

**MINUTES** of the Executive of Canadian Shield Regional Council held on September 4, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. online via Zoom.

**PRESENT:** Nancy Ferguson (Chair), Stewart Walker, Jim Jackson, Bill Jones, Gord Roberts, Laurie Stevenson, Susan Lindquist, Susan Peverley, Peter Haddow

**STAFF:** Peter Hartmans (Executive Minister), Susan Whitehead (Administrative Support)

**REGRETS:** Dave LeGrand, Lionel Ketola

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 welcomed everyone back to the first day back from the summer and shared Ecclesiastes Chapter 3. He then led in an opening prayer.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION by Jim Jackson/Susan Peverley CS EXEC 2025-09-04-01**  
**That the agenda for the meeting be approved, as presented.**  
**CARRIED**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There was an error on the first page of the minutes – the date of the meeting should be June 5, 2025.

**MOTION by Bill Jones/Susan Lindquist CS EXEC 2025-09-04-02**  
**That the Minutes of the meeting of the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive held on June 5, 2025 be approved, as amended.**  
**CARRIED**

## **E-MAIL VOTE: JULY 16, 2025**

*Dates of the Next In-Person CS RCM in 2026 & 2028*

- The dates will be as follows: June 5-7, 2026 and June 2-4, 2028, both at the Quattro Hotel and Conference Centre in Sault Ste. Marie.

## **RECEIVE MINUTES FROM COMMISSIONS**

**MOTION by Gord Roberts/Peter Haddow CS EXEC 2025-09-04-03**  
**That the Minutes of the CSRC Support to Communities of Faith Commission from May 21, 2025 and the Minutes of the CSRC Pastoral Relations Commission from April 29, 2025 and May 27, 2025 be received, for information.**  
**CARRIED**

## **OMNIBUS MOTION: INCORPORATED MINISTRIES**

Peter shared that it would be good to have Jody Maltby and Linda Gray come to Executive in October to discuss the process of the Incorporated Ministry.

**MOTION by Jim Jackson/Bill Jones                      CS EXEC 2025-09-04-04**  
**That the Canadian Shield Regional Council (6) Executive take the following action(s):**

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

**... pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve the St. Paul's United Church Non-Profit Housing Corporation 2025-2026 Board of Directors**

**Lynne Curran  
Laurie Forbes  
Gail Henderson  
Linda Hietanen  
Terry Hietanen  
Don Macdougall  
Doreen Macdougall  
Bert Rowson  
Ray Quinn**

***This is based on the draft minutes of Annual General Meeting of May 20, 2025, the 2025 board member approval form, contact list provided and receipt of other required documentation per the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada.***

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***Update on by-laws: St. Paul's current by-laws are from 2020 and therefore not necessarily compliant with ONCA but the board is in the process of reviewing.***

**CARRIED**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

***Thank You Letter from St. Paul's UC TB***

Executive received the thank you letter from St. Paul's UC regarding a grant they received for family camp. Nancy would like a copy of this letter to be sent to the Mission and Grants Support Resource Team that dealt with the grant.

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES**

***Incorporated Ministries Conversation – Presentation from IM Department in October***

Executive discussed the Incorporated Ministries and Peter will invite Jody Maltby and Linda Gray to the October Executive meeting to discuss the motions.

## **GENERAL COUNCIL 45**

Peter Hartmans, Peter Haddow, Bill Jones, and Stewart Walker shared some of the business and their experiences at GC45. With regard to the Canadian Shield proposal, it

did proceed with edits. Business at GC45 was not completed so there will be an online meeting on Saturday, September 13, 2025 to complete it and then there can be a meeting of all those CSRC people who attended (perhaps in October), including youth reps.

Peter shared that there was a lot of conversation right after GC45 about Towards 2035 and Executive discussed having a CSRC gathering to discuss Towards 2035 in the near future, perhaps with SWRC.

