

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FIRST METROPOLITAN UNITED CHURCH
MINUTES OF 20 MAY 2022**

CALL TO ORDER:

Jan Drent, Chair of the Board of Trustees (BOT) of First Metropolitan United Church, called a special meeting of the BOT to order at 10:00 am on 20 May 2022, on Zoom. Present on Zoom were trustees Jan Drent, Christine Hutchinson, Rennie Warburton, Earl Jenson, Larry Scott and present by phone, Marion Denton. Regrets from the Rev. Shelagh MacKinnon. A quorum was met.

Guest: Ross Breckon from Redevelopment Task Group of FMUC and the Board ('Board' always referring to the Board of FMUC), brought a report from the RTG and a request for BOT motions from the Board.

PRESENTATION:

Ross Breckon summarized the development progress from the time that the BOT signed over the title of FMUC property to BC Conference Property Development Council, in April 2018, until the present. Trustees asked clarifying questions. Ross cited the Board's meeting of 18 May 2022, in which the Board decided to ask the BOT to repatriate title of FMUC property.

Given the failure to go forward with any comprehensive redevelopment proposal at this time, the action to repatriate title would allow the Board and BOT to offer a lease to any potential new tenants, and thus secure needed rental income. With title to the property held elsewhere, it is difficult for FMUC to offer a lease of suitable length that would attract tenants willing to make any property investments making the space suitable for their occupancy.

The BOT agrees with this analysis and agrees to comply with the Church Board's request for two motions, one repatriating title to FMUC property, and other initiating a process to terminate the redevelopment agreement. Such action does not preclude FMUC entering into a new agreement at some unspecified future date.

MOTIONS:

Larry Scott/Marion Denton: "That the Trustees of the Congregation of First Metropolitan United Church request that the British Columbia Conference Property Development Council of the United Church of Canada (PDC) transfer the Congregational lands and premises located at 932 Balmoral Road (legally described as PID 004-976-941 Lot A, Suburban Lot 9, Victoria City, Plan 12146) to the Trustees of the Congregation of First Metropolitan United Church pursuant to clause 2.4(a) of the internal agreement between the BC Conference Property Development Council of The United Church of Canada and the Trustees of the Congregation of First Metropolitan United Church dated April 25, 2018." CARRIED.

Larry Scott/Christine Hutchinson: "That the Trustees of the Congregation of First Metropolitan United Church authorize the Board and the Redevelopment Task Group to negotiate a formal project termination agreement between the Trustees of the Congregation of First Metropolitan United Church and the BC Conference Property Development Council of The United Church of Canada for approval by the First Met Board, the Congregation of First Metropolitan United Church and the Trustees of the Congregation of First Metropolitan United Church as soon as possible, but no later than October 31, 2022." CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT: The stated purpose of the specially called meeting of the BOT having come to an end, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

Chairperson

Secretary