

**DIGEST OF ACTIONS
THE EXECUTIVE
OF CANADIAN SHIELD REGIONAL COUNCIL
FOR THE PERIOD June 6, 2025 to May 7, 2026**

Decisions made by the Executive June 6, 2025

1. That the Minutes of the meeting of the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive held on May 1, 2025 be approved, as amended.
2. That the Minutes of the CSRC Support to Communities of Faith Commission from April 23, 2025 be received, for information.
3. That the Minutes of the CSRC Property Commission from April 24, 2025 be received, for information.
4. That the Canadian Shield Regional Council (6) Executive take the following action(s):
 - a) Thunder Bay United Church Camps, Incorporated o/a Camp Duncan

... based on the guidance received from General Council Staff, pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve Constitution and By-Laws as approved by the members on May 4, 2025 of the incorporated ministry known as Thunder Bay United Church Camps, Incorporated

This is based on the draft minutes of Members Virtual Vote of May 4, 2025, and receipt of other required documentation per the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada.
5. That the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive receive the letter, for information, from Harry Oussoren on behalf of the Justice for Palestine Network, dated May 15, 2025 regarding peace in Palestine and Israel.
6. That the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive approve the Celebration of Ministry Service celebrating Ordinands in our region on Sunday, May 15, 2025 at 11:00 A.M. in Sudbury, ON.
7. That the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive approve the removal of Janet MacDonald as a signing officer on all financial accounts, including all accounts with BMO (Bank of Montreal) and BMO Nesbitt Burns, effective June 30, 2025, due to her retirement and extend Executive's deep gratitude for her faithful and diligent service.
8. That the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive name Peter Haddow to the CSRC Executive, upon the recommendation from the CSRC Nominations Committee.
9. That the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive respond to the letter received by Garry Kenny and "We the Nuclear Free North" on November 11, 2024, using the text of the draft

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letter provided by Shawn Redden (CSRC Justice and Faith Formation Minister) and the working group, and gives thanks for the working group's thoughtful consultation and grounding in "Principles-Based Justice."

10. That the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive receive the Executive Minister Report.

Decisions made by the Executive E-Vote July 16, 2025

11. That the meetings of the Canadian Shield Regional Council be held in-person on June 5-7, 2026 and June 2-4, 2028 at the Quattro Hotel in Sault Ste. Marie, ON.

Decisions made by the Executive September 4, 2025

12. That the Minutes of the meeting of the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive held on June 5, 2025 be approved, as amended.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. That the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive receive the Executive Minister Report.

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**Decisions made by the Executive October 9, 2025**

16. That the Minutes of the meeting of the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive held on September 4, 2025 be approved, as amended.
17. That the Minutes of the CSRC Pastoral Relations Commission from June 24, 2025 and July 15, 2025 Email Poll, the Minutes for the Support to Communities of Faith Commission from June 18, 2025 and July 30, 2025 and the Minutes of the CSRC Property Commission from May 15, 2025 be received, for information.
18. That the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive extend an invitation to the new Moderator of The United Church of Canada, the Right Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath, to attend the next in-person CSRC Regional Council Meeting on June 5-7, 2026 at the Quattro Hotel and Conference Centre in Sault Ste. Marie, ON.
19. That the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive receive the Executive Minister Report.

**Decisions made by the Executive November 6, 2025**

20. That the Minutes of the meeting of the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive held on October 9, 2025 be approved, as presented.
21. That the Minutes for the Support to Communities of Faith Commission from September 17, 2025 and the Minutes of the CSRC Property Commission from September 29, 2025 be received, for information.
22. That the CSRC Executive receive Lionel Ketola's resignation email correspondence, with regret.
23. That the CSRC Executive receive, for information, the year-to-date 3rd Quarter Financial Statements.
24. That the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive receive the Executive Minister Report.

**Decisions made by the Executive December 4, 2025**

25. That the Minutes of the meeting of the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive held on November 6, 2025 be approved, as amended.
26. That the Minutes for the Support to Communities of Faith Commission from October 15, 2025 and the Minutes of the CSRC Property Commission from October 30, 2025 and the Minutes of the Pastoral Relations Commission from September 23, 2025 and October 29, 2025 be received, for information.
27. That the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive defer further discussion and decision on the updated 2021 Governance Structure Document and the 2024 Policy and Procedure Manual until the next Executive meeting in 2026.

