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[The committee met at 09:00.]

The Chair: — Okay. Good morning. Hello, committee members, and thank you for joining us here today. This is the Standing Committee on Private Bills, and I am Douglas Steele, or Doug Steele. Today with us we have Greg Ottenbreit, Joe Hargrave, Vicki Mowat, and I guess that's it. Okay.

Bill No. 905 — *The Amity Trust Act, 2022*

Clause 1

The Chair: — We're here today to examine Bill No. 905, *The Amity Trust Act, 2022*. We'll be tabling the report from the Law Clerk, have some comments from the sponsoring members or organizations, then we'll proceed to clause-by-clause consideration of the bill. I will table PBC 11-29, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel: Report on Bill No. 905, dated April 11th, 2022. Marie Digney, deputy parliamentary counsel, is available if there are any questions on the Law Clerk's report.

Any questions from the members? Mr. Kirsch, could you introduce the officials with you and make comments you have on the bill?

Mr. Kirsch: — Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. I'd like to introduce Cory Regier. And Cory's here to answer any of the difficult questions. I've been on this committee and brought other bills forward like this, and they're for smaller organizations in communities that have struggled. And very, very pleased to be able to oblige them and help them on these issues. So thank you very much.

The Chair: — Okay. Mr. Regier, do you have any comments?

Mr. Regier: — I'm not supposed to touch this mike, right? First of all, just my thanks for the time here this morning, my thanks for the whole process. It's been certainly a learning process for me. I've never done this before.

The Act that our organization exists under is from 1917, and the last time it was amended was 1975 so it's long overdue for an update. And Mr. Ring and Ms. Digney have been just excellent in helping us craft the bill that's before the committee today, which will do a couple things for us: first of all, clean up some pretty outdated language in the old legislation; as well as address some needed updates to some of the powers of our board with regard to capital structure and governance; and of course the biggest one being a name change for us as well. We were, for the first 50 years of our organization, The Mennonite Union Waisenamt. And then for the next 50 years, we were Mennonite Trust. And now we are Amity Trust. And so this bill will make that change official for us.

So again my thanks to the committee. And I'm happy to try and answer any questions that you might have for me at any point. Thank you.

The Chair: — Thank you, Mr. Regier. I'd like to make a note that Mr. Terry Dennis has joined us. Ms. Digney, do you have any comments?

Ms. Digney: — I'll just read the Law Clerk's report into the record. So our office has examined this private bill, and we're pleased to report that it is drawn in accordance with the rules of the Legislative Assembly respecting private bills. As Mr. Regier indicated, this bill replaces *An Act to incorporate The Mennonite Union Waisenamt*, which dates back to 1917 and has not been updated in nearly 50 years.

This bill is a welcome repeal and replacement of that Act with updated legislation, and we are also pleased to report that in our opinion, the bill contains no provisions that are at variance with the usual provisions of private Acts on similar subjects or that are deserving of special attention. The Assembly's standard transitional provisions were added to the bill, which ensures that all property, assets, and liabilities carry forward on the coming into force of this Act.

And we'd also just like to add that it was a pleasure to work with Mr. Regier on this, and thank you for your time.

The Chair: — Thank you, Ms. Digney. Are there any questions arising for comments? If there's no more questions we will begin clause-by-clause consideration. Okay. Clause 1, short title, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

[Clause 1 agreed to.]

[Clauses 2 to 16 inclusive agreed to.]

[Preamble agreed to.]

The Chair: — Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, enacts the following: *The Amity Trust Act, 2022*.

I would ask a member to move the following motion:

That the committee report Bill No. 905, *The Amity Trust Act, 2022* without amendment.

Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. I would ask a member to move the following motion:

That the fees respecting Bill No. 905, *The Amity Trust Act, 2022* be waived.

Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Mr. Hargrave: — I'm making the motion.

The Chair: — Mr. Hargrave so moved:

That the fees respecting Bill No. 905, *The Amity Trust Act* be waived.

Agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Thank you, Mr. Kirsch. Any final comments?

Mr. Kirsch: — Thank you very much. Appreciate the quick passage, and I'm sure they at that end do, too. So thank you to the members of the committee on both sides and especially to the staff that did this, Mr. Ring and his group. Thank you.

The Chair: — Mr. Regier, do you have any closing comments?

Mr. Regier: — I'll just say again, thanks for everybody's time and for an insight into this very interesting process. Thank you.

The Chair: — Thank you, Mr. Regier. Okay, committee members will have a draft report in front of them. Any questions? Would a member move the following motion:

That the fifth report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

Mr. Hargrave: — I move.

The Chair: — Okay.

The fifth report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. That concludes today's agenda. Would a member move the adjournment motion? Greg Ottenbreit. Agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. The committee stands adjourned until the call of the Chair.

[The committee adjourned at 09:10.]