

# Northern Spirit Regional Council

## Newsletter — November 2020

Next Meeting NSRC  
Executive December 9,  
2020 via Zoom

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### Northern Spirit RC Executive

- Northern Spirit Regional Council (NSRC) Executive met via zoom, on Tuesday November 10th.
- At this meeting we started what will be an ongoing discussion about how the Regional Council can best live out its promises in the Covenant we make with Communities of Faith. What are we doing? How well is that working? How best can we support those Communities?
- A new year is coming which means it is Budget time. We discussed a draft of the 2021 Budget and will pass the final Budget at our December meeting.
- We learned about changes coming to how the Bursary Fund is managed as the Bursary Fund Society is folding and the Fund will be managed by the Regional Council. Watch for a letter about that topic very soon.
- In late October a Task Group met and reviewed the applications for Mission and Ministry Grants (formerly Mission Support Grants). They had applications totalling \$199 000 and a budget of \$150 000 so were unable to give every ministry all that they asked for. The Executive accepted the Task Group recommendations and the grants should flow in to those ministries in due time.

### Nominations are opening for a number of positions across the Northern Spirit Regional Council.

For information about openings or to put your name forward contact Marilyn Carroll or Kathy Jackson

- The Property Commission shared a recommendation that one of the possible places to send proceeds from the sale of Church Buildings and Land would be to support Northern Spirit New Ministries Development Fund. The Executive supports this idea.
- In the past the General Council had a program to assist Remote Pastoral Charges with paying the moving costs for Ministry Personnel. Unfortunately that program no longer exists. However the Pastoral Relations Commission is working on developing a policy where NSRC would offer some support. We look forward to seeing what they bring the Executive for approval.
- We continue to plan for some sort of Annual Meeting in the Spring where Commissioners to the GC44 will be elected. Time and COVID will tell if this meeting is virtual or in-person.

**NSRC Executive** Gord Waldie (Chair) Shauna Scott, Alistair McKay, Margaret-Anne Hall, Peter Chynoweth, Marilyn Carroll, Mary Annan, Shannon McCarthy *Executive Minister*,

**Questions?** Contact us at [northernspirit@united-church.ca](mailto:northernspirit@united-church.ca) or Gord Waldie @ (780) 532 6157. **Regional office at Kirk Centre is open by appointment!**

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