

**MINUTES** of the Executive of Canadian Shield Regional Council held on February 5, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. online via Zoom.

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

**STAFF:** Diane Matheson-Jimenez (Acting Executive Minister), Susan Whitehead (Administrative Support)

**REGRETS:** Dave LeGrand

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.

Diane shared an opening worship with Executive members, indicating it was the beginning of Black History Month. She also shared that we will have an exhibit at the Regional Council Meeting in June entitled *Here from the Beginning* which focuses on the Black History of the UCC. She played a teaser YouTube trailer video of the exhibit (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fo3SyaMAO0g&t=3s>), and then grounded members with a prayer.

**CHECK IN:**

Nancy asked Executive to participate in a quick check-in time.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION by Susan Peverley/Peter Haddow CS EXEC 2026-02-05-01**  
**That the agenda for the meeting be approved, as circulated.**  
**CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There were three errors: both Susan Lindquist and Dave LeGrand were listed twice in the Minutes and a spelling error on Beverley Rumble's first name (add an "e").

**MOTION by Gord Roberts/Bill Jones CS EXEC 2026-02-05-02**  
**That the Minutes of the meeting of the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive held on January 8, 2026 be approved, as amended.**  
**CARRIED**

**RECEIVE MINUTES FROM COMMISSIONS**

**MOTION by Jim Jackson/Gord Roberts CS EXEC 2026-02-05-03**  
**That the Minutes for the Support to Communities of Faith Commission from December 17, 2025, the Minutes from the Property Commission from November 27, 2025, and the Minutes**

from the Pastoral Relations Commission from November 25, 2025  
be received, for information.

**CARRIED**

## **OMNIBUS MOTION: INCORPORATED MINISTRIES**

**MOTION by Jim Jackson/Peter Haddow CS Exec 2026-02-05-04**  
That the Canadian Shield Regional Council (06) Executive take the  
following action(s):

a) Camp McDougall Inc.

... pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United  
Church of Canada approve the Camp McDougall Inc. 2025-2026  
Board of Directors:

Josephine Anyah  
Sherrill Dewar  
Rayna Evoy  
Aaron Fisher  
Sylvia Hanniman  
Debbie Kirby  
Amy Lawson  
Brian Lawson  
Anita Mitchell  
Nick Sinclair  
Lauren Towell  
Kathryn Turco  
Eric Verbonac  
Cleo Walker

*This is based on the draft minutes of Annual General Meeting of  
November 5, 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.*

**CARRIED**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

*Email from Grand River Bookstore*

Executive received the email of thanks from Grand River Bookstore.

## **NOMINATIONS APPLICATION – BEVERLEY RUMBLE FOR EXECUTIVE**

Executive discussed Beverley's application to join the Executive Committee.

**MOTION by Bill Jones/Susan Peverley CS EXEC 2025-02-05-05**  
That the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive approve the  
Nominations Committee recommendation that Beverley Rumble be  
elected to the Executive Committee, effective February 5, 2026.

**CARRIED**

Bill Jones, the Chair of Nominations, asked Executive members to please tap people for positions and let Bill or Susan know when there is interest.

### **REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING (RCM) PLANNING UPDATE**

Nancy shared that the 2026 RCM Planning Team have met twice and are busy working on the planning for the meeting, as well as recruiting for the Local Arrangements Team. They have secured a Music Team consisting of Blessing Tiriwepi and Diana Hannaford-Wilcox, and are awaiting a response from those invited to be our Theological Reflectors. The General Council Office (GCO) representatives will be Cameron Fraser and Melody Duncanson-Hales. As mentioned in the intro to this meeting, there is a travelling exhibit entitled, *Here From the Beginning*, that will be shown at the RCM.

Diane shared that the Support to Communities of Faith Commission (SCoFC) will facilitate a piece of liturgy to covenant with the Communities of Faith (CoF) who are present at the RCM and that there will also be a liturgy sent out to CoF who cannot attend the meeting.

The Right Relations Resource Team (RRRT) will have time on the agenda to play a board game with delegates at the meeting. They have several copies they are using and will ask the Grand River Bookstore if they are able to bring some copies. Susan will bring her copy from the CSRC Office.

### **SUB-EXECUTIVE POLICY CONVERSATION CONTINUED – DRAFT POLICY**

Diane presented the Executive with a draft policy to review and after a brief discussion, Executive adopted it.

**MOTION by Bill Jones/Stewart Walker                      CS EXEC 2025-02-05-06**  
**That the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive adopt the**  
**Sub-Executive Policy for the Canadian Shield Regional Council.**  
**CARRIED**

### **FESTIVAL OF FAITH “ROAD SHOW” 2027**

Planning for the Road Show will be on the March 26, 2026 Executive meeting agenda.

### **ACTING EXECUTIVE MINISTERS REPORT – VERBAL**

Diane shared the Acting Executive Minister Report with Executive.

One of the large staffing pieces is that Melody will be transitioning into full-time work with the General Council Office, working between Stewardship and the Growth department, commencing March 1, 2026. She will provide stewardship to both CSRC and SWRC and at the end of 6 months, there will be a conversation between the Growth department, Stewardship and the Regional Councils about whether it makes sense to have dedicated stewardship staff. An update will be forthcoming after the 6-month period is over.

To fill in some of the gaps, Jody Maltby will pick up the Property Commission work and will continue with her work with the Finance Committee. Diane will continue to work with the Support to Communities of Faith Commission and the Mission Support Grants Resource Team. Rob Smith and Diane will work together to support the communities of faith and

pastoral relations within the CSRC, as Rob is going to move back to full-time work in Canadian Shield so that he's got a greater capacity to respond to some of the needs of our communities of faith and our ministers at this time.

Peter Hartmans is confirmed to be coming back on March 1, 2026, with a graduated entry back to work life.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

### **NEXT MEETING DATES:**

Thursday, March 5, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom

Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom (in place of April's meeting during Holy Week)

Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom

Thursday, June 4, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom (if needed)

**2026 RCM June 5-7, 2026 In-Person at Quattro Hotel in SSM**

### **CLOSING**

Nancy ended the meeting with a prayer and adjourned the meeting at 2:34 p.m.