

Squamish United Church Board Minutes
Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 7:00 pm
Via Zoom

Present: Rev. Anita Spiller, Trevor Harris (Chair), Cindy Roy (Secretary), Kevin Haberl, Vicki Haberl, Glen Van Brummelen.

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgment (Trevor): 7:06 pm
2. Opening Prayer (Rev. Anita)
3. Approval of Agenda: Moved by Vicki, seconded by Kevin. Carried.
4. Approval of March 26th Minutes: Moved by Glen, seconded by Kevin. Carried.
5. Board Organization: Following are the roles as agreed for the 2025/26 Board of Squamish United Church:

Chair: Trevor Harris, Vice-Chair: Kevin Haberl, Secretary-Treasurer: Cindy Roy, M&P

Chair: Glen Van Brummelen, Member at Large: Vicki Haberl.

Vicki and Cindy will meet to determine how Vicki can help with the Secretary role. Rev. Anita suggested that we look at the possibility of recording meetings to make the Secretary role easier.

6. Dreaming and Visioning – Each of the board members responded to the question of what they see as their role as a board member and what they would like to accomplish in 2025. Rev. Anita expressed gratitude for all the work that this board has done over the past year – the work on the budget and our finances, our staff, renegotiating our insurance, the rental review and implementation of revised rates, and more.
7. Reports:
 - a. *Minister* – Rev. Anita shared a story of a stranger at our door and how we continue to be known as a place that is safe to come to.
 - b. *Worship* – Our Easter Sunday service is now live on our website.
 - c. *M&P* – Glen reported on a number of items as follows:
 - He thanked the board for approving the sharing of expenses for Rev. Anita to attend the 2025 Pacific Mountain Annual General Meeting being held in Nanaimo on May 29-June 1. He noted the importance of being able to attend meetings such as this in person.

- He and Julie will meet with our cleaner to discuss a backup plan for times that she is not available to do the cleaning.
 - The annual review with Rev. Anita is scheduled for May 11.
 - As directed by the Board, M&P had a very positive conversation with Arlene around the piano dolly.
- d. *Finance*: Cindy reviewed the March 31, 2025 P&L indicating that we ended the month in the black. Both donations and rentals are up over the previous two months. She is encouraged around our financial position to date.
8. Old Business:
- a. *Protocols for Interac Square*: A discussion took place as to what protocols need to be in place around the use of the Square. It was agreed that the Square is to be used for church business only which includes UCW. Vicki agreed to write up the protocols for the church. It was agreed that Carlotta Liechti be approached as the UCW person to manage the Square on behalf of the UCW. Vicki will follow up with Carlotta.
- b. *Update re Community of Faith Self-Assessment*: Rev. Anita reported that we have received an extension from PMR until June 15 to complete this assessment. Julie, Cindy and Rev. Anita are scheduled to meet May 18 to work on this.
- c. *Sunday Morning Chair Set-Up*: Kevin reported that he was able to get a number of people to sign up for chair set-up and will continue to work on this.
- d. *100th Anniversary Event*: Rev. Anita reported that we have four weeks of celebration planned for this event:
- *May 18* – Music and Stories
 - *May 25* – UC Women presenting life memberships and hosting a “low-tea”
 - *June 1* – Celebration of Ministry Service
 - *June 8* – big service, communion. Vicki will ask one of our refugee families if they would be willing to speak at our June 8th service.
- Refer to the attached document on the 100th Anniversary.
9. New Business:
- a. *Insurance for Piano*: Trevor advised that he and Cindy had been approached by Arlene regarding the status of the piano with respect to the church’s insurance. Trevor will ask

Arlene to provide a written appraisal on the value of the piano and he would then contact our insurance advisor in Toronto to determine whether the piano would be covered under the church insurance.

10. Upcoming Events:

- a. SUC Coffeehouse & Silent Auction – “ELBOWS UP”, Saturday, May 17
- b. UCW Reunion & “Low Tea” Luncheon, Sunday, May 25
- c. United Church 100th Anniversary & SUC’s 98th Anniversary

11. Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 21, 2025

12. Closing Prayer – Rev. Anita

13. Adjourn Meeting: 8:40 pm

Signed:

Trevor Harris, Chair

Cindy Roy, Secretary



**The United Church of Canada 100th Anniversary
&
Squamish United Church 98th Anniversary Celebrations**

Planning Document: prepared by Rev. Anita - April 2025

June 10, 2025, will mark the United Church's 100th anniversary—an opportunity to honour our past and look to the future! On August 23rd, 1927 the Squamish Presbyterian Church decided to become the Squamish United Church.

Online Resources:

[Centennial Toolkit | The United Church of Canada](#)

[Centennial Worship | The United Church of Canada](#)

[Upcoming Events and Webinars | The United Church of Canada](#)

[Bulletin: Mutual Street Arena \(Package of 50\) – United Church Bookstore](#) – Maybe order bulletin covers

[United Church Women \(UCW\) | The United Church of Canada](#)

Important Dates:

May 17th – Elbows Up All Canadian Coffee House & Silent Auction @ 7pm

May 18th – Anniversary Month Kickoff Worship with Music through the Century & Witness Testimonials Part 1

May 25th – United Church Women (UCW) Reunion & Luncheon including Lifetime membership presentations (6 Honorees) & Witness Testimonials Part 2. Former and current UCW members and families will be invited to return home for memory-sharing, celebration and a meal together to reconnect and celebrate shared history. The UCW's mission is to love God; foster Christian commitment, faithfulness, and spirituality; and promote respect and love for all God's creation. In recognition of a UCW member's service, a UCW group will present them with a Life Membership, which is registered with the national office and confirmed through the presentation of a Life Membership Pin and Certificate.

