



**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
Sunday, November 5, 2023**

MINUTES

The Chairman, Rev. Billy Richards, called the meeting to order at 12:42 PM.

Members were asked to register.

The Chairman noted that all voting, except for voting by secret ballot, will be conducted by way of a show of hands and that questions/comments can be submitted to the Deacon Board of Directors at any time during the year.

The Chairman opened the Annual Business Meeting in prayer and indicated that no new business was submitted to be included on the Agenda.

The Chairman recognized the Church Staff as the Scrutineer Team, Andy Charter as Chair of the Scrutineer with Rawle Balkaran assisting.

The Chairman declared that the lower level of the Sanctuary be designated as the voting bar and anyone who wished to speak to the business of this Annual Business Meeting must be a voting member.

The Chair of the Scrutineers provided the Chairman a count of the members in attendance and the percentage:

Total Number of Members: 434
Number Required for Quorum (Business Items): 25% or 109
Number Required for Quorum (Constitution or By-Law Changes): 35% or 152
Number of Members in Attendance: 260 or 60%

ABM 23-01 It was Moved and Seconded that the agenda be approved as distributed. CARRIED

ABM 23-02 It was Moved and Seconded that the minutes of the Annual Business Meeting held on November 6, 2022 be approved as posted on the Church Website. CARRIED

The Chairman recognized the Treasurer, Basil Cole, and requested him to present the Treasurer's Report. The Chairman also recognized Executive Pastor Roger Berg who will be available for additional comments at the discretion of the Treasurer.

Basil Cole presented the 2022-2023 Annual Financial Report.

ABM 23-03 It was Moved and Seconded that the Annual Financial Report for 2022-2023, that was approved by the Deacon Board of Directors, be accepted as presented and posted on the Church Website. CARRIED

The Treasurer thanked Michael McNeill, Chartered Professional Accountant with Norton McMullen LLP, for his good work preparing the Audited Financial Statements for 2022-2023.

ABM 23-04 It was Moved and Seconded that the Auditor's Report, be accepted as presented and posted on the Church Website. CARRIED

ABM 23-05 On behalf of the Deacon Board of Directors, it was Moved and Seconded that Michael McNeill, Chartered Professional Accountant with Norton McMullen LLP, be appointed as Auditor for the fiscal year 2023-2024. CARRIED

ABM 23-06 It was Moved and Seconded that the 2023-2024 Annual Budget, that was approved by the Deacon Board of Directors, be accepted as presented and as provided as a handout at this annual business meeting. CARRIED

Updated re Haven's financial self-sufficiency – amount owing
The Chairman and the President of the Deacon Board of Directors, Steve Novoselac, provided an update of the support that the Church had been providing to the Haven on the Queensway ("Haven") to date and the plans towards the Haven's financial self-sufficiency.

The Chairman recognized Pastor Ed Clements, Associate Pastor, who presented the Resolution for the Extension of the Board Term.

ABM 23-07 **RESOLUTION #1**

WHEREAS Pastor Billy Richards ("Pastor Billy") has announced his desire to retire as Senior Pastor of Church on the Queensway ("Church");

AND WHEREAS Article IV, Section 5, Paragraph 5 of the General By-Law ("By-Law") of the Church provides that the Deacon Board of Directors ("Deacon Board"), in the event of a resignation of the Senior Pastor, shall assume the responsibility of giving direction to the Church regarding the search for a new Senior Pastor;

AND WHEREAS Pastor Billy and the currently serving members of the Deacon Board have worked extensively and in close co-operation in searching for a new Senior Pastor;

AND WHEREAS Pastor Billy, to safeguard the ongoing health and well-being of the Church, has agreed to continue serving as Senior Pastor until a new Senior Pastor is elected by the members of the Church, pursuant to Article IV, Section 4, Paragraph A of the By-Law;

AND WHEREAS Article V, Section 4, Paragraph C of the By-Law provides for a maximum eligible sequential term of five years for members of the Deacon Board;

AND WHEREAS Pastor Billy and the Deacon Board, given these extraordinary circumstances, believe it would be desirable to extend the maximum sequential term for eligibility for each of the currently serving members of the Deacon Board, by one year (from five years to six years), to maintain continuity and facilitate the continuing search for a new Senior Pastor;

AND WHEREAS Pastor Billy and the Deacon Board, jointly and unanimously recommend to the members of the Church the following resolution, for approval at the Church's Annual Business Meeting on November 5, 2023;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the maximum sequential term for eligibility for each of the currently serving members of the Deacon Board be extended by one year (from five years to six years), to maintain continuity search for a new Senior Pastor.

It was Moved and Seconded that the above resolution be approved as presented.
CARRIED

The Chairman provided an explanation regarding the recommendation slate and voting procedure. "Yes" would indicate they are in favour of the Recommendation Slate, "No" would indicate they are not in favour of the Recommendation Slate.

The Chairman declared the voting bar closed. The Scrutineer Team collected and counted voting ballots.

The Chairman declared that the election of Directors is in accordance with Article V, Section 4, Paragraph D.

ABM 23-08 ELECTION RESULTS FOR THE 2023-2024 DEACON BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The results of the election for the 2023-2024 Deacon Board of Directors were as follows:

Ballots Cast:	260
'Yes' Vote:	250 (96%) Elected
'No' Vote:	3 (1%)
'Spoiled' Vote:	7 (3%)

The Chairman recognized Pastor Dawson Phillips, Assistant Pastor, to pray over the new Deacon Board of Directors for 2023-2024:

Steve Novoselac, President
MaryAnn Devenney, Vice-President
Karina O, Secretary
Basil Cole, Treasurer
Mike Palaniandi, Director
Carmine, Crincoli, Director

CARRIED

The Chairman recognized the President of the Deacon Board, who presented his report, including a report on the Senior Pastor's Transition.

The President provided an explanation of the changes to the Constitution or By-Law, which was approved by the Deacon Board of Directors on September 28, 2023 and presented the following resolution:

ABM 23-09 RESOLUTION #2:

Be it resolved that members of the Church on the Queensway confirm the changes to the Church By-Law as presented at this meeting and also be reminded that the said By-Law contains a provision to repeal all former By-Laws of the corporation.

The results of the Constitution or By-Law changes were as follows:

Ballots Cast:	260
'Yes' Vote:	252 (97%)
'No' Vote:	1 (1%)
'Spoiled' Vote:	7 (3%)

The President, Steve Novoselac, assumed the chair and Senior Pastor Billy Richards presented his report.

ABM 23-10 It was Moved and Seconded that the Senior Pastor's Report be received as presented.

CARRIED

The Chairperson recognized the President, Steve Novoselac, who presented Resolution #3:

The President presented Resolution #3:

ABM 23-11 **RESOLUTION #3:**

It was Moved and Seconded that all resolutions, minutes, contracts, acts, by-laws, proceedings, appointments, elections and payments made, done and taken by the Directors and Officers of this Corporation since the date of the last annual meeting of the Corporation, are the same as set out or referred to in the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors and meetings of the Church on the Queensway, or in the financial statements submitted to this meeting, and all salaries, commissions, and other remuneration to employees of the Corporation to this date be approved, ratified and confirmed. CARRIED

The President informed the members that the church membership renewal every five (5) years will be deferred by another year to 2024.

ABM 23-12 **MOTION OF ADJOURNMENT:** It was Moved and Seconded to adjourn the November 5, 2023 Annual Business Meeting. CARRIED

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 1:30 PM.

