

The United Church of Canada  
Shining Waters Regional Council

**EXECUTIVE**

**MINUTES of Meeting held February 6, 2023**, at 1:30 a.m.  
via video teleconference.

**PRESENT:** Jingle Ayupan, Tina Conlon, Allan Holditch, Isaac Kamta, David Leyton-Brown, Allyce Mutungi, Moon Ja Park, Lynn Mooney, Daniel Reed, Bri-anne Swan

**Staff:** Peter Hartmans (Executive Minister) Jody Maltby (Staff Lead), Susan Whitehead (Administrative Support)

**Absent:** Kirsty Hunter

**GATHERING, OPENING PRAYER**

David Leyton-Brown opened the meeting at 1:30 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 Matthew 5:13-16.

There was a time of check-in.

**AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Issac Kamta / Tina Conlon that the agenda for this meeting be approved as circulated.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Allyce Mutungi / Allan Holditch that the Minutes of the meeting of the Shining Waters Regional Council Executive held December 8, 2022 be approved as circulated.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**Email Vote**

- Massey Centre for Women  
that pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada, the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council approved the Articles of the Corporation of The Massey Centre for Women be amended to change the name of the Corporation from The Massey Centre for Women to Abiona Centre.

**Commission Minutes**

The Executive received the Minutes of the Social and Ecological Justice Commission for April through November 2022.

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**MOTION** by Moon Ja Park / Jingle Ayupan that the Executive receive the Minutes of the Social and Ecological Justice Commission for April through November 2022 for information.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**Incorporated Ministries**

**MOTION** by Peter Hartmans / Allan Holditch that the Shining Waters Regional Council Executive take the following actions:

- a) Beginning Again Richmond Hill  
... pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve the Beginning Again Richmond Hill 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 Board of Directors

Shahin Akter  
Elizabeth Jack  
Andra Saunders  
John Squigna  
Carol Thompson  
Melville Thompson

Beginning Again held Liability insurance with Hub from December 1, 2020 to December 1, 2021 with The United Church of Canada named as an additional insured, but no directors and officers' coverage. They have not purchased insurance since this expired. This incorporated ministry is not in compliance with the policy, but are anticipating a decision to dissolve in the near future.

- b) Fred Victor Centre  
...pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve the request of Fred Victor Centre to renew the 40 Oak Street mortgage with Infrastructure Ontario with a five-year term and an amortization over 18 years, including a debt reduction of \$650,000 to be paid August 29, 2022 at the rate of 4.08%, as approved by the Fred Victor Centre Board of Directors on August 23, 2022.

- c) Weston King Neighbourhood Centre  
... pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve the Weston King Neighbourhood Centre 2021-2022 Board of Directors

Jean-Marie Boutot  
Monica Djebah  
Myrtle Hardware  
Eleni Marino  
Lang Moffat

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Iqbal Singh  
Kenny Stier  
Barbara Stone  
Wendy Whiteley

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**Correspondence:**

PalNet

An email was received from Robin Wardlaw, Chair of the Palestine Network (PalNet) regarding funding.

**MOTION** by Allan Holditch / Bri-anne Swan that the email correspondence from Robin Wardlaw, Chair of the Palestine Network from January 24, 2023 be received for information.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**Policy Updates**

Jody Maltby presented some amendments to the Regional Council Executive and Communities of Faith Commission: Property Policy, and the Executive Minister: Incorporated Ministries Policy. She reviewed those changes for the meeting.

**MOTION** by Daniel Reed / Jingle Ayupan that the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council approve the changes to the *Regional Council Executive and Communities of Faith Commission: Property Policy* as presented.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Allyce Mutungi / Tina Conlon that the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council approve the changes to the *Executive Minister: Incorporated Ministries Policy* as presented.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**Finance Committee**

**MOTION** by Tina Conlon / Isaac Kamta that on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee, the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council approve these members for the Finance Committee: Bruce Chappell, Allan Holditch, Paul Kim, Wendy Jarvis, Elizabeth Herrema.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

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**Staffing Update – Peter Hartmans**

Peter updated Executive on the staff changes including the Administrative Assistant interviews currently occurring and how the person hired in that position will take over many of Rachael Howes' duties. There is also a new position currently posted for Congregational Support Minister with some Pastoral Relations Minister duties; interviews will soon commence for this position.

**Regional Council Meeting Update**

David shared that the planning for the Regional Council Meeting has commenced. The current plan is for a hybrid meeting – both in-person and online - with the understanding that at any point we may need to pivot to just an online meeting. Plans are to have interactive components to the meeting in order for participants to engage in different forms.

**The United Church of Canada 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Conversation continued – *David Leyton-Brown*

David led a discussion with Executive about the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary preparations. David recently attended the Canadian Shield Regional Council Executive meeting and learned of their decision to agree to hold a joint learning event with Shining Waters Regional Council in 2025, which will most likely have a 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary theme.

There was consensus at the last Executive meeting that the idea of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary activities will be forward-looking with engagement and interaction. As no member had any further input, this will be revisited at a future Executive meeting in the next year.

**Cheltenham United Church and Trillium United Church, Caledon**

Following the review and recommendation of Toronto United Church Council (TUCC) and Kindred Works, in addition to conversations between Regional Council staff/Kindred Works and TUCC, following recommendation was made.

**MOTION** by Peter Hartmans / Allyce Mutungi that the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council instruct Toronto United Church Council (TUCC), in partnership with Shining Waters Regional Council, to sell Cheltenham United Church, Cheltenham, and Trillium United Church, Caledon and that the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council gives thanks for the ministry of Cheltenham United Church, Cheltenham and Trillium United Church, Caledon.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

**Executive Minister Update/Report – Peter Hartmans**

Peter provided a written report that was circulated prior to the meeting.

Peter indicated that Shining Waters Regional Council received an invitation from the Moderator (The Right Rev. Carmen Lansdowne) to visit each region for a week-long event the week of February 10<sup>th</sup> 2025. This event will include a two-day retreat with ministry personnel and a symposium event at Emmanuel College. Carmen will also be in our region on June 14 and 15, 2023 for a gathering of ministry personnel and young adults. None of those events are her official regional visit, which the region may still want to book with her; perhaps for the 2024 Regional Council Meeting.

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**Closing Prayer**

Peter gave a closing prayer, and the meeting closed at 3:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: TBD

