

MINUTES of the Executive of Canadian Shield Regional Council held on May 7, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. online via Zoom.

PRESENT: Nancy Ferguson (Chair), Stewart Walker, Bill Jones, Gordon Roberts, Susan Peverley, Susan Lindquist, Dave LeGrand, Beverley Rumble, Peter Haddow

STAFF: Peter Hartmans (Executive Minister), Diane Matheson-Jimenez (Staff Lead), Susan Whitehead (Administrative Support), Jody Maltby (Finance Minister)

REGRETS: Jim Jackson

Chair Nancy welcomed everyone to the meeting of Executive.

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

Peter shared an opening worship and read from John 14:27-28, and then led in prayer.

CHECK IN:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Bill Jones/Peter Haddow CS EXEC 2026-05-07-01
That the agenda for the meeting be approved, as circulated.
CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There was an error on page 1 of the Minutes – change “rand” to “gather and.”

MOTION by Susan Peverley/Susan Lindquist CS EXEC 2026-05-07-02
That the Minutes of the meeting of the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive held on March 26, 2026 be approved, as amended.
CARRIED

RECEIVE MINUTES FROM COMMISSIONS

MOTION by Gord Roberts/Beverly Rumble CS EXEC 2026-05-07-03
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.
CARRIED

E-MAIL VOTE: April 29, 2026
Boundary Change Request

- Forward the proposal entitled “Regional Council Boundary Adjustment Request” to the General Council Office, with concurrence.

OMNIBUS MOTION: INCORPORATED MINISTRIES

MOTION by Dave LeGrand/Gord Roberts CS EXEC 2026-05-07-04
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**

This is based on the draft minutes of Annual General Meeting of March 1, 2026, the 2026 board member approval submission, contact list provided and receipt of other required documentation per the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

None at this time.

2027 DRAFT BUDGET

Jody Maltby presented the 2027 Canadian Shield Draft Budget to Executive.

MOTION by Bill Jones/Peter Haddow CS EXEC 2026-05-07-05
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.

CARRIED

TORONTO UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL (TUCC) – ANNUAL MEETING

Peter stated that there are 2 positions available within the region to attend the annual hybrid meeting of TUCC. The two (2) members of Executive that will attend this meeting

online are Gord Roberts and Bill Jones, as well as Peter Hartmans. Peter will share those names with TUCC.

MOTION by Dave LeGrand/Beverly Rumble CS EXEC 2026-05-07-06
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).
CARRIED
2 Abstentions (Gord Roberts and Bill Jones)

UPDATE ON VAL D'OR PROPOSAL RE: BOUNDARY CHANGE REQUEST

Peter shared that the General Council Office (GCO) received our boundary change proposal re: Val d'Or, QC and they put it on their General Council Executive (GCE) agenda for the June 8, 2026 meeting and Peter will report back to Executive.

REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING (RCM) PLANNING UPDATE

Susan shared that there are currently 83 people registered for both online and in-person for the RCM. Diane, Nancy and Peter shared updated on the planning for the RCM on June 5-7, 2026. Peter shared the Executive Accountability Report and members shared their thoughts.

Nancy shared that there will be Ecumenical ministers joining our in-person RCM; Rev. Holly Klemmensen, who will serve as one of the two Chaplains, and Rev. Brad Mittleholtz, who will serve as a member of the Equity Support Team.

REGIONAL REP ORIENTATION WITH NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The Chair of the Nominations Committee, Bill Jones, spoke about the Regional Rep Orientation meeting happening on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 entitled, "You are a Regional Rep... Now What?" This meeting will help new and existing regional reps learn about their position and what it should entail. Bill also said that the Nominations Committee will be asking those reps to enlist as many people from their home communities of faith as possible.

NOMINATIONS RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chair of Nominations, Bill Jones, shared the motions passed at the Nominations Committee meeting on April 14, 2026.

- *Barbara Nott for Executive*
- *Fraser Williamson for Affirming Ministries Resource Team*

Executive discussed the Nominations Committee recommendations and have made the decision that as there will be a nominations slate brought to the Regional Council Meeting (RCM) in June, that these two names will be referred to the slate.

THANK YOU TO NANCY FERGUSON, DAVE LEGRAND, AND GORD ROBERTS

Peter took some time to thank Dave LeGrand and Gord Roberts for their time on Executive, as this will be their last meeting. He also thanked Chair Nancy Ferguson for her time on Executive as this will be her last time Chairing before the RCM. He thanked her for her

leadership, deep experience, and wisdom over the years she served. Nancy will, of course, keep attending Executive meetings but will be in the Past Chair role.

EXECUTIVE MINISTERS REPORT

Peter verbally shared his Executive Minister Report with Executive.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

IF NEEDED: Thursday, June 4, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom

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

CLOSING

Nancy discussed Joshua verse 9 and then shared a poem from Eleanor Hamilton entitled "Step Off the Edge," and then closed the meeting with a prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.