

EXECUTIVE

MINUTES of the Shining Waters Regional Council Executive Meeting held May 28, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom.

PRESENT: David Leyton-Brown, Daniel Reed, Allyce Mutungi, Allan Holditch, Bri-anne Swan, Isaac Kamta

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

REGRETS: Lynn Mooney, Jingle Ayupan, Tina Conlon

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.

Allyce gave Jingle's regrets to the meeting, sharing that her mother had passed and was heading back to the Philippines. The SW Executive extends its deepest sympathies to Jingle and her family in the loss of her mother.

AGENDA

There were two (2) items added to the agenda:

1. Suggested dates for the 2025 SW Regional Council Meeting; and,
2. Moving expenses for Shawn Redden, the new Faith Formation Minister with the region.

MOTION by Allan Holditch/Allyce Mutungi SW Exec 2024-05-28-01
That the agenda for this meeting be approved, as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

MOTION by Allyce Mutungi/Allan Holditch SW Exec 2024-05-28-02
That the Minutes of the meeting of the Shining Waters Regional Council Executive held on April 23, 2024 be approved, as circulated.
CARRIED

COMMISSION MINUTES

MOTION by Bri-anne Swan/Isaac Kamta SW Exec 2024-05-28-03
That the SWRC Executive receive the Minutes of the Intercultural Diversity Commission from January 2024 to April 2024, for information.
CARRIED

OMNIBUS MOTION: INCORPORATED MINISTRIES

Jody explained the details of the Omnibus Motion re: the GO Project.

MOTION by Allan Holditch/Daniel Reed SW Exec 2024-05-28-04

That the Shining Waters Regional Council (10) Executive take the following action(s):

a) United Church of Canada GO Project

...pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve the request of United Church of Canada GO Project to enter into a bridge loan with Toronto United Church Council of up to \$80,000, at the rate of 4% or the Bank of Nova Scotia three-year interest rate (maximum 6%), whichever is the higher on the date of the first draw. Two draws of up to \$40,000 with two repayments on or about Dec. 3, 2024 and February 28, 2025 including accrued interest.

This is based on the request from United Church of Canada GO Project, draft minutes of Board Email vote of May 10, 2024, letter from TUCC dated May 1, 2024, and receipt of other required documentation per Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Email from Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa re: 100th Anniversary of UCC

Peter discussed the letter from Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa re: the 100th Anniversary. The GCO is offering Regional Councils \$2,000 for a way to participate as we see fit in the 100th Anniversary celebrations. He wondered if we would be interested in pooling this money with CSRC and use it for the Festival of Faith celebration, which happens on the actual weekend of the 100th. After discussion, Executive decided to move this as a formal item to the next SW Executive meeting to discuss further.

Retirement Letter from Todd McDonald, PRM

Executive received this letter from Todd McDonald regarding his retirement in 2025.

2025 DRAFT BUDGET – POSTPONED

After a lengthy discussion, Executive decided to recommend to the RCM that the SWRC 2025 Draft Budget be deferred until the fall, to ensure a more realistic and meaningful budget can be created. Executive will conduct a review of the budget implications if the Executive proposal passes, inviting input from communities of faith and members of the regional council to ensure that all perspectives are considered.

MOTION by Peter Hartmans/Isaac Kamta SW Exec 2024-05-28-06

That the SWRC Executive recommend a deferral of the 2025 Shining Waters Draft Budget until the fall of 2024 at an online Regional Council Meeting, no later than November 30, 2024.

CARRIED

ALBONIA CENTRE MORTGAGE

Jody shared that in November of 2023, Executive approved a mortgage for the Albonia Centre for \$10,000 conditionally on the expectation that we would receive a motion from their board. They have now updated their by-laws and passed the motion we required and are now in good standing to receive the mortgage.

NOMINATIONS EXTENSION

Jody stated that since Tina's leave extends into July, David would technically be done as of the RCM. She is asking Executive to approve David's position on Executive to be extended for another year so he can continue as Acting President until Tina's return.

**MOTION by Allyce Mutungi/Allan Holditch SW Exec 2024-05-28-05
That the SWRC Executive approve David Leyton-Brown's election
to Executive for a one-year term following the 2024 SW Regional
Council Meeting.
CARRIED**

UPDATE ON 2024 SW REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING (RCM)

Update on Meeting Planning

Jody shared that things are going very well with the theme planning. The complex piece is around the proposal discussions we are having. David spoke about the Town Hall meetings SW offered, one on May 22nd and the second one coming up on May 29th.

Process if Executive Proposal Passes at RCM

The Executive proposal will be put on the floor of the RCM first and then if that passes, the other two proposals will not be considered. If the Executive proposal is defeated, the other 2 proposals will be brought forward. These two proposals have large budgetary implications for the 2025 SW Draft Budget.

