

SHINING WATERS REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL MEETING November 12, 2024

The meeting of Shining Waters Regional Council took place on November 12, 2024 via video conference.

Words of Welcome, Opening of Meeting and Constituting the Council

Shining Waters Regional Council gathered via Zoom video conference at 7:00 p.m. to begin the meeting of the Shining Waters Regional Council. President Maria Christina Conlon welcomed all those participating, introduced herself and the Regional Staff Lead Jody Maltby, who is Acting Executive Minister on behalf of Peter Hartmans.

Tina constituted the meeting in the name of Jesus Christ, and as the United Church gathered together at this 8th meeting of Shining Waters Regional Council, for the work that may properly be brought before it to the glory of God.

Tina shared an acknowledgement of the land and read a safe space statement.

Greeting and Opening Prayer Video

Tina shared a video greeting and an opening prayer from the Executive Minister, Peter Hartmans.

Orientation to the Meeting

Diane Matheson-Jimenez oriented the region on how they would be gathering together in this meeting.

Financial Report on Budget for 2025

Jody Maltby, Staff Resource to the Finance Committee, and Janet MacDonald, Regional Financial Administrator, presented the financial report and the budget for 2025.

MOTION by Allan Holditch/David Leyton-Brown SW RCM 2024-11-12-01
That the Shining Waters Regional Council approve the 2025 Budget, as presented.
CARRIED

It was expressed that there is a want for more in-person gatherings and the Shining Waters Co-Chair of the 2025 Festival of Faith (FoF) planning team, Rev. John Joseph Mastandrea, spoke to the in-person FoF gathering that is happening next June 13-15, 2025 in Sudbury, ON.

Report from Ad Hoc Committee for Review of Regional Priorities

At the June 2024 Shining Waters Regional Council Meeting, a motion was approved directing the Executive to form an Ad Hoc Committee to conduct a region-wide review of ministry and funding priorities with regular reports to the Executive, including a final report with recommendations to the next Regional Council Meeting in October 2025. Sarah Forge-Lough, Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee, shared the committee's progress indicating that the first benchmark of

consultation with all Shining Waters Commissions, Committees, TUCC and PTCC has been reached with a result of eleven (11) priorities. Sarah shared that the team then moved on to consulting with each community of faith by forwarding those priorities via email requesting a response before January 31, 2025.

Adjournment and Blessing

The President, Maria Christina Conlon, declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. and Kim Uyede-Kai, the Regional Council's Communities of Faith Support, Intercultural Diversity, Anti-Racism and Right Relations Minister, offered a closing blessing.

