

Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council – Policy on delegation of all Property and Finance matters to its Finance and Extension Board (F&E)

Whereas it is the interest of the United Church of Canada in this Regional Council that property and finance matters be handled by a larger and more diverse body with substantial expertise and exposure within the Regional Council and the existing PFLT (Property and Finance Leadership Team) recommends that F&E be selected as such a body, and

Whereas the F&E has agreed to accept such delegation on the basis of the present Policy.

Accordingly, Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council enacts the following policy governing the delegation of all property and finance matters to F&E.

1. All property and finance matters currently under the duties and responsibilities of its Property and Finance Leadership Team (PFLT) are vested entirely in the Finance and Extension Board of Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council (F&E) and PFLT is disbanded.
2. For greater certainty property and finance matters include a) any matter covered by Regional Council Policies on (i) PFLT, (ii) Leases and Major Expenditures, (iii) Proceeds of Sale of Property, and (iv) Donations and b) the duties and responsibilities of Regional Council under The Manual sections C.2.2 (b), C.2.5 (c), and C.2.6, and c) any unbudgeted expense or general office or administrative expense or write-off of debt provided such items involve less than \$5000 each. Matters concerning Budget and expenditures /write-offs shall be coordinated with the Treasurer appointed by the Regional Council.
3. In conformity with The Manual section C 3.3 and the practice prevailing in other Regional Councils across Canada, the Regional Council grants Commission powers to F & E with respect to all property and finance matters (with the exceptions noted in section 4 below) to F&E.
4. As an exception to the general commission powers of section 3, F&E's commission powers do not extend to the matters referred to in this section 4, but its recommendation shall be required prior to Regional Council (or Executive) action on the following matters, with the proviso that Regional Council (or its Executive) remains free to act in accordance or not with such recommendation. These matters are : (a) the first instance permission to market Church Buildings provided F & E remains empowered to set price and other terms and to approve a final sale, (b) disbanding a community of faith, provided that F&E remains empowered to handle the financial aspects, (c) amalgamating a community of faith provided that F& E remains empowered to deal with the financial aspects, (d) a Plan of Distribution of the Net Proceeds of Sale of Property, except to the extent that is substantially in conformity with Regional Policy and except for any disbursement terms of same, (e) any Ministry Plan except for the financial terms of

same , (f) the annual Budget and any unbudgeted expenditure or write-off greater than \$5000 and (g) any matter which F&E determines to involve faith matters broader than its mandate.

5. F&E shall report regularly to Regional Council Executive on its exercise of Commission Powers and its decisions on same shall be recorded in Regional Council Executive Minutes.

6. F&E may fulfill its responsibilities with the help of committees, task groups, steering groups, teams and other bodies, including independent contractors where advisable. It may also form commissions to act in its name where advisable, in the same manner as Regional Council.

7. Regional Council approves an amendment to F&E bylaws to add to its directors the other members of the current PFLT not currently directors of F&E.

8. Regional Council approves an amendment to F&E bylaws to authorize email voting as permitted by The Manual from time to time.

9. This Policy encourages a dialogue between Regional Council (and its Executive) and F&E to better understand the priorities set by Regional Council for the ministry of the United Church of Canada in its territory.