

Minutes of the SUB-EXECUTIVE OF HAMILTON CONFERENCE

June 27, 2017



"Changing Seasons"

Authority

The Sub-executive of Hamilton Conference met by teleconference call on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. A quorum was present.

Calling of the Roll

Peter Hartmans called the roll:

Present:	Peter Hartmans	Executive Secretary
	Heather Leffler	President
	Deborah Laforet	President Elect
		Co-Chair, Halton Presbytery
	Gail Clarkson	Past-Chair, Bruce Presbytery
	Cathy Dilts	Chair, Erie Presbytery
	Christina Paradela	Chair, Hamilton Presbytery
	Debra McGill	Co-Chair, Waterloo Presbytery
	John Hurst	Chair, Finance Committee
	Janet MacDonald	Treasurer

Regrets: Rod Coates, Gord Dunbar, Bill Thomas

Recording Secretary: Barbara Hampson

Constitution

President Heather Leffler welcomed everyone to Sub-Executive and constituted the Court in the name of Jesus Christ to deal with the business that might properly come before it. She opened the meeting with a short worship, reading from Psalm 104:21–34, and prayer.

Agenda

Motion: Gail Clarkson/Debra McGill

That the agenda be approved as circulated and amended:

CARRIED

Executive Minutes

Motion: Gail Clarkson/Peter Hartmans

*That the Hamilton Conference Sub-Executive approve the minutes of the **February 14, 2017** meeting of the Sub-Executive of Hamilton Conference as distributed: **CARRIED***

2016 Audited Statement

John Hurst provided background information.

Motion: John Hurst/Christina Paradela

*That the Hamilton Conference Sub-Executive approve the draft financial statement from the auditor as distributed: **CARRIED***

Approval of Auditor

Motion: John Hurst/Debra McGill

*That the Hamilton Conference Sub-Executive appoint Bazar McBean LLP as auditors for the year ending December 31, 2018: **CARRIED***

Skylight Festival Update

Peter Hartmans provided background information. Discussion followed.

Motion: John Hurst/Deborah Laforet

*That the Hamilton Conference Sub-Executive approve a grant of \$2,000 from Hamilton Conference to the Skylight Festival: **CARRIED***

Janet MacDonald and John Hurst left the meeting.

Approval of Corporation Boards

Peter Hartmans provided background information.

Motion: Peter Hartmans/Gail Clarkson

*That the Hamilton Conference Sub-Executive approve the list of directors for Niagara Presbytery Extension Council and Hamilton Presbytery Mission Council (Appendix A–E 5): **CARRIED***

Request from Bruce Presbytery

Peter Hartmans provided background information.

Motion: Peter Hartmans/Christina Paradela

That Hamilton Conference Sub-Executive accept the request of Bruce Presbytery that Hamilton Conference provide Pastoral Relations/Oversight for Saugeen Wesley Pastoral Charge commencing June 27, 2017 and that responsibility for Pastoral

Relations/Oversight for Saugeen Wesley Pastoral Charge will return to Bruce Presbytery no later than September 30, 2017, with the opportunity for review: **CARRIED**

One Abstention: Gail Clarkson

Oversight Request

Peter Hartmans provided background information.

Motion: Peter Hartmans/Debra McGill

That the Hamilton Conference Sub-Executive give signing authority to the Hamilton Conference Executive Secretary, on behalf of the Hamilton Conference Sub-Executive, as it relates to the Pastoral Relation and Oversight of Saugeen Wesley Pastoral Charge:

CARRIED

One Abstention: Gail Clarkson

Request for Funding

Peter Hartmans provided background information.

Motion: Peter Hartmans/Debra McGill

With regard to the Pastoral Relations/Oversight for Saugeen Wesley Pastoral Charge, Hamilton Conference Sub-Executive approve a budget of up to \$9,000, as it relates to the Pastoral Relations and Oversight of Saugeen Wesley Pastoral Charge, expiring September 30, 2017:

CARRIED

One Abstention: Gail Clarkson

Life Long Learning Grants

Peter Hartmans provided background information. General Council is no longer providing funds. Discussion followed.

Motion: Christina Paradela/Debra McGill

That Hamilton Conference Sub-Executive approve a transfer \$4,000 from the Hamilton Conference budget to the Hamilton Conference Life Long Learning Fund line for the remainder of 2017:

CARRIED

Forward Movement

Peter Hartmans provided background information. Discussion followed.

Motion: Debra McGill/Deborah Laforet

That Hamilton Conference Sub-Executive endorse the Forward Movement (Appendix B–E 6–7):

CARRIED

Remit Conversation

Peter Hartmans provide background information and invited Sub-Executive members to ask question about the remits. Discussion followed.

Presbytery Visits

President Heather Leffler would like to visit every presbytery and invited chairs to let her know when would be a good time for a visit. Heather spoke about how she plans to weave her theme, “Changing Seasons,” into these visits.

