

MINUTES of the Executive of Canadian Shield Regional Council held on April 1, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom.

PRESENT: Kathie Smith (Chair), Barb Nott, Helen Smith, Joy Galloway, Stewart Walker, John Watson, Dave Le Grand, Maxine McVey, Christina Stricker, Jim Jackson, Judith Visser

STAFF: Peter Hartmans, Susan Whitehead, Melody, Will, Rob, Lillian, Rachael

REGRETS: Cindy Desilets

Kathie Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting of Executive. The CSRC Staff joined Executive for this meeting.

Kathie honoured the traditional lands upon which we meet with the following words:

“The lands where we gather today have been places of gathering for First Nations people as they camped and travelled across the land for generations beyond our knowing. Before people arrived from across the seas, these Nations lived, loved, raised children and made a living. They lived in harmony with all that the Creator had made. As we gather today, we recognize those traditional sojourners in this land. We give thanks for them and for the lands 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 with understanding and intention.”
(Adapted – Acknowledging the Land, 2016)

Kathie then read the CSRC safe space statement:

The Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive seeks to be a safe place for all people to gather and participate in the life and work of the Regional Council regardless of age, ability, race, cultural background, sexual orientation or gender identity. In this space, all are welcome.

Peter lit a Christ Candle and led Executive in worship focusing on “fasting.”

CHECK-IN

Executive and Staff took time to do a check-in with each other amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Peter Hartmans/John Watson 2020-04-01-01
That the agenda for the meeting be approved as circulated.
CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Jim Jackson/Barb Nott 2020-04-01-02
That That the Minutes of the meeting of the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive held on February 5, 2020 and March 25, 2020 via Zoom be approved as circulated.
CARRIED

OMNIBUS MOTION: INCORPORATED MINISTRY

MOTION by Peter Hartmans/John Watson 2020-04-01-03
That the Canadian Shield Regional Council (6) Executive take the following action:

a) **St. Paul's United Church Non-Profit Housing Corporation**

... approve the St. Paul's United Church Non-Profit Housing Corporation 2019-2020 Board of Directors

**Lynne Curran
Brian Foster
Gail Henderson
Joan Keehn
Don Macdougall
Doreen Macdougall
Mary Lee Mehagan
Bert Rowson**

This is based on the draft Annual General Meeting minutes of June 11, 2019, the 2019 board member approval form, the board contact list provided and receipt of other required documentation per The United Church of Canada Incorporated Ministries Policy.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COVID-19 UPDATED

Regional Response

Peter gave a quick update on COVID-19 in the region and beyond. He indicated that there will be finance seminars online from United In Learning every Wednesday night. Tonight is one geared for Treasurers but all are welcome. Erik Matheison will be talking specifically about the various government grants that are available for churches. Peter asked that Executive keep checking the CSRC website for all the new and updated materials that are coming out.

AFFIRM CONVERSATION

Will updated Executive about the following motion and questions from the Affirming Resource Team.

MOTION by Nancy Ferguson/Crystal Greig

RC Mtg 2019-06-01-03

That as priorities are being established for the Regional Council, the Regional Council Executive, the Commissions and the Resource Teams, they include the language required for Affirming Ministries, "the inclusion of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities in the life and work of the Ministry" (required by Affirm United); And that Canadian Shield Regional Council authorize the Affirming Ministry Resource Team to develop an Interim Action Plan for the first year of the Regional Council's existence, June 2019-2020, detailing how the Regional Council will live out the above commitment in the region's responsibilities and functions; And that Canadian Shield Regional Council authorize the payment of the annual Affirm United/S'affirmer Ensemble of \$100 for 2019 and 2020.

CARRIED

MOTION by Barb Nott/Maxine McVey **2020-04-01-06**
That the CSRC Executive cancel the 2020 CSRC Meeting due to COVID-19 health concerns for an in-person meeting and schedule a face-to-face Regional Council meeting in 2021.
CARRIED

Implications of Meeting Shift

Peter reported that the medical community have cautioned people about meeting in large groups in the fall as there is not a vaccine yet. There will be the possibility of having an online meeting in the fall of 2020 where people can join on a computer or by the telephone.

Electing Commissioners for GC44

This will happen in consultation with the Nominations Committee and is yet to be determined when/how it will occur (at an in-person or online meeting).

HIRING COMMITTEE – PR MINISTER POSITION

The hiring committee has been put together:

Peter Hartmans (Executive Minister)

Will Kunder (Staff Member)

Jim Jackson (Nominations Chairperson)

Helen Smith (Executive Member)

Nancy Ferguson (PRC Member)

There was consensus that the PRM Position Hiring Committee bring the candidates's name to Executive for final approval.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

- May 12, 2020 Zoom Meeting

CLOSING

Peter closed with prayer and Kathie adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.