### **5-10 YEAR CAUCUS – FEEDBACK FROM COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES/ RESOURCE TEAMS REMINDER**

This will be on the agenda for the October 2025 Executive meeting.

### **2024 CSRC M&S CONTRIBUTIONS**

Nancy shared the CSRC received a Certificate of Thanksgiving from Mission & Service indicating that the CSRC gave \$478,537 and Executive shared their thanks.

### **EXECUTIVE MINISTER REPORT (APPENDIX A)**

Peter shared the Executive Minister Report with Executive.

**MOTION by Peter Haddow/Jim Jackson CS EXEC 2025-09-04-05  
That the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive receive the  
Executive Minister Report.  
CARRIED**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

*Joint CS/SW Executive Meeting*

Nancy shared that we could do an online meeting this year or next, to be determined.

*New Moderator Visit to CSRC*

Nancy suggested that we ask the new Moderator, the Right Rev. Dr. Kimberley Heath, If she would like to attend the 2026 CS RCM on June 5-7, 2026 in Sault Ste. Marie.

### **NEXT MEETING DATES:**

Thursday, October 9, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom

Thursday, November 6, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom

Thursday, December 4, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom

### **CLOSING**

Nancy gave a closing prayer and adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

## September 2025

### **GC 45:**

The GC45 in-person meeting happened this August in Calgary. Most travel and accommodation went well and we were able to avoid the Air Canada strike. All our Commissioners were able to attend in-person or online and I was grateful for the leadership of our all Commissioners. The meeting days were long with very full agendas.

The Council did not complete its summer agenda, so a special online meeting for Saturday September 13, 2025 has been added. The council is still working through some of SWRC's proposals and I will give an update in October. Our new Moderator is Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath. See link a 3minute video introduction to her:

<https://www.youtube.com/@unitedchurchcda>

### **Festival of Faith:**

The Festival of Faith was a great success. Participants deeply appreciated the leadership of the planning team, local arrangements and many other volunteers who supported local arrangements, Sunday morning and outstanding props/decorations. Deep gratitude to all participants and volunteers. Over 160 folks registered and attended. The planning team also created day passes, so local folks can attend for part of the day. John Bell provided key leadership for the Festival of Faith! The festival also included a number of workshops and key leadership from within the United Church too, which were very well attended. We are so grateful for their leadership and shared experience. The Moderator also attended as well and it was wonderful for her to offer theological reflection and workshop leadership and her presence with us. Again, we are so grateful for the leadership of the planning team and local arrangements. Key pieces to consider in the future: Location of the Next Festival of Faith? Funding for the Next Festival of Faith?

### **Toward 2035:**

The United Church of Canada is currently working on an update for its Strategic Plan called Towards 2035. A draft version of the report will be circulated publicly very soon. We had a joint Townhall Meeting for the evening of June 17, to present and get feedback for the material. Our hope was that the Commissioners would hear the feedback and discuss it at our August GC45 meeting. One major advantage of hosting a joint townhall was that both regional Commissioners could hear feedback from both regions. The joint townhall also invited the opportunity to hear similar themes and struggles. The townhall meeting was very well attended. In addition, following General Council in Calgary, the UCC hosted a special meeting of key leaders from across the UCC to continue the conversation around the Toward 2035 conversation. SWRC and CSRC folks gathered during lunch to discuss our Regional Council specifically. We look forward to continuing the conversation at our Regional Council Executive and beyond.

### **Incorporated Ministry:**

Questions arose at the June Executive meeting regarding the role and responsibilities of the Executive with regard to Incorporated Ministry, specifically the Executives role as it relates to oversight. Considering this question and concern over the summer, I propose we

invite both Jody Maltby, Linda Grey, who provide primary administrative support and Nicole Treksler (legal Counsel) to future Executive meeting (ASAP). In the case of Jody and Nicole, to address questions with regard to the Incorporated Ministry policy/responsibilities on behalf of the United Church of Canada and in the case of Linda Grey, for an outline of her work and role, on behalf of Regional Councils.