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28. DEFEATED: That the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive establish a payback plan for Camp McDougall's \$5,000 loan given in 2023, and that the loan be paid back over the next 5 years interest-free at a rate of \$1,000 payout each year due December 1, 2026 with a final payout due on December 1, 2030.
29. That the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive forgive the \$5,000 loan given to Camp McDougall on August 16, 2023.
30. That after reviewing the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Canadian Shield and Shining Waters Regional Councils, the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive direct the Chair to sign the MOU, effective December 4, 2025.

**Decisions made by the Executive January 8, 2026**

31. That the Minutes of the meeting of the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive held on December 4, 2025 be approved, as presented.
32. That the Notes of the meeting of the Canadian Shield and Shining Waters Regional Council Executives held on December 4, 2025 be received, as presented.
33. That the Minutes for the Support to Communities of Faith Commission from November 19, 2025 be received, for information.
34. That the theme for the 2026 Canadian Shield Regional Council Meeting be "Hard Places. Holy Ground."
35. That Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive appoint Nancy Ferguson (Chair), Bill Jones (Chair-Elect), Peter Hartmans (EM), Diane Matheson-Jimenez (Staff Lead), Susan Whitehead (Staff Admin Support), and Stewart Walker to the Agenda and Business (A & B) Committee, with the power to add members.
36. That the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive direct Susan Whitehead to streamline the Governance Structure Document by isolating the policies for easier access.
37. There was consensus that Executive authorize Susan Whitehead to edit the Shining Waters Regional Council Sub-Executive Policy to reflect the CSRC and to share the policy at the February 2026 Executive meeting for decision.
38. That after extensive discussion, the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive has decided not to enter into a shared Festival of Faith with the Shining Waters Regional Council for 2027 and will notify the Shining Waters Executive of this decision; and will explore the concept of a traveling Festival of Faith to a minimum of five (5) locations within the Canadian Shield Regional Council during 2027.
39. That the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive appoint a Traveling Festival of Faith Conceptualization Group including Diane Matheson-Jimenez, Susan Whitehead, Nancy

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Ferguson, Stewart Walker, Susan Lindquist, and Dave LeGrand, with the ability to add members if needed, and to report back to Executive in March 2026.

**Decisions made by the Executive February 5, 2026**

40. That the Minutes of the meeting of the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive held on January 8, 2026 be approved, as amended.
41. 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.
42. 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

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43. That the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive approve the Nominations Committee recommendation that Beverley Rumble be appointed to the Executive Committee, effective February 5, 2026.
44. That the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive adopt the Sub-Executive Policy for the Canadian Shield Regional Council.

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**Decisions made by the Executive March 5, 2026**

45. That the Minutes of the meeting of the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive held on February 3, 2026 be approved, as circulated.
46. 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.
47. 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.
48. That the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive accept the 2024 Audited Financial Statements from the Finance Resource Team.
49. That the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive approve the revised 2026 Investment Policy from the Finance Resource Team.
50. 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.
51. 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.
52. That the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive receive the expression of partnership by Toronto United Church Council (TUCC) and agree to engage in conversations.

**Decisions made by the Executive March 26, 2026**

53. That the Minutes of the meeting of the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive held on March 5, 2026 be approved, as amended.
54. That the Canadian Shield Regional Council accept the invitation to enter into partnership with Toronto United Church Council, effective March 26, 2026.
55. That the CSRC Executive approve those Property Commission members who are not currently Regional Reps to be permitted to continue serving on the Property Commission until 2027.

**Decisions made by the Executive May 7, 2026**

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56. That the Minutes of the meeting of the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive held on March 26, 2026 be approved, as amended.
57. That the Minutes for the Support to Communities of Faith Commission from February 25, 2026 and March 31, 2026, the Minutes from the Property Commission from February 24, 2026, and the Minutes from the Pastoral Relations Commission from January 29, 2026 and February 26, 2026 be received, for information.
58. That the Canadian Shield Regional Council (6) Executive take the following action(s):
- a) Thunder Bay United Church Camps, Incorporated o/a Camp Duncan

... pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve the Thunder Bay United Church Camps, Incorporated 2026-2027 Board of Directors

James E. Bidnall  
A. Ernest Epp  
Dave Hammond  
Linda Hammond  
Lori Jansekovich  
Shane Judge  
Steve Kranyak  
Ross McCubbin  
Ken Moffatt  
David White

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59. That the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive approve the 2027 Draft Budget and forward the 2027 Draft Budget to the 2026 Canadian Shield Regional Council Meeting on June 5-7, 2026.
60. That the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive elect Gord Roberts and Bill Jones to represent the Canadian Shield Regional Council to the Toronto United Church Council (TUCC).

