

MINUTES of the Executive of Canadian Shield Regional Council held on June 25, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. online via Zoom.

PRESENT: Nancy Ferguson (Chair), Bill Jones (Chair-Elect), Jim Jackson, Susan Peverley, Laurie Stevenson, Lionel Ketola, Gord Roberts, Bill Steadman, Susan Lindquist

STAFF: Peter Hartmans, Susan Whitehead

REGRETS: David LeGrand, Stewart Walker, Mastard Sakala

Chair Nancy welcomed everyone to the meeting of Executive.

Nancy honoured the traditional lands upon which we meet and then spoke about the CSRC being a safe space.

Peter opened the meeting with worship reading from Psalm 121 and ended in prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Peter Hartmans/Bill Jones **CS Exec 2024-06-25-01**
That the agenda for the meeting be approved, as circulated.
CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Trinity UC in Thunder Bay

Nancy shared the letter from Trinity UC and thanked Trinity UC for sharing their building with us.

NOMINATIONS RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING GC45 COMMISSIONERS

Bill Jones shared the recommendation from the Nominations Committee regarding the process for election of GC45 Commissioners, indicating that it is the same process that was adopted by Nominations and Executive for the election of GC44 Commissions.

MOTION by Kathie Smith/Mardi Mumford **CS NOMS 2024-06-11-05**
That the Nominations Committee recommend to Executive the adoption of the proposed Nomination and Election Process for Commissioners to General Council.
CARRIED

MOTION by Bill Jones/Lionel Ketola **CS Exec 2024-06-25-02**
That the CSRC Executive adopt the Nominations Committee recommended Nominations and Election Process for Commissioners to General Council.
CARRIED

NOMINATION RECOMMENDATION REGARDING ADDITIONAL COMMISSION MEMBERS

Bill Jones explained that the Pastoral Relations Commission would like to increase their member number from 9 to 10. There was discussion about the high volume of work the Commission is engaged in and that the additional member would be helpful.

MOTION by Mardi Mumford/Kathie Smith **CS NOMS 2024-06-11-02**
That the CSRC Nominations Committee recommend to the Executive that the PRC membership be increased from 9 to 10 members, plus the Chair and Secretary.
CARRIED

MOTION by Jim Jackson/Susan Peverley **CS Exec 2024-06-25-03**
That the CSRC Executive approve the Nominations Committee recommendation that the Pastoral Relations Commission membership be increased from 9 to 10 members, plus the Chair and Secretary.
CARRIED

Jim Jackson indicated that Executive has not formally approved the election of the 3 members to the 3 Commissions – Peter Haddow, John Watson, and Jack Page.

MOTION by Gord Roberts/Jim Jackson **CS Exec 2025-06-25-04**
That the CSRC Executive approve the election of Peter Haddow to the Support to Communities of Faith Commission, John Watson to the Pastoral Relations Commission, and Jack Page to the Property Commission.
CARRIED

2025 FESTIVAL OF FAITH (FOF) BUDGET

Peter shared that the Festival of Faith (FoF) planning team is requesting that the budget for the event be \$30,000 for CSRC portion of the event. He explained that at the 2023 FoF, the venue was at a college and although CSRC saved money on the venue, there were accessibility issues. The 2025 FoF will be hosted at a hotel where there are no accessibility issues and thus, is a bit more expensive.

MOTION by Laurie Stevenson/Lionel Ketola **CS Exec 2024-06-25-05**
That the budget for the 2025 Festival of Faith be \$30,000 for the Canadian Shield Regional Council's portion of the joint event with SWRC (50% percent of the total cost of \$60,000).
CARRIED

UPDATE REGARDING SHINING WATERS REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Nancy and Peter shared their experiences at the Shining Waters Regional Council Meeting at North Bramalea United Church in Brampton, as Nancy represented the Canadian Shield Regional Council. Peter acknowledged Nancy's active participation, including her role as a communion server and her CSRC "flag-waving", and expressed his appreciation for the significance of her physical presence at the meeting, especially for the 100th celebration kickoff. Nancy shared her experience of attending a service with other high-ranking members of the United Church, highlighting the networking opportunities and the value of physical meetings. They both agreed that the event was a wonderful opportunity to witness, and Nancy shared she would include a link to the service recording in her reflection for future reference.

CONVERSATION ABOUT PROCEEDING ASAP WITH: PART-TIME ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT, TO BE SHARED BETWEEN SWRC AND CSRC, AS A TRANSITION FOR JANET

Peter shared an update on staffing with Executive, reminding the team that Janet had submitted her resignation for June 30, 2025. He suggested proceeding with the hiring of a full-time accounting assistant immediately to help with the transition. The bookkeeping for SWRC is a bit more complicated and would require an earlier start date of September 1, 2024 and then to have a January 1, 2025 start date with CSRC, with CSRC's relationship being a fee for service. Jody Maltby (SWRC Staff) will be the staff support to the CSRC Finance Committee.

MOTION by Lionel Ketola/Bill Steadman **CS Exec 2025-06-25-06**
That the CSRC Executive direct Executive Minister, Peter Hartmans, to commence with the hiring of a full-time accounting assistant to help with the transition in preparation for when Janet MacDonald leaves her position on June 30, 2025.
CARRIED

DISCUSS THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY AND LETTER FROM GC REGARDING \$2,000

This item has been moved to the September 2024 CS Executive meeting.

EXECUTIVE MINISTER UPDATE

Peter shared a good news health update with Executive members.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

- September 5, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom (if needed)
- September 24-26, 2024 Joint Executive Meeting with SWRC at Villa Loyola, Sudbury

CLOSING

Peter gave a closing prayer and Nancy adjourned the meeting at 2:02 p.m.

