

CANADIAN SHIELD REGIONAL COUNCIL TRANSITION (CSRCT) EXECUTIVE MEETING

Via Adobe Connect
March 7, 2019

MINUTES of the Canadian Shield Regional Council Transition (CSRCT) Executive held on March 7, 2019 by Adobe Connect.

PRESENT: Jim Jackson (Chair), Joy Bott, Cindy Desilets, Sandra Jenkinson, Mardi Mumford, Barbara Nott, Eun-Joo Park, Janet Ross, Helen Smith, Rob Smith, Kathie Smith, Harry Stewart, Joy Galloway

STAFF: Peter Hartmans, Susan Whitehead

REGRETS: Janet Sigurdson, Maxine McVey, Bella Barbeiro

Chairperson, Jim Jackson, opened the meeting at 9:35 a.m. Peter Hartmans led us in a prayer.

Jim then honoured the land we gather on by saying these words:

"This land where we gather today has been a gathering place for First Nations people as they camped and travelled in this area for generations beyond our knowing. Before people arrived from across the seas, these groups lived, loved, raised children and made a living. They lived in harmony with all that the Creator had made. As we meet today, we recognize that traditional sojourners in this land. We give thanks for them and for this land on which we meet. We acknowledge that our history has come at a great cost to the aboriginal community and we commit ourselves to be partners in healing and reconciliation. (Acknowledging the Land, 2016)

Jim then acknowledged our commitment to being a safe place for all people to gather and participate in our Region by saying these words:

"The United Church of Canada is committed to providing a safe environment for worship, work, and study in all pastoral charges, congregations, institutions, agencies, organizations, and other bodies that operate under its name. The United Church of Canada seeks to ensure that all staff, volunteers, and ministry personnel who work with vulnerable individuals in United Church settings share this commitment. This commitment will be demonstrated by staff, volunteers, and ministry personnel showing respect for personal boundaries, protecting others from harm and abuse, and enabling those in their care to learn and grow without fear of exploitation. As we work together to create this community of trust and safety, God's vision of shalom sustains and guides us. We will experience the presence of the Spirit, nurturing and prodding us to be a people of compassion and grace."

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the meeting was approved, by consensus, as circulated.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Sandra Jenkinson/Barb Nott

2019-03-07-1

That the Minutes of the Canadian Shield Regional Council Transition Executive held on February 21, 2019 at the Quattro Hotel in Sault Ste. Marie, be approved, as circulated.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

There is no official correspondence for this meeting.

After the meeting in Sault Ste. Marie, it was determined as a result of a ruling from Nora Sanders, that the region does not have the authority to appoint members-at-large as voting members. This will be dealt with at the next Transition Executive meeting.

SLATE OF NOMINATIONS FOR THE REGIONAL MEETING

Kathie Smith led Executive through questions that the Nominations Committee have (*Appendix A*).

Nominations Committee

Executive discussed future Regional Council Meetings and how often they will occur. Peter indicated that we decided there would be two meetings in a row, 2019 & 2020. At the RC Mtg, members could decide something else, as it is not set in stone.

The decision regarding whether Regional Council meetings will be annual or bi-annual can be decided at the 2019 RC meeting. Peter indicated that if we had a meeting in 2021 it could be digital meeting via Adobe Connect. It was decided that Executive can proceed with principle that there is a meeting, not necessarily an in-person one.

Lillian reiterated that anyone who is expressing interested in becoming a member on the Executive Committee has to be a member of the Regional Council.

Kathie referred to 2019 Nominations Overview spreadsheet (*Appendix B*).

She clarified that the Past Chair position on Executive is a two-year term and Peter concurred.

Pastoral Relations Commission (PRC)

Kathie indicated that there was a suggestion that one of the positions on the commission be a secretary position. Terms of office would be 1-year, 2-year and 3-year. It was suggested that the minutes be posted the same as Executive minutes because it is a Commission.

Support to Communities of Faith Commission (SCOFC)

It was also suggested that one of the positions on the SCOFC be a secretary position like the PRC.

MOTION by Mardi Mumford/Cindy Desilets

2019-03-07-2

Upon recommendations from the Interim Nominations Committee the Regional Council Executive approved the following changes to the Governance Document approved in principle December 19, 2018:

Section 3, Terms of Office under past chair change the election to the position for two years from one.

Now reads: Past Chair - at the May 2019 meeting, a member of the Transition Commission will be elected to the positions for two years.