[UCW Worship for the 100th Anniversary Bulletin outline](#)

[UCW - Life Membership Pins Application](#)

June 1st – Celebration of Ministries Service – Pacific Mountain Regional Council Live-stream

June 8th – 10:05 am – Pentecost & Anniversary Sunday with Witness Testimonials Part 3 (Refugee Family tbd) & BBQ – Special offering will be taken in support of a ministry or church enhancement yet to be determined. This special anniversary worship service will include music, our choir with a special anthem, beloved hymns, children's activities and liturgy that reflect the church's 100 years of faith and service.

June 8th at 2:30 PM Pacific Time – Home Watch Parties - United Church of Canada Centennial Service will be held in St. John's Newfoundland. The Worship Team is hoping to send out information on the livestream soon, but it will be on the UCC YouTube Channel.

Block Party – Summer of 2025 – looking for a Champion to help lead this initiative with a working group. (Rev. Anita, Carol Grolman others tbd)

Historical Exhibit for the Month-Long Celebration:

We will create an exhibit showcasing photos, artifacts, and memorabilia that highlight the history of your church and the United Church of Canada. Including milestones, and historical documents to share the church's journey. The display will take place in the Narthex using the new picture rails and frames.

Flyer/Enews/Website/Announcements to go out beginning on Easter Sunday.

Dear Church Members and Friends,

As we prepare to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada on June 8th, we invite you to contribute to this momentous occasion by donating photos, artifacts, and memorabilia that hold special memories and connections to our church's history. Whether it's a treasured photograph, a piece of church history, or an item that has personal significance, your contributions will help tell the rich story of our community and its faith journey over the past century. Physical items can be left with Sarena in the church office – please mark your name on them so they can be returned after the month-long celebration. Digital photos can be emailed to secretary@squamishunitedchurch.org. Please consider sharing these meaningful items as we honor our past and look forward to the future. Together, let's create a memorable tribute to our church's legacy!

100th Anniversary Keepsake Issue of Broadview Magazine:

15 copies have been pre-ordered at a cost of \$4 each.

The June issue of *Broadview* will be a historic keepsake edition celebrating the United Church's 100th anniversary — a once-in-a-lifetime issue filled with powerful stories, pivotal moments and reflections on the past, present and future of the church.

Inside this special edition, you'll find:

- **Historic Letters** – A glimpse into letters to the editor from the time of church union
- **Theological Roots** – The key ideas that shaped the denomination
- **Watershed Moments** – Defining milestones from a century of faith in action
- **The New Curriculum, Reimagined** – A stunning graphic narrative about the ground-breaking Christian education program
- **Looking Ahead** – What's next for the United Church?
- **The Indigenous Church** – Confronting colonialism and fighting for equality
- **Moderators' Reflections** – Memories and insights on the church's impact

Other Ideas:

New Member Service: Encourage regular attendees who are not yet members to official join the church during a special service with their profession of faith.

Anniversary Merchandise: Order commemorative items, such as T-shirts, mugs, pens, UCW pins featuring the 100th-anniversary logo or theme. These can be sold to raise funds for a church initiative or given as keepsakes to mark the milestone. [Centennial – United Church Bookstore](#)

Memorial Tree or Garden: Plant a tree or create a small garden on the church grounds as a living tribute to the anniversary. This can serve as a symbol of growth, renewal, and faith for future generations. Invite the congregation to participate in planting and dedicating it.

Interactive Coloring Wall: Set up a large blank wall or designated space where people can color in sections of the poster throughout the anniversary celebrations. This can be a large printed image or a simple outline that gets filled in by members over time.

Collaborative Prayer Wall: Set up a prayer wall where members can post their prayers, reflections, and hopes for the future of the church. This could be displayed during a special service or throughout the anniversary year as a way to connect the congregation spiritually.

Time Capsule: Create a time capsule filled with items that represent the church's history, messages from current members, and hopes for the future. Bury or seal it during a special ceremony to be opened at a future anniversary.

Centennial Cookbook: Compile a cookbook featuring favorite recipes from church members, particularly those that have been passed down through generations. Include stories and memories associated with the dishes to create a personal connection to your church's history.

Treasurer's Report

We ended the month of March in the black but just with \$45. We are currently \$3,900 in the red year to date.

We did have a better month in March though – our donations were up over February by \$500 for the month and our rentals were up just under \$1,000 for the month.

Comparing where we are to our budget at the three-month mark, we are off by \$2,460 in donations, only off by \$286 with rentals and off by \$484 in our expenses.

I'm feeling positive about our position – January is always a low month for both donations and rentals and February generally is in recovery mode. Our church participation has been up and we've been busy rental-wise.

Cindy Roy
Treasurer