

MINUTES of the Executive of Canadian Shield Regional Council held on August 19, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom.

PRESENT: Barb Nott (Chair), John Watson, Jim Jackson, Joy Galloway, Nancy Ferguson, Helen Smith, Kathie Smith

STAFF: Peter Hartmans, Rachael Howes

REGRETS: Stewart Walker and Dave Le Grand

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and Peter Hartmans offered an opening prayer.

Barb Nott gave an acknowledgment of the traditional lands upon which we meet and acknowledged our commitment to being a safe place for all people to gather and participate in our Region.

AGENDA

The meeting was called to deal with an item on regional meeting travel expense policy and an item on New Ministry Service request.

Background information:

As we, as a Regional Council have faced Covid isolation and as a way to encourage in person participation, it is being proposed that, for the 2022 Regional Council meeting, the Regional Council cover 100% of travel expenses for participants to the Regional Council meeting. This would be a one meeting policy, to be revisited for other Regional meetings. However, as we have saved significant money due to Covid on travel, and we have been isolated as a Regional Council due to Covid, maximum attendance (Covid permitting) could increase connection for our meeting. We would encourage folks to car pool where possible, mindful that folks coming from Thunder Bay may need to fly, due to distance and scheduling.

There was discussion that 'travel expenses' would mean mileage and/or flight costs only, not meals and accommodation. It was decided to change the wording to 'transportation cost.'

MOTION by Peter Hartmans/Helen Smith

2022-08-19-01

That for the 2022 Regional Council meeting only, the Regional Council cover 100% of round-trip transportation cost for all Regional Council members, with the mileage rate at \$0.46 per km and receipts required for plane, bus or train travel.

CARRIED

MOTION by Peter Hartmans/John Watson

2022-08-19-02

That as a way of welcoming and expressing hospitality to new clergy, and their family, being admitted to The United Church of Canada and the Canadian Shield Regional Council, that the Canadian Shield Regional Council cover 100% of round-trip transportation cost for the family of Rev. Mastard Sakala as he is admitted to The United Church of Canada, at the New Ministry Service on Sunday, September 25, 2022.

CARRIED

UPDATE

Peter Hartmans gave an update on Joan Bailey's position.

NEXT MEETING

September 8, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

CLOSING

Peter Hartmans gave a closing prayer, and the meeting ended at 10:00 a.m.