

Northern Spirit Regional Council Property Commission, Report to the Council October 2022

The old adage “one person’s cast off is another person’s treasure” has become true for several United Churches and communities in our Region. The Property Commission is excited to report two such situations. The Acimowin Opaspiw Society has been [gifted the former Ashmont United Church building](#) for its head office and cultural activities. Please see the Regional Council website for more information. Thank you to the Ashmont Community of Faith for making this possible. The Beverly United Church building is currently the home of the Central Alberta Spiritual Society and an agreement between the Society and the United Church of Canada for its continued use is under way. This property will provide a space for Indigenous cultural and spiritual events in Edmonton. Living Spirit Community of Faith has grown out from the commitment and faith of a group of United Church members in Drayton Valley. Forty percent of the sale proceeds of the former Drayton Valley United Church will help to grow Living Spirit. Other beneficiaries of the proceeds include Indigenous ministries and the Regional Council.

Another good news story is the one of the McDougall Gravesite at the Victoria Settlement Historic Site on the North Saskatchewan River near the town of Smoky Lake. The County of Smoky Lake requested and was granted the transfer of this property from the United Church of Canada. The County will clean up the property and provide access to it for tourists and visitors.

Questions about purchasing, selling, or renovating church property may be answered on the Regional Council website - “About Us” scroll down to “[Property Commission](#)” . A comprehensive resource “Property Matters – a guide for Communities of Faith growing, dispersing, or recreating” is listed. We are grateful to Living Skies Regional Council Property Commission for much of the content and to Jim Beliveau, PC member, for editing and making the document relevant to Northern Spirit Region.

We are grateful for the work and encouragement of our staff support, Executive Minister Shannon McCarthy and all the PC members; Bob Miller, recording secretary, Jim Beliveau, Greg Parker, Susan Waldie and Erin White.



If you have an interest in property and legal matters you might consider joining this team.

The time commitment is approximately six hours per month with meetings and preparation. The work is interesting and important.

*Respectfully submitted, Martha Dawson,
Chairperson*