

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

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

**STAFF:** Diane Matheson-Jimenez (Staff Lead), Jody Maltby (CSRC Finance Minister), Susan Whitehead (Administrative Support)

**REGRETS:** Peter Hartmans (Executive Minister), Susan Lindquist

Chair Nancy welcomed everyone to the meeting of Executive.

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

Diane shared a passage from Rev. Cameron Trimble entitled, "Planting Trees in Frightening Times" and opened the meeting with a prayer.

**CHECK IN:**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

There was an addition under the financial section – added Received Funds Allocation.

**MOTION by Gord Roberts/Peter Haddow CS EXEC 2026-03-05-01**  
**That the agenda for the meeting be approved, as amended.**  
**CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION by Jim Jackson/Dave LeGrand CS EXEC 2026-03-05-02**  
**That the Minutes of the meeting of the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive held on February 3, 2026 be approved, as circulated.**  
**CARRIED**

**RECEIVE MINUTES FROM COMMISSIONS**

**MOTION by Gord Roberts/Susan Peverley CS EXEC 2026-03-05-03**  
**That the Minutes for the Support to Communities of Faith Commission from January 20, 2026, the Minutes from the Property Commission from January 29, 2026, and the Minutes from the Pastoral Relations Commission from January 27, 2026 be received, for information.**  
**CARRIED**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

*Toronto United Church Council (TUCC) Partnership Email*

This is on the agenda later in the meeting and will be addressed then.

## **NOMINATIONS APPLICATION**

Executive discussed Rob Galloway's application to join the Right Relations Resource Team.

**MOTION by Bill Jones/Susan Peverley CS EXEC 2025-03-05-04**  
**That the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive approve the Nominations Committee recommendation that Rob Galloway be elected to the Right Relations Resource Team, effective March 5, 2026.**  
**CARRIED**

## **2024 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Jody Maltby shared some information about the audit and has forwarded the Finance Resource Team's recommendation to Executive:

*MOTION by Michael Wesa / Lawrence Muvunzi CS FRT 2026 03 02 03*  
*that the Finance Resource Team of Canadian Shield Regional Council recommend the 2024 audit to the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive for approval at their meeting March 5th, 2026*  
**CARRIED**

**MOTION by Bill Jones/Dave LeGrand CS EXEC 2026-03-05-05**  
**That the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive accept the 2024 Audited Financial Statements from the Finance Resource Team.**  
**CARRIED**

## **UPDATE ON INVESTMENT POLICY**

Jody Maltby shared the motion from the Finance Resource Team regarding the updated Investment Policy:

*MOTION by Michael Wesa / Lawrence Muvunzi CS FRT 2026 03 02 04*  
*that the Finance Resource Team of Canadian Shield Regional Council recommend the revised Investment Policy to the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive for approval at their meeting March 5th, 2026*  
**CARRIED**

**MOTION by Peter Haddow/Gord Roberts CS EXEC 2026-03-05-06**  
**That the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive approve the revised 2026 Investment Policy from the Finance Resource Team.**  
**CARRIED**

## **RECEIVED FUNDS ALLOCATION**

Jody Maltby shared that the CSRC has just received funds from the former London Conference that were not released until now due to a legal matter. The matter was

resolved and as not all the funds were needed, they have decided to distribute them equally amongst the regions that came from the former conference. Executive discussed whether to put the funds in the General Fund or into one or more of the Designated Funds.

**MOTION by Gord Roberts/Peter Haddow CS EXEC 2026-03-05-07  
That the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive receive  
\$17,373 from the former London Conference and recognize it as  
income to the General Fund, with its designation to be determined  
at the March 26, 2026 Executive Meeting.  
CARRIED**

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

Chair Nancy shared that Diane Matheson-Jimenez invited Adele Halliday, the Anti-Racism and Equity Lead staff person from the General Council Office (GCO), to attend a Regional Council Meeting (RCM) Planning Team meeting last week to discuss her experiences with Equity at GC45. Adele shared some tools available at the GCO at their disposal that we may utilize, such as training modules. Nancy shared that Torrin Maag has past General Council experience as an Equity Support person and has agreed to continue that role at our RCM in June. Nancy reached out to Rev. Whitney Bruno (UCC) and Brad Middleholtz (Lutheran Pastor), and they will join Torrin to form an Equity Support Group.

Nancy also stated that the planning team decided to ask an ecumenical partner to be one chaplain for the meeting, as well as someone from within The UCC; there will be more details on that soon. There have been two Theological Reflectors chosen for the meeting: Kathy Dahmer and Ted Harrison. The Music Team are Diana Hannaford-Wilcox and Blessing Tiriwepi and the co-chairs for the Local Arrangements Team will be Helen Smith and Kathie Smith.

The Moderator has agreed to attend our meeting and is very excited; she has some deep-thinking plans for us at the meeting. Kyle Pugh from the national Archives Office will be attending the RCM and bringing a display with him. This is the perfect opportunity for folks from CSRC to talk to Kyle about all things "Archival."

The Grand River Bookstore will be in attendance with a bookstore/display in the middle area of the meeting section of the Quattro ballroom. Diane shared that people could reach out to them directly at the bookstore to let them know what items they might want them to bring.

Diane shared that she and Donna Rutz spoke and the registration and information package will be available the week of March 9, 2026 and people can start registering.

### **GCE SUMMARY – FEBRUARY 20-21, 2026**

The Executive acknowledged the receipt of the General Council Executive Summary from February 20-21, 2026.

### **RECOMMENDATION FROM PROPERTY COMMISSION RE: POLICY**

Diane Matheson-Jimenez (staff resource to the Property Commission) and Gord Roberts (Chair of the Property Commission) shared there is a gap right now in our polity regarding

when a community of faith sells its property and continues to exist as a worshipping community and hope that this recommendation will help with equity for all partners involved. The intention is for this policy to be reviewed a year from now.

**MOTION by Gord Roberts/Beverly Rumble CS EXEC 2026-03-05-08**  
**That the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive adopt the Property Commission's recommended 2026 Surplus Proceeds Property Policy, with a review of this policy in 2027.**  
**CARRIED**

**TORONTO UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL (TUCC) INVITATION TO PARTNERSHIP**  
Executive had a discussion about accepting TUCC's invitation to partnership.

**MOTION by Gord Roberts/Stewart Walker CS EXEC 2025-03-05-09**  
**That the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive receive the expression of partnership by Toronto United Church Council (TUCC) and agree to engage in conversations.**  
**CARRIED**  
**2 Opposed**

The decision was made to contact TUCC and invite Ron Ewart, the Executive Director of TUCC, to come to the March 26, 2026 meeting of Executive to give a presentation and to begin partnership conversations.

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

As the Acting Executive Minister Diane Matheson-Jimenez had to step away from the meeting, Jody Maltby (Acting Executive Minister) shared that Peter Hartmans will be returning to a graduated work schedule on Monday, March 9, 2026.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

#### **NEXT MEETING DATES:**

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**

Chair Nancy shared a poem entitled "Lent" by Ann Weems in her book *Kneeling for Jerusalem* and then closed the meeting with a prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 p.m.