

MINUTES of the Executive of Canadian Shield Regional Council held on March 3, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom.

PRESENT: Barb Nott (Chair), John Watson, Jim Jackson, Joy Galloway, Nancy Ferguson, Tori Mullin, Dave Le Grand, Helen Smith

STAFF: Jody Maltby (Acting EM), Susan Whitehead

REGRETS: Stewart Walker, Kathie Smith

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting of Executive.

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

The lands where we gather today, across this region, 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 meet today, we recognize those traditional sojourners in this land. We give thanks for them and for the lands on which we gather today. We acknowledge that our history has come at a great cost to the Indigenous community and we commit ourselves to be partners in healing and reconciliation.

Barb then read the CSRC safe space statement:

The Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive, as an affirming community, is a safe place that welcomes and includes 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.

The Canadian Shield Regional Council was so very saddened to learn of the passing of Cindy Desilets, a former Executive Member. Kathie led Worship in a tribute to Cindy, Executive took some time to share their memories of her and then Helen ended with prayer.

CHECK-IN

Executive took time to do a check-in with each other.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

John added Timelines for Policy Reviews under new business.

MOTION by John Watson/Tori Mullins **2022-03-03-01**
That the agenda for the meeting be approved, as amended.
CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Helen Smith/Tori Mullins **2022-03-03-02**
That the Minutes of the meetings of the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive held on December 9, 2021 via Zoom, be approved as circulated.
CARRIED

RECEIVE MINUTES FROM COMMISSIONS

MOTION by Dave Le Grand/John Watson **2022-03-03-03**
That the Minutes of the CSRC Support to Communities of Faith
Commission from January 26, 2022 and the Pastoral Relations
Commission from January 26, 2022 be received, for information.
CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

GENERAL COUNCIL 44 (GC44) UPDATE

Executive members who were GC44 Commissioners took time to share their experiences of the event on Saturday, February 13, 2022. Jody then explained the next step in the GC44 process is the learning webinars and the General Council Office (GCO) asked each Regional Council to have someone present the "Just Peace" proposal we forwarded in those webinars. It seems to involve said presenter making a video of the presentation and then being available for the question period during the session. John suggested that the person presenting might be Joyce Fergus Moore and Jody will follow up with her.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Jody shared that website has been updated based on the Government announcement on February 17th, 2022. There is not a lot of feedback but we will keep the website updated.

REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING – SEPT. 23-25, 2022

Barb gave an update on the Regional Council Meeting (RCM) planned for in-person in Sudbury. Most of last year's RCM Planning Team members have decided to continue on and be part of the Local Arrangements/Planning Team but Barb indicated that more members and a chair are needed. Nancy Ferguson and Helen Smith have offered to co-chair the team for 2022 and a liaison for St. Andrew's UC in Sudbury will need to be established.

St. Andrew's UC Sudbury has been re-booked for the meeting as well as all the rooms for workshops and/or breakout rooms/presentations. Barb indicated that she would approach the Northbury Hotel to re-book with them. She also contacted Pete's Rental and is establishing the same table order that we had before. The meeting will be Friday night and Saturday morning, with a spillover on Sunday morning if needed, with the Celebration of Ministry Service on late Sunday morning.

Executive discussed possible themes and there will be a more fulsome discussion at the planning meeting. Any suggestions should be forwarded to the co-chairs.

REPORT FROM TASK GROUP FOR NEW MINISTRY PERSONNEL IN THE NORTH

Nancy gave an update from the Task Group for New Ministry Personnel (MP) in the north. At the first meeting, there was brainstorming with action items including a survey to go out to candidates at nearby theological education centres and a recruitment video. There is no proposed budget at this time and Nancy suggests we may want to hire someone to do this work.

PETER'S RETURN AND JODY'S LAST MEETING WITH THE CSRC EXECUTIVE

On behalf of Executive and the CSRC, Barb thanked Jody for her time as the Acting Executive Minister while Peter was off on sabbatical.

NEW BUSINESS

Ukrainian Sample Letter

Nancy indicated that the GCO's sample letter of support to our Ukrainian brothers and sisters of other denominations in the Sault Ste. Marie (SSM) area was signed by SSM Ministry Personnel and sent. She is asking if there is a structural entity within the Ukrainian Catholic Church that the CSRC should be reaching out to as well. Jody offered to find out if such an entity exists and will report back to Barb.

Timelines for Policy Reviews

John shared the Pastoral Relations Commission (PRC) discussed reviewing all CSRC Policies and Procedures and determined that the regional council may need to determine a schedule for such a review and edit. Barb will discuss with Jody, Peter and Susan and come up with a schedule, if needed.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

- April 7, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom
- May 5, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom
- June 2, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom

CLOSING

Barb adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m. and ended with a prayer.