Persistent Friends

Peter Hartmans shared the Persistent Friend assignments for 2017–2018

Bruce: Kim Uyede-Kai

Waterloo: Peter Hartmans

Erie: Peter Hartmans and Diane Matheson-Jimenez

Halton: Kim Uyede-Kai

Hamilton: Diane Blanchard

Niagara: Diane Matheson-Jimenez

Adjournment

Heather Leffler closed the meeting with the Lord’s Prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Heather Leffler, President

Peter Hartmans, Executive Secret

Appendix A – Corporation Boards**NIAGARA PRESBYTERY UNITED CHURCH EXTENSION COUNCIL**

Annual Meeting June 6, 2017

Current Directors and Officers

Position	Name	Member of Presbytery?	Board member since:
President	Rev. Diane Walker	Yes	2011
Vice President	Jim Dohn	Yes	2012
Treasurer	Hugh Hughes	No	2012
Secretary	Bonnie Bryan	Yes	2015
Director	Jim Bradley	No	2012
Director	Larry McRae	Yes	2011
Director	Bruce Lilley	No	Before 1990
Director	Harvey Forde	No	2012
Director	Rick Chandler	No	2016
Director	John Senn	No	2011
Ex Officio	Treasurer, Niagara Presbytery		
Ex Officio	Carolyn Duffus (Potentials Fund Rep)		
Ex Officio	Sheila Laundry (Potentials Fund Rep)		
Ex Officio	Executive Secretary, Hamilton Conference		

Hamilton Presbytery Mission Council Directors

David Dawson

Diana Stewart

Joan Packham

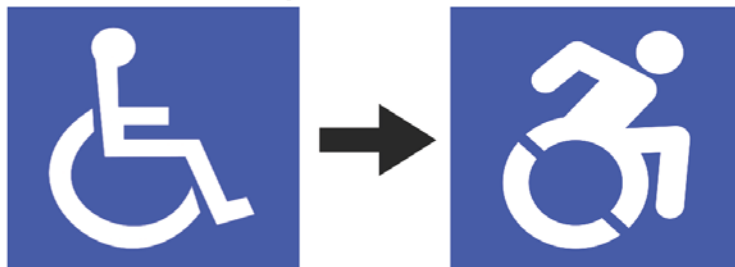
Rev. Glen Wells

David Hall

Rev. Christian Paradela ex-officio

Rev. Peter Hartmans ex-officio

ENDORSEMENT: Formal Agreement



“nothing about us, without us.”

To United Church of Canada,

We are writing to you on behalf of The Forward Movement, an advocacy and awareness campaign working to get Ontario to legally adopt the Dynamic Symbol of Access (“DSA”) as an alternative to the currently used International Symbol of Access (“ISA”). We are proposing amending the Ontario Building Code and Highway Traffic Act to either mandate the DSA for all future use, or allow it to be used as an alternative to the ISA. In order to minimize costs incurred with this change, all old signs will be grandfathered in.

Member of Provincial Parliament Bill Walker, has publicly announced his support for our campaign at Queens Park and has offered to present it to the Minister of Accessibility, Tracy MacCharles. Our package to Ms MacCharles will include our proposed amendments, a our petition, and a list of organizations that do work with disability and accessibility that have endorsed our campaign.

We are seeking your endorsement. Though flexible, the general framework of the endorsement would be:

- Including your endorsement in our package to Ms MacCharles
- Promoting the endorsement of your organization on our website
- A joint social media post about the endorsement
- Helping spread awareness of our campaign and circulating our petition
- Putting up or distributing stickers of the Dynamic Symbol of Access in your space and events
- An optional donation to cover the cost of the stickers

The DYA is a modified design to the outdated 1978, ISA. In changing elements of the design, the legibility of the icon remains recognizable, mitigated any period of confusion that a change could create, by maintaining the blue color and the context of an independent upon a wheelchair. However, the radical changes are found in the forward movement indicated by the placement of the angled head, limbs and slitted wheel. The movement is a symbolic reinforcement of different ability, inclusivity and participation. The DYA places focus upon personhood in conjunction to one’s differing ability(s).

The Forward Movement is a successor of an established campaign called the Accessible Icon Project (“AIP”), who designed the DSA, leading to an international revolution. The DSA has already been adopted in the following places:

- Nanaimo, British Columbia
- Victoria, British Columbia
- The State of New York
- The State of Connecticut
- Phoenix, Arizona
- El Paso, Texas
- The United States Department of Treasury
- All Iphone Keyboards

With the AODA and Ontario’s commitment to inclusivity and accessibility, it is only fitting that Ontario be the next place to adopt replace the old ISA, with the new and more progressive DSA.

In a visually simulated world, images communicate a means of understanding. Symbols and icon affect how we interpret and understand things. The DSA reframes the view we view people with disabilities, shifting the focus from the disability, to the person and their different ability. Change also sparks conversation, allowing for the opportunity to educate society on the importance of the right to access and inclusion.

We look forward to working with you toward making an accessible Ontario! We are happy to discuss this further at your convenience

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