

Rev. Paul Reed, Chair

Kawartha Highlands Presbytery

United Church of Canada

Dear Rev. Reed

Re. Request to Sell Zion United Church Building.

Highland Hills United Church respectfully requests permission to sell the Zion United Church building located in Carnarvon, Ontario, and that the proceeds from the sale be provided to Highland Hills United Church.

The Highland Hills Pastoral Charge has been working to address declining membership and revenues since 2005. A summary of the amalgamation process is attached and the key steps are noted below.

- 2005 Initial discussions by Board continue to 2014.
- 2014 Congregational discussions started concerning the three points within the charge toward working and worshiping together.
- 2015 Transformational Planning Group formed with Minden, Zion, and Maple Lake United churches participating.
- 2016 Multiple meetings, Visioning Sessions, and decision to hold amalgamation vote.
- 2016 (October 23) Minden (95%) and Zion (82%) voted in favour of amalgamation. Maple Lake at (33%) voted to remain as a separate point within the charge. (Minutes attached).
- 2017 (March 22) Minden United Church and Zion United Church renamed Highland Hills United Church. New governance structure adopted.
- 2018 (September 16) Highland Hills United Church members vote (69%) to adopt the Minden church building as the permanent home for the congregation. (Minutes attached).

It is proposed that the proceeds from the sale of the Zion church building be used by the Highland Hills congregation for strategic upgrades to the Minden building, including those to improve accessibility, and to assist in implementing the new vision for our church within the community.

Thank you for your continued support in our endeavors.

Andy Cooper,

Highland Hills UC Presbytery Representative (Member of the Implementation Committee, and Trustee)
on behalf of the Unified Board of Highland Hills United Church.

Attachments:

- Summary of HHUC Amalgamation Process.
- Minutes of September 16, 2018 Building Selection Vote Meeting.