

EXECUTIVE

MINUTES of Meeting held April 23, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom.

PRESENT: Tina Conlon, David Leyton-Brown, Jingle Ayupan, Isaac Kamta, Daniel Reed, Allyce Mutungi, Allan Holditch

STAFF: Peter Hartmans (Executive Minister), Jody Maltby (Staff Lead), Kathleen Jones (Administrative Support), Todd McDonald (Pastoral Relations Minister)

REGRETS: Lynn Mooney, Bri-anne Swan

GATHERING, OPENING PRAYER

David opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone. 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 opened the meeting with prayer.

CHECK IN

Executive members did a check in since last we met.

AGENDA

MOTION by Isaac Kamta/Jingle Ayupan SW Exec 2024-04-23-01
That the agenda for this meeting be approved, as circulated.
CARRIED

MINUTES

MOTION by Jingle Ayupan/Allyce Mutungi SW Exec 2024-04-23-02
That the Minutes of the meeting of the Shining Waters Regional Council Executive held on March 5, 2024 be approved, as circulated.
CARRIED

COMMISSION MINUTES

MOTION by Allan Holditch/Jingle Ayupan SW Exec 2024-04-23-03
That the SWRC Executive receive the Minutes of the Social and Ecological Justice Commission from September 2023 to March 2024, for information.
CARRIED

OMNIBUS MOTION: INCORPORATED MINISTRIES

MOTION by Jingle Ayupan/Isaac Kamta SW Exec 2024-04-23-04
That the Shining Waters Regional Council (10) Executive take the following action(s):

a) **Lake Scugog United Church Camp Inc.**

... pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve the Lake Scugog United Church Camp Inc. 2023-2024 Board of Directors

**Janet Adamson
Ken W. Andras
Graham Clark
Jeffrey Dale
Jeff Dobson
Emma Hosein
Tony Kerkes
Tim Magwood
Jessica Marangos
Sally Jo Martin
Jenn Meeker
Melody Onuoto
Patti Smith**

This is based on the draft Board Minutes, Annual General Meeting, November 21, 2023, 2023 board member approval form, the board contact list provided and receipt of other required documentation per the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Remit 1 Email

Peter shared the email from Adele Halliday, Anti Racism and Equity Lead at the General Council Office (GCO), where she indicated Remit 1 - Establishing an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization within The United Church of Canada has passed with 80% of communities of faith voting. Peter thanked staff in both regions for diligently working with communities of faith to vote.

Letter from the Moderator

This was a pastoral letter as a response to the concern around Israel/Palestine and how different groups are responding. The Moderator shared how the GCE is responding to this crisis and how we are partnering with groups like KAIROS, encouraging people to walk in prayerful solidarity while tracking the distance travelled.

Open Letter to the Moderator

The General Council Executive (GCE) received a letter regarding Israel/Palestine, which was about the process of The UCC. While everyone universally laments the suffering of innocent people and the injustice of this conflict, what the letter itself asked was in conflict with the practice and polity of The UCC and so the Moderator did not respond directly to this letter.

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Proposals to the 2024 SW RCM

Peter stated we have received 3 proposals so far for the Regional Council Meeting (RCM). He indicated that there was a deadline extension for the Commissions until May 3, 2024. It is SWRC's practice to bring those proposals to a Town Hall meeting to discuss and then bring them to the RCM. Peter explained the difference between motions and proposals: motions are acted on exactly as the motion states; proposals are an invitation for conversation that would lead to an action.

Peter outlined the pros and cons of the proposals, emphasizing the potential impact on the regional council's budget. Allyce suggested providing assistance to congregations, while Daniel proposed offering the regional council the option to consider both proposals within a broader strategic review. The team agreed to further discuss and develop these ideas before presenting them to the regional council.

After an extensive discussion about the proposals, Executive passed the following motion:

MOTION: by Daniel Reed/Jingle Ayupan SW Exec 2024-04-23-05
With a vision for the long-term Ministry of the SWRC and the active support of both communities of faith and outreach ministries of the regional council, that the Executive Minister, Peter Hartmans, create a proposal to be voted on via e-vote by Executive and then to be brought to the Regional Council Meeting, to review the current spending commitments and current distribution of proceeds from property sales within the Shining Waters Regional Council and that SWRC would pause on any current proposals around the distribution of funds.
CARRIED

Janet MacDonald – Resignation Letter

Peter shared that Janet MacDonald, the Financial Administrator for SW and CS Regional Councils, has indicated she will resign from her position next June 30th, 2025.

