

The United Church of Canada  
Shining Waters Regional Council

**EXECUTIVE**

**MINUTES of Meeting held June 10, 2021**, at 2:00 p.m.  
via video teleconference.

**PRESENT:** Jingle Ayupan, Pat Edmonds, Allan Holditch, Kirsty Hunter, Isaac Kamta, David Leyton-Brown, Steven Loweth, Allyce Mutungi, Dong-Chun Seo, Jessica Stevenson, Lynn Mooney, Daniel Reed

**Staff:** Peter Hartmans (Executive Minister), Jody Maltby (Staff Lead), Rachael Howes (Administrative Support), Bri-anne Swan (Social & Ecological Justice and Communications), Janet MacDonald (Finance Administrator)

**REGRETS:** Moon Ja Park

**GATHERING, OPENING PRAYER**

David Leyton-Brown opened the meeting at 2:02 p.m. He gave an acknowledgement of the land, and acknowledged our commitment to being a safe place for all people to gather and participate in our Region.

Peter Hartmans led a brief worship focussing on positivity and hope with people getting their first and second vaccinations. He lite a candle in memory of the Muslim family killed in London Ontario and in memory of the 215 Indigenous children whose grave was found in Kamloops and all other residential school children that did not return home.

Pat Edmonds agreed to provide worship for the next Executive meeting in August.

The members checked in.

**AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Steven Loweth / Betty Lou McNabb that the agenda for this meeting be approved as amended by including a break at 3:40 p.m.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Jessica Stevenson / Jingle Ayupan that the Minutes of the meeting of the Shining Waters Regional Council Executive held April 27, 2021 be approved as circulated.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**Commission Minutes**

**MOTION** by Jingle Ayupan / Allan Holditch that the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council receive the Minutes of the Communities of Faith Commission from December 2020 to April 2021 for information.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

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**Funding Priorities Recommendation**

Jody Maltby spoke to the draft document circulated to the Executive on the priorities conversations that have been ongoing about regional funding; who we fund, what areas of work, and the nature of our funding. Next steps have been identified. This document is to keep the Executive updated on this process.

**Financial Update / 2022-2026 draft budget projection**

Janet MacDonald provided a first draft 5-year budget projection and went through it for the Executive. They were invited to ask questions and have discussion. The Executive asked Janet to offer a budget projection showing three different scenarios.

Janet left the meeting.

The meeting took a five-minute break.

**Nominations update: GC44 Commissioners**

Betty Lou McNabb reported that the Nominations Committee is moving along. They have selected the slate of General Council 44 Commissioners but are not ready to share those names yet while they contact them. They also have a slate for the Intercultural Diversity Commission as well. All will be ready for the regional meeting on June 17th

**Regional Meetings – theme/proposals/agenda**

The Fall Regional meeting is scheduled for November 13<sup>th</sup>. David Leyton-Brown suggested the theme of *A Time for Every Purpose*, which follows on the theme of the Celebration of Ministries service held in May.

**MOTION** by Jingle Ayupan / Allan Holditch that the theme of the Regional Council meeting in the Fall of 2021 be *A Time for Every Purpose*.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

Proposals: The region has learned that online town hall discussions on proposals are very helpful for better and fuller consideration of the proposals and the possibility to improve them if appropriate. There are two town hall meetings scheduled for after each of the two deadlines that will be set.

Peter Hartmans gave some general information about proposals and what is new in the process this year. David Leyton-Brown explained the different kinds of proposals – those that go to General Council and those for the Regional Council.

Agenda: Beyond budget and proposals, we need to think about what else we want on the agenda.

The Social & Ecological Justice Commission passed a motion asking the Executive that an agenda planning committee be established for the regional council meeting and that the Social &

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Ecological Justice Commission have a seat on that committee. This is different than how the planning has happened for past meetings.

For the Spring 2022 regional meeting, the last weekend in May, the 27 – 29, is a suggested date for an in-person meeting. It had previously been decided to have it in Orillia.

**MOTION** by Pat Edmonds / Jingle Ayupan that the Spring 2022 regional council meeting be held May 27 – 29, 2022.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

The November meeting has a lot of business so there would be no need for a planning committee, but for the Spring 2022 regional council meeting there could be a planning committee with all the commissions being invited to have a seat on the committee. It was suggested that the Spring meeting have an educational component.

It was decided to create an ad hoc committee of the Executive for the 2022 regional council meeting. Its future will be evaluated after the 2022 meeting; if proven valuable it can continue.

**Social & Ecological Justice Commission Review**

This will be an item on the agenda for the Fall 2021 regional council meeting. This could be by way of a proposal to extend the Commission’s mandate. We need documentation of what the commission has done – whether background to a proposal or background to a recommendation from the Executive – it has to be a basis for what is put before the regional council. It can be part of discussion at a town hall meeting. Peter Hartmans will be in touch with the Chair of the Social & Ecological Justice Commission around this.

**By-Law Update**

David Leyton-Brown presented some amendments to policies that were to be reviewed this year. He reviewed those changes for the meeting.

**MOTION** by Betty Lou /Jingle Ayupan that the Regional Council Executive Sub-Executive Policy be amended as presented.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Steven Loweth / Jingle Ayupan that the Regional Council Executive Distribution of Proceeds from Sale of Property Policy be amended as presented.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Jingle Ayupan / Isaac Kamta that the Regional Council Executive Nominations Committee Policy be amended as presented.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Kirsty Hunter / Jessica Stevenson that the Regional Council Executive Nominations Committee Policy be amended as discussed regarding quorum.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

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**MOTION** by Steven Loweth / Jingle Ayupan that the Executive Minister Budget Process Policy be amended as presented.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

Peter Hartmans abstained from this vote.

**MOTION** by Jingle Ayupan / Daniel Reed that the Shining Waters Regional Council Policy be amended as presented.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**Closing:** the meeting closed at 4:52 p.m. and Peter Hartmans offered a closing prayer.

**Next meeting** – August 31, 2021 at 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.