

**Westworth United Church  
246 Council Meeting Minutes**

**October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Time:1900 hours**

**1. Call to Order: 7:05**

**2. Attendance:** Pat Stephenson, Chair; Dianne Sjoberg, Vice-Chair; Ron Bailey, Treasurer; Brett Lougheed, co-chair Ministry and Personnel; Sharon Stanley, co-chair, Ministry and Personnel Committee; Bruce Tefft; Keith Love; Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd; Joyce Clouston, Secretary.

**Guests:** Eunice Pratt, Chair: Safe Re-opening Committee, Diane Riordon, member, safe re-opening committee; Olwyn Lewis, Team Leader: Worship.

**3. Opening prayer:** by Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd

**4. Purpose as outlined by Pat Stephenson:**

On September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021, several council members met with Team Leaders of Safe Re-opening Committee and Worship Committee for a listening circle to discuss concerns arising from a motion of September 22<sup>nd</sup>:

**MOTION:** THAT Council approve the recommendations by the Safe Reopening Committee as outlined in the document:

Hope Continues: Westworth United Church Revised Reopening Plan September 2021, with the addition of the requirement of proof of vaccination be presented, by those eligible, for Sunday Services.

Council commends the Safe Reopening Committee for excellent work.

**Moved by:** Dianne Sjoberg

**Seconded by:** Bruce Tefft

Council Members present on September 26<sup>th</sup> agreed to convene a special council meeting (Oct 4<sup>th</sup>), inviting Team Leaders and members from Safe Re-opening Committee and Worship Committee as a follow up to the concern expressed by these leaders during circle-sharing.

**5. Agenda:**

1. To reconsider the above motion; and
2. To discuss whether terms of reference for Safe Re-opening Committee (outlined in July 20<sup>th</sup> and revised July 21<sup>st</sup>, and circulated prior to this meeting) be changed/ revised.

**6. Discussions:**

Discussion Regarding #1 to reconsider Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> motion. Focused on assuredness of safety to the best of abilities of Safe Re-opening Committee in concert with Worship and Property team leaders.

Actions taken:

1. **MOTION:** THAT Council of Westworth United Church accept in total the report and presented by Safe Re-opening Committee on September 22<sup>nd</sup> as outlined in the document Hope Continues: Westworth United Church Revised Reopening Plan September 2021

**Moved by:** Dianne Sjoberg

**Seconded by:** Brett Lougheed

The motion was carried.

**Abstentions:** Ron Bailey; Bruce Tefft.

2. Soft re-opening of worship services will not proceed at present. A decision will be deferred to the October 26<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. (Eunice Pratt/ Diane Riordan to attend?) in view of the anticipated fourth wave, with possible Code Red which appears imminent in the next two weeks.
3. Small groups and rentals involving smaller groups may continue as is currently in place.

Discussion regarding #2: Terms of reference of Safe Re-opening Committee.

1. Minutes of terms of reference of Safe Re-opening Committee June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and revised terms July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020.
2. Loraine clarified the current governance structure of Westworth Church which emphasizes that Council is to provide overall vision, with Teams tasked to make decisions on matters under their Team/Committee mandates. If the Team/Committee or Council wishes to discuss any issues related to their ministry, they are invited to attend a Council meeting.

Actions taken:

1. Council suggested that Council Liaisons responsible are to be proactive in contacting Team Leaders to ensure that in the event of major motions being forwarded to Council, Team Leaders and/or members should be invited to present and be available to answer questions, provide information as may be helpful to Council decisions.
2. Eunice Pratt, chair of Safe Re-Opening Committee, along with members of the team, and Olwyn Lewis, Team Leader: Worship, will be available to be keep Council apprised of the ongoing and changing COVID situation.

**8. Closing Prayer:** by Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd

**9. The meeting closed at 8:50 pm**

**Next Council Meeting is scheduled for October 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

Minutes respectfully submitted October 5<sup>th</sup> by:

Joyce Clouston,  
Westworth Council Secretary.

Pat Stephenson,  
Council Chairperson