MOTION by Peter Hartmans/Allan Holditch SW Exec 2024-04-23-06
That the SWRC Executive receive Janet MacDonald's letter of resignation effective June 30th, 2025, with extreme gratitude.
CARRIED

RECOMMENATION FROM RC STAFF RE: ADMITTANDS – TODD MCDONALD

Todd McDonald, Pastoral Relations Minister with SWRC, shared with Executive that one of the candidates for Admission, Jason Byasse, will be out of the country for our Celebration of Ministry Service and inquired if he could participate in the service virtually.

MOTION: by Jingle Ayupan/Allyce Mutungi SW Exec 2024-04-23-07
That under exceptional circumstances, the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council will consider a request from admission ministry personnel who are approved to be celebrated at a

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**Celebration of Ministry service, to participate virtually; and that the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council accepts the request of the Rev. James (Jason) Byasse to participate virtually in the Celebration of Ministry service on Saturday, June 7, 2024.
CARRIED**

PASTORAL RELATIONS MINISTER TEAM PRESENTATION

Executive made the decision to invite Todd McDonald back to the May 30th, 2024 meeting of Executive to give his team presentation.

INTRODUCTION OF SHAWN REDDEN, FAITH FORMATION MINISTER

Peter welcomed Shawn Redden, the new Faith Formation Minister, and expressed his delight in her saying yes to the position. Shawn shared her excitement in this new journey her life is taking and is looking forward to working and having conversations with Executive.

TUCC ANNUAL MEETING INVITATION

David stated that there are 2 positions available within the region to attend the annual hybrid meeting of TUCC. One member of Executive that will attend this meeting will be Allyce Mutungi and David has given other members of the Executive the opportunity to put their name forward via an email to Peter or Jody.

CFC RECOMMENDATION TO EXECUTIVE

Jody shared the recommended motion from the Communities of Faith Commission indicating that early on in Kindred Works, development of St. Luke's United Church in downtown, Toronto was the first church to sign a letter of intent to move forward with the development with Kindred Works. What has been challenging is that because of the pandemic, and because this is the first development, everything has been significantly slower than was originally intended.

Generally, we would arrange a mortgage through TUCC but weren't able to do that because the property cannot be encumbered, as that will impact the funding for the actual work of the development. Kindred Works are taking over the financial management of the property until the development is complete; in doing so, the congregation is unable to fund their ministry. One alternative is to see if the regional council can organize a loan from SWRC without a mortgage, with repayment coming from the development when it becomes available.

**MOTION: by Jingle Ayupan/Isaac Kamta SW Exec 2024-04-23-08
That the Executive of Shining Waters Regional Council recommends that the regional council provide a loan of \$50,000 in support of the ongoing ministry of St. Luke's United Church, Toronto with the understanding that they will continue to work with Eun-Joo Park to create a more sustainable ministry going forward, with such loan to be repaid from the income of development of their property.
CARRIED**

UPDATE ON 2024 SW REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING (RCM)

Planning Team, Proposals to the RCM, GC45 Commissioners

David and Jody shared that the RCM planning is well under way, with a draft agenda, invitations for speakers, there is a coherent flow to the theme sessions. There will be time not only during the Town Hall meetings but also during the RCM for discussion and voting on proposals. There will be time for nominations to various Commissions and Committees, as well as electing our GC45 Commissioners. We have not received all the nominations for GC45 Commissioners and David shared that there will be more communications sent out to the region regarding this. He also invited all members of the Executive to consider whether or not they would like their names to stand as Commissioners.

SW Executive Report for Book

The members of Executive have reviewed and approved the SW Executive report for the 2024 RCM Resource Book.

Motion re: Requesting Delegates Stay Online for Celebration of Ministry Service Unless Directly Involved in Service

Jody queried Executive members as to whether the will of group would be to pass a motion requesting delegates to stay online for the Celebration of Ministry Service unless they are directly involved in the service.

There was consensus that a message be posted on the SWRC website welcoming Regional Council Reps and Ministry Personnel to stay for the Celebration of Ministry Service but invite those interested in only the CoMS to consider doing it online.

2025 FESTIVAL OF FAITH UPDATE

Peter shared that the planning team has a full complement now and they are meeting regularly to get organized for the event in 2025.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UCC

David indicated that one of the big reasons why we are having the Celebration of Ministry Service on the Saturday evening is because the GCO has planned a kickoff celebration to the 100th Anniversary of The United Church of Canada for Sunday, June 9th, 2024 at Metropolitan United Church in downtown Toronto. This will be a national Worship service that will be open to all members of The UCC (both online and in-person) to launch the 100th Anniversary.

EXECUTIVE MINISTERS REPORT

Peter gave his verbal update on his health situation and the Executive Ministers Report.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business at this time.

CLOSING PRAYER

Peter gave a closing prayer and the meeting closed at 3:27 p.m.

NEXT MEETINGS: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom

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June 7-9, 2024 - **Regional Council Meeting in Brampton**