Jody then discussed the ongoing work of the Finance Committee and Peter proposed a partnership between the Grants Committee and the Finance Committee to form a task group/collaboration group. Discussions led to include at least one member from finance, the Grants Committee, and the Faith Commission in the task group, with a potential member from the Executive, to complete the Finance Committee work, ongoing priority setting from the Grants Committee, and provide meaningful input opportunities.

GENERAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE (GCE) SUMMARY FROM MAY 2024

David shared the GCE Summary from May 10-11, 2024, which included the Operating Budget for 2025. He discussed the ongoing budget issues of The United Church of Canada, noting that the budget had to be cut due to declining congregational contributions. He mentioned that a decision was made to draw on reserves up to a maximum of 2 million dollars a year to maintain the budget. The General Council was also grappling with issues related to governance and decision-making processes. In addition, Peter informed about the United Church's upcoming anniversary celebration, which also included a fundraising campaign for congregations.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UCC

Peter reminded Executive about the 100th Anniversary kickoff celebration at Metropolitan

The United Church of Canada
Shining Waters Regional Council

United Church in downtown Toronto on Sunday, May 9th, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This is both an in-person and online event.

JOINT EXECUTIVE RETREAT – DATE & LOCATION

Executive discussed the possible change of the Joint Executive retreat from Sudbury to Thunder Bay but the decision was made to keep the date and location the same. The Joint Executives meeting will be held at Villa Loyola Retreat Centre in Sudbury, ON from Tuesday, September 24, 2024 to Thursday, September 26, 2024.

EXECUTIVE MINISTERS REPORT (Attached)

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

NEW BUSINESS

Dates for the 2025 SW RCM

Executive discussed Friday, October 24 and/or Saturday, October 25, 2025 as possible dates for the 2025 online Shining Waters RCM.

MOTION by Peter Hartmans/Daniel Reed SW Exec 2024-05-28-07
That the dates for the 2025 Shining Waters Online Regional Council Meeting be October 24 and/or October 25, 2025.
CARRIED

Moving Expenses for Shawn Redden

MOTION by Peter Hartmans/Allyce Mutungi SW Exec 2024-05-28-08
That SWRC cover the regional council's share of the basic moving expenses for Shawn Redden, Faith Formation Minister, as outlined by the UCC, up to maximum of \$9,000 for SWRC's portion.
CARRIED

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS – END OF TERMS

Peter expressed gratitude for those SW Executive members who have served the last of their terms and will be leaving (Isaac Kamta and Allyce Mutungi). Executive members thanked Isaac and Allyce for sharing their time and skills with Executive.

CLOSING PRAYER

Peter gave a closing prayer and the meeting closed at 3:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETINGS: June 7-9, 2024 - **Regional Council Meeting in Brampton**
June 18, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom

APPENDIX A
EXECUTIVE MINISTER REPORT – SWRC EXECUTIVE
MAY 2024

RCM:

We look forward with great anticipation to our June Regional Meeting. The planning team has made progress with a key focus for the business of our regional meeting, focusing on the Election of Commissioners and Proposal review in advance of General Council 45. Our meeting also gives folks an in-person/online opportunity to connect, listen, pray, share, laugh and learn as Church.

GC45:

General Council 45 will take place in Calgary in 2025. The Nominations Committee is considering Commissioners and we will be able to elect 14 commissioners, plus our President.

100th Anniversary Kick off: June 9, 2024 4p.m.-6 p.m.:

Consider joining the UCC kick off celebration online or in-person at Metropolitan United Church (Toronto) on June 9, 2024 following our regional meeting (June 7-8). This will be one of the few local in-person opportunities for Shining Waters Folks!

Festival of Faith:

Planning continues for our Festival of Faith in 2025. Hotel space has been booked and the planning team has been working on securing speakers and preparing a draft agenda. The Moderator hopes to attend and provide a flourishing event on June 12, 2025, in advance of our event.

Staff update:

I received official notice on May 21, 2024 that Todd McDonald is planning his retirement as for July 31, 2025. His openness to discuss and plan has offered the opportunity for us to think about staff transition. My hope is to work towards hiring a new staff person starting approximately January 1, 2025. This new position may look different from Todd's current position, as we need to consider the transitioning of work within the regional council, along with Janet's retirement too. My hope is to transition some of Janet's work to Jody, as financial planning will be a key priority for the regional council and Jody already supports granting and property sales, a key component of the regional budget and long-term planning for the regional council. We will also need to hire a bookkeeper to shadow Janet in the fall, to prepare for her retirement.

Executive Minister Health Update:

I had my Cerebral Angiogram surgery on May 23. I hope to start driving again in the near future.