adopted as amended.**

MOTION 2: Carried.

### **Business Arising**

(i) *Safe Harbour*: The Bishop read a letter from our lawyer indicating the reasons why the process is presently on hold awaiting responses from other parties involved.

## **Appointments**

### **Anglican Church Homes Inc.**

This body is an independent corporation with no connection to the Diocese except at their request for the appointment of a diocesan representative approved by Synod.

MOTION 3: A. Tapley / N. Sloane

**That the Rev. Canon Tom Stradwick be appointed to the Board of the Anglican Church Homes Inc. as the representative from the Diocese of Fredericton.**

MOTION 3: Carried.

### **Note of Thanks**

A note of thanks was extended to the Rev. Canon David Barrett who was a member of this Board for 19 years. Council members offered applause.

### **Godly Play Maritimes Board**

This motion would formalize what is already in happening.

MOTION 4: B. LeBlanc / N. Sloane

**That the Ven. Cathy Laskey be appointed to the Godly Play Maritimes Board as the representative from the Diocese of Fredericton.**

MOTION 4: Carried.

## **Reception of Team and Standing Committee Reports**

MOTION 5: N. Sloane / P. Drummond

**That the Reports from the Council Teams and Standing Committees be received as submitted.**

MOTION 5: Carried.

Comments:

A request was made that we ask the Parish Development Officer to offer a report to Council. It was noted that he is currently on two months scheduled leave.

Members were reminded the deadline for reports to be included in the Synod Journal is September 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **Motion re: Diocesan Consolidated Investment Fund**

After meeting with the investment manager for the Diocesan Consolidated Investment Fund, the Finance Committee feels comfortable making the following motion.

MOTION 6: G. Hall / N. Sloane

**That the interest rate to be paid on parish and diocesan funds invested in the DCIF remain at 3.5% for the period of July 1 to December 31, 2016.**

MOTION 6: Carried.

## **Motion re: Parish of Denmark**

MOTION 7: I. Adams / N. McLeod

**That the Parish of Denmark be granted approval to proceed with the short-term rental of their rectory for a period of five months, pending the development of a long term lease, at fair market value, and not to exceed an initial term of three years, with provision for two additional renewal periods of three years each, and subject to the inclusion of an early termination clause in the event that the rectory is needed for ministry purposes and the final approval of the Diocese Finance Committee of the long term lease.**

MOTION 7: Carried.

#### **Motion re: Parish of Fundy and the Lakes**

*The Rev. Canon Leo Martin, as Rector of the Parish of Fundy and the Lakes, was asked to leave the room for the discussion and vote on this motion.*

MOTION 8: S. Allan / C. Losier

**That Neville Sloane act as interim recording secretary for the discussion and vote on this motion.**

MOTION 8: Carried.

MOTION 9: I. Adams / S. Jack

D. Barrett proposed a friendly amendment that the location of the rectory be included in the proposed motion. This was accepted and the motion revised as follows:

**That the Parish of Fundy and the Lakes be granted approval to move forward with their plans to rent the St. Martins' rectory for a period of five months.**

MOTION 9: Carried.

#### **Motion re: Parish of Salisbury and Havelock**

*The Rev. Chris Hayes, as Priest-in-Charge of the Parish of Salisbury and Havelock, was asked to leave the room for the discussion and vote on this motion.*

MOTION 10: I. Adams / B. Ham

**That the Parish of Salisbury and Havelock be approved for a grant up to \$20,000 for the proposed playground provided that the Parish consult with the Diocesan Insurance Advisor regarding adequate insurance coverage and that the proposal be reviewed by the Property Committee prior to the release of funds.**

MOTION 10: Carried by a majority of votes.

#### **Motion re: Loan Guarantee**

MOTION 11: I. Adams / R. LeBlanc

**That the Diocese extend their loan guarantee, to be secured by a mortgage, for the inter-parish loan between the Parish of Fredericton and the Parish of the Nerepis and St John in the amount of \$200,000 for an additional three-year period effective June 1, 2016.**

MOTION 11: Carried.

#### **Motion re: Parish of Upper Kennebecasis**

MOTION 12: I. Adams / S. Jack

**That the Parish of Upper Kennebecasis be granted approval for the sale of the former St. Luke's Church and lot at the offered price of \$13,000.**

MOTION 12: Carried.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer presented her report and drew attention to parish and payroll assessments, as well as Camping Ministry. She reported the Diocese had been approved for two student summer positions – one for the Diocesan Resource Centre and the other for Designer and Trainer for the Safe Church program. On the latter, she added that there will be two approaches to the training: on-line training and group training.

#### **Archives Committee**

MOTION 13: D. Barrett / N. Sloane

**That the proposed amendments to the Diocesan Privacy Policy B-4, Appendix 3 – Archives Records Access Requirements be adopted. The amendments are:**

- 1. Effective immediately, records of baptisms and marriages, which occurred after 1966, and confirmations, funerals and burials occurring after 1996 will**

**not be open to the public. Records for subsequent years will be opened on a rolling basis (i.e. baptisms and marriages for 1967 and confirmations, funerals and burials for 1997 will be opened 1 January 2017; 1968 and 1998 opened 1 January 2018, and so on.**

MOTION 13: Carried.

### **Legislative Amendments**

The Chancellor introduced proposed amendments to *The Anglican Church Act, 2003*. He added that Canon One would be reviewed for the September meeting and that Canon Eight is not revised in full.

While most proposed amendments to the Act deal with clarity in definitions and giving greater flexibility in the legislation, the Chancellor explained the process which had to be followed in order to enact such proposed changes and they would likely not take effect until 2017 or 2018.

The Chancellor also reviewed issues raised at the May 19<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Council. He suggested discussion on Section 16 of Canon Three be held in abeyance until the September meeting since copies of the section were not available to everyone.

MOTION 14: D. Bell / N. Sloane

**That the proposed amendments for Canons Four, Six and Seven be approved in principle and recommended to the Synod for enactment.**

MOTION 14: Carried.

MOTION 15: P. Drummond / N. Sloane

**That a vote of thanks be extended to the Chancellor for all the work he has completed on our Diocesan legislation.**

MOTION 15: Carried with applause.

### **Bishop's Performance Review**

A copy of the review is included in the agenda package for the perusal and review of Council members.

### **Future Meetings**

Saturday, September 10 – Camp Brookwood  
Diocesan Synod, November 5 - Fredericton

### **Adjournment**

MOTION 16: I. Adams

**That this session of Diocesan Council be adjourned.**

The Bishop closed the meeting with prayer and grace. Council members gathered in the main hall for lunch. The Diocesan Open House took place following lunch.

Time: 12:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,

The Right Rev'd David Edwards  
Bishop and Chair

The Ven. Cathy Laskey  
Secretary of Synod

The Rev'd Canon Leo Martin  
Recording Secretary