Section 5 Nominations Committee Membership change in number of members from total of 8 to a total of 6; change in designating Past Chair as member of nominations committee.

Section 5 now to reads:

Membership

The Nominations Committee will consist of six members:

- Two members of the Executive including the past chair, one of whom will chair the Nominations Committee;
- Four members of the United Church, within the bounds of the Regional Council, not serving on the Executive;

The members and Chair of the Nominations Committee will be elected by the Regional Council. Vacancies on the committee may be filled by the Executive until the next meeting of the Regional Council.

CARRIED

Executive then reviewed the Resource Teams section in the Governance Document, where the discussion centered around the accountability of Resource Teams and what the resource/admin support of staff would be expected.

It was noted that Resource Teams (RT), unlike Networks and Clusters, are operative parts of the governance structure. The following revisions were made to the Resource Team Section:

MOTION by Joy Bott/Cindy Desilets

2019-03-07-3

That the Regional Council Transition Executive combine the Mission Support Resource Team and the Grants and Funding Resource Team become one resource team responsible for all granting application recommendations to the Support to Communities of Faith Commission for decision.

CARRIED

MOTION by Kathie Smith/Helen Smith

2019-03-07-4

That the membership of the Canadian Shield Regional Council Resource Teams be 4-6 members for each team, one of whom will be the chair, but excluding the Finance Resource Team, which remains at 3 members.

CARRIED

It was agreed that Nominations would gather all expressions of interest related to a RT's area of ministry and that these would form the nucleus of a network related to a RT.

Property Resource Team

The Property RT is required to have consultation with the Support to Communities of Faith Commission around property issues and then make recommendations that would be put forth to the Executive. There needs to be further conversation and clarity around this particular RT.

Finance Resource Team

A Finance Resource Team will need to be established with 3 members, that will construct the budget each year and then will give the budget presentation at the Regional Council Meeting. Janet MacDonald has been hired to bridge the gap until a Financial Resource Team is established.

NEXT PROPOSED MEETING DATES – LATE WINTER

- April Face-to-Face Timmins, April 2-3, 2019 (with Monday, April 1 and Thursday, April 4 as travel days)
- Future Adobe meetings TBD

CLOSING

Having completed the agenda for this meeting, Jim Jackson adjourned the meeting at 11:03 p.m.

Jim then offered a closing prayer.

APPENDIX A

2019 NOMINATIONS OVERVIEW

EXECUTIVE Total # members to be 12

POSITION	2019 TERMS (yr)	
Chair	2	
Chair Elect	2	
Past Chair	1	Elected from Transition Commission
EM/Designate		
PRC Appointee		
SCoFC Appointee		
Members (6)	1,2,3	

NOMINATIONS Total # members to be 6

POSITION	2019 TERMS (yr)
Executive mem (2)	3
Members (4)	3

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMISSION Total # of members to be 11

POSITION	2019 TERMS (yr)
Chair	3

Secretary	3
Members (5)	3
Liaison Officers (4)	3

3 yr terms may be renewable once

SUPPORT to COMMUNITIES of FAITH COMMISSION

Total # of members to be 11

POSITION	2019 TERMS (yr)
Chair	3
Secretary	3
Members (9)	3

3 yr terms may be renewable once

RESOURCE TEAMS

Property Resource

- appointment of Task group at the time of need - gather expressions of interest; what might this look like?

Mission Support Resource Team

- appointment

POSITION	2019 TERMS (yr)
Chair	3
Members (3-6)	3

Grants & Funding Resource Team

- appointment of 4 - 6 members

Finance Resource Team

- appointment of three members to support EM - expressions of interest

Living Into Right Relations Resource Team

- appointment of Chair and gather expressions of interest by RC members to the team

Affirming Ministry Resource Team

- appointment of Chair and 3 - 6 members - gather expressions of interest

Youth and Young Adult Ministry Resource Team

- gather expressions of interest by geographical area

APPENDIX B

AC Meeting Items from NC

1. Regional Council Meeting Schedule – pg 7 states meeting in 2019 and 2020 pg 7
 - How is this decided?
 - Do we want the Chair position to coincide with the RCM schedule?
2. Suggestions from NC for changes to membership on exec etc
 - Excel overview document
 - Confirm Past Chair term 1 or 2 years pg 9
 - NC – total members to be six; 2 from Exec – one the past Chair and either of whom will act as Chair
 - PRC – total members 11, include a secretary position
 - SCoFC- total members 11, include a secretary position
3. Questions raised from NC by Lillian
4. Go through each of the Resource Teams in governance document