

**TRANSCONA MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH
VIDEO-CONFERENCE COUNCIL MEETING
May 12, 2021**

- 1) A meeting was held by ZOOM video-conference on Wednesday, May 12, 2021. The Chair Audrey Lumsden called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

PRESENT: Audrey Lumsden, Carol Fletcher, Jeff Cook, Don Heinrichs, Stephen McKendry-Smith, Alma Jennings, Alan Gershuny, Laura Fraser-Schau, Cindy Ostapyk, Ken Wilkie, Susan Copeland

VISITORS: Bob Kirkhope, Marcel Van Eerd

REGRETS: Shelley Schau

- 2) **OPENING PRAYER:** by Audrey Lumsden followed by the Lord's Prayer.

- 3) **SPEAKING AND VOTING PRIVILEGES:**

MOTION: Moved by Don Heinrichs/Alan Gershuny, "That all visitors and guests who are not Council members and/or trustees, are made corresponding members."

CARRIED.

- 4) **GREEN AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY BUILDINGS GRANT APPLICATION** -

Stephen McKendry-Smith provided a document outlining several options for the roofing and insulation project for consideration. The option agreed upon will be included in our grant application to the Federal Government. He reviewed the software that was used to prepare the models. Other grants include the Faithful Footprints from the United Church Faith & The Common Good and Efficiency Manitoba. There is no commitment on our part to proceed with the project as submitted if we do not obtain funding. Option A would fix the roof of the sanctuary, add insulation to both buildings, replace all existing furnaces with Air Source Heat Pumps and install solar panels on sanctuary roof. Total cost would be \$400,000 with our portion being \$35,000 if we received full grants. Payback in years would be about eight years. Option B would delete the solar panels. Cost would be \$370,000 with our portion being \$29,000. Payback would be 12 years. Option C would delete the insulation to CE building portion. Cost would be \$300,000 with our portion being \$21,500 with full grants. Payback would be five years. All three options provide a decrease of over 90% of our greenhouse gas emissions. A discussion followed. Items discussed were solar panels, annual savings from the renovations, maintenance, stucco repairs needed, air flow and the need to replace furnaces soon. The heat pumps would provide air conditioning as well. Also discussed were how big a project we want to take on and whether we want to spend a large portion of the Building Fund. The Building Fund currently has \$33,000 over the amount required for the United Church loan.

MOTION: Moved by Stephen McKendry-Smith/Cindy Ostapyk, "That Council move forward with the Federal Government grant application with Option C to add

insulation to the 1952 building, replace all furnaces with Air Source Heat Pumps and install Solar Panels.” **CARRIED.**

Carol Fletcher advised that the Trustees have met and are prepared to sign the Agreement when required.

- 5) **MOTION TO ADJOURN:** by Ken Wilkie, at 8:15 pm.
- 6) **CLOSING PRAYER:** Rev. Jeff Cook

Chairperson (Audrey Lumsden)

Secretary (Susan Copeland)