

The United Church of Canada
Canadian Shield Regional Council

**Minutes of a meeting of the
Canadian Shield Regional Council Property Commission
Thursday May 28th, 2026**

The Property Commission of Canadian Shield Regional Council met on Thursday May 28th 2026 by video conference. The meeting began at 10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Rob Farris, Laurie Kendall, Paul McAlister, Gordon Roberts (chair)

Staff: Kathleen Jones, Jody Maltby, Diane Matheson- Jimenez

Regrets: Wayne Jeffkins, James Ko, Jan Ross

Welcome and Opening Gordon Roberts opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and leading a brief check-in.

Agenda

MOTION by Paul McAlister / Laurie Kendall **CS PC 2026 05-28-01**
that the agenda of the meeting of the Property Commission of Canadian Shield Regional Council dated May 28th, 2026 be accepted as circulated with additions as requested.

Minutes

MOTION by Laurie Kendall / Paul McAlister **CS PC 2026 05-28-02**
that the Minutes of the meeting of the Property Commission of Canadian Shield Regional Council dated April 30th, 2026 be approved as circulated
CARRIED

All Peoples United Church (Sudbury)

The Commission reviewed and approved the Agreement of Purchase and Sale for the All Peoples United Church property in Sudbury. The property is selling above asking price to a purchaser who expressed strong enthusiasm for the building and its future use. Commission members noted that the closing date is later than preferred in order to accommodate the buyer's needs as a first-time purchaser of church property. It was confirmed that the proceeds from the sale will be directed to the Regional Council in accordance with church property policies.

MOTION by Laurie Kendall / Paul McAlister **CS PC 2026 05-28-03**
that the Property Commission of Canadian Shield Regional Council approve the sale of All Peoples United Church, Sudbury the legal description of which is: PCL 4965 SEC SES LTS 83 AND 84 PLAN M109 City of Sudbury and the municipal address of which is 396 Antwerp Ave, Sudbury, ON P3C 4M7 pursuant to an agreement between the Trustees of All's People's Church of the United Church of Canada of Sudbury, as seller and Atul Handa as the buyer, at the price of \$360,000 with a closing date of July 28th, 2026
CARRIED

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Val D'or Church (Québec)

Diane reported that General Council has approved the transfer of stewardship for the Val d'Or church property to Conseil Régional Nakonha:ka. The commission discussed the significance of this transition and considered ways to appropriately acknowledge and mark the occasion, potentially through a liturgical recognition at a future regional meeting.

St. Andrew's United Church (Black River, Matheson)

The congregation of St. Andrew's United Church in Black River-Matheson voted to proceed with the sale of the church property. The township has expressed interest in purchasing the property for a nominal amount, similar to arrangements made in other communities. The commission discussed the importance of supporting ongoing community ministries during the transition and ensuring that significant donated items are returned to families if the building is no longer used as a church. It was noted that the transition process is moving more quickly than anticipated due to financial considerations. During Diane's sabbatical, Jody will receive updates and reports related to the congregation's property transition.

Trinity United Church (North Bay)

The Commission received an update that Trinity United Church in North Bay was approved for funding through the Faithful Footprints grant program after initially being advised they were ineligible. Trinity is also exploring a proposed \$1.5 million building renovation project and remains in the information-gathering stage. Future planning will include community engagement and contractor discussions as the project scope develops.

St. Andrew's United Church (Sault Ste. Marie)

The Commission discussed the transition plans for St. Andrew's United Church following the sale of their building. Concerns were noted regarding limitations being placed on the congregation's continued use of the property by the new owner. The congregation is planning to relocate to the former Central United Church building, now operating as the Powley Institute. The commission requested a proposal outlining the congregation's ministry plans and the intended use of proceeds from the building sale. An emergency Property Commission meeting may be required over the summer to review the proposal and related agreements.

Regional Meeting Update

The Commission discussed preparation for the upcoming regional meeting in Sault Ste. Marie. It was noted that each Commission will provide a brief report highlighting key activities and accomplishments from 2025, anticipated challenges for 2026, and opportunities for recruitment and engagement. Laurie will present this report.

Good bye to Chair; Gordon Roberts

The Commission acknowledged Gordon's retirement as chair of the Property Commission and expressed appreciation for his many years of leadership, service, and support to the work of the commission.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting date will be confirmed following the summer schedule and any emergency meetings that may be required

Closing – Gordon closed the meeting in prayer.