

## CONSENT AND PROCEDURAL MOTIONS 2026 FOR ACTION

*The following enabling motions be adopted:*

- a) **Roll of the Regional Council:** that the roll of Roll of the Regional Council shall consist of:
  - All ministry personnel within the geographic bounds served by Canadian Shield Regional Council (Basis of Union 6.2.1);
  - Ministers of denominations within mutual recognition agreements while under appointment or call (Basis of Union 6.2.2);
  - Lay members elected by the Community of Faith, respecting the balance of lay and ministry personnel where possible (Basis of Union 6.2.3);
  - Additional lay members as determined by the Regional Council if necessary, to respect a balance of ministry personal and lay members who are not ministry personnel in the membership of the Regional Council (2026 Manual C.1.2.b).
- b) **Bounds of the Regional Council Meeting:** that the bounds of the Regional Council meeting for voting purposes shall be numbered tables in the meeting space on the floor of the meeting at the Quattro Hotel and Conference Centre, 229 Great Northern Road, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, P6B 4Z2 and the Zoom meeting ID 817 8171 5231 when in session; that the Canadian Shield Regional Council hold a Celebration of Ministry Service Sunday, June 7, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. to take place at the Quattro Hotel and Conference Centre, 229 Great Northern Road, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, P6B 4Z2.
- c) **Agenda:** that the Agenda, as printed and circulated, be the order of business, subject to those changes that are recommended by the Agenda & Business Committee Chairperson and approved by the Regional Council; or as recommended by the Regional Council itself.
- d) **Minutes:** that the Minutes of the meetings of the online Canadian Shield Regional Council held May 3, 2025 be approved as circulated.
- e) **Accountability reports:** that the reports as presented in the Resource Book be accepted for information.
- f) **Adjournment of Sessions:** that the Chairperson have the authority to recess the Regional Council when business, as ordered, is completed, until the next order of the day.
- g) **Corresponding Members:** that corresponding members shall be official guests of the Regional Council. Their names shall be included in the Record of Proceedings (2026 Manual C.1.5).
- h) **Commitments:** that the regional council participants commit/covenant to honour the Holy Manners printed in the Resource Book and commit to our regional council's commitments around equity, justice and anti-racism through both conversation and actions. If there is failure to honour these commitments, individuals may be removed from the meeting at the discretion of the Chairperson.
- i) **New Business & Nominations:** that any items of New Business shall be given to the Chairperson. New Business items close at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 6, 2026.

### **Procedural**

1. The procedural and prayer microphone shall be microphone #1 and the zoom chat box.
2. Any handouts must be authorized by the Chairperson and the Agenda & Business Committee.
3. The Parliamentarian shall be John Watson.

4. The Chairperson will present proposals. The Chairperson may, at their discretion, invite an individual to verbally introduce a proposal for up to five minutes. The Chairperson will invite prayerful discernment and discussion on the wisdom of the proposal. When the Chairperson discerns that the sense of the meeting is such that we are ready to hear a motion on the proposal, they will invite the presenter to move the motion. Once the motion has been moved and seconded, Rules of Debate and Order shall be followed.
5. At the discretion of the chairperson, microphone time for each speaker will be limited to 1½ minutes per proposal and 1½ minutes per motion with the exception of the mover (who may speak at the beginning and end of a motion).
6. Microphone time may be reduced at the discretion of the Chairperson in 30-second increments when any item of business exceeds 20 minutes.
7. The normal voting procedure, in-person, shall be a show of hands using ballot cards, except where a secret ballot is required (ballot sheets will be provided by the Chairperson through the Regional Council Office). The normal voting procedure, online, shall be a show of hands using the RAISE HAND icon found at the bottom of the participants panel or \*9 for those on the phone. If two people are joined from the same household one person will vote with the Raise Hand icon and the second will type Yes or No in the chat. Those who wish to abstain will type ABSTAIN in the chat. Where a secret ballot is required, ballot sheets will be provided through the Regional Council website.
8. In the case of limited time for business, items will be dealt with in the following order: Elections, Proposals to Proposals to General Council, Proposals to Regional Council.

### **Background for Consent Motions**

Evaluation and experience have shown that the agendas of meetings of the Executive are full and that time for fulsome discernment and discussion of important items is occasionally lacking.

A consent agenda is a tool to help the Regional Council focus on what is most important. Proposals which are routine or non-controversial actions or routine changes in policy or procedure are included in the consent agenda. At the meeting, any 5 voting members of the Regional Council may request to move any item(s) from the consent agenda to be placed on the meeting's agenda. By courtesy, advance notice would be given to the Executive Minister. If you have a concern, you are encouraged to contact the Executive Minister in advance as an exchange of information may resolve a question.

In a consent agenda you may also find minutes of previous meetings, accountability reports, etc. The list of correspondence to the Executive (if any) is included with the reports to be received for information.

### **Process for Removal of an Item from the Consent Motion:**

The process for acting on the consent agenda in the opening sessions will be as follows:

1. Presider/chair: "You have all received the Workbook, with the consent agenda. Do any 5 voting members wish to remove an item from the consent agenda to be placed on the meeting's agenda?"
2. If any 5 voting members requests it, an item is removed (by courtesy, advance notice would be given to the Executive Minister).
3. Presider/chair: "Without discussion, then, the consent agenda is ready for a vote. Those in favour? Opposed? All items on the consent agenda are adopted."