

The United Church of Canada
Shining Waters Regional Council

EXECUTIVE

MINUTES of Meeting held April 7, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom.

PRESENT: Eric Nyarko (President), Tina Conlon (Past President), Lynella Reid-James, Paul Shepherd, Bri-anne Swan, William Houghton, Jan Breuls-Dorang, Richard Gardner

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

REGRETS: Sarah Lough

GATHERING, HONOURING THE LAND AND SAFE SPACE

President Eric opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone and especially Peter Hartmans, who has just returned from time off. 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.

OPENING

Peter expressed his gratitude for his time off during the unusual circumstances in his life. He shared his experiences during his time off, including the hospice care his family members received. He read from Luke 24:36 and then led in prayer.

CHECK IN

Executive members did a check in since last they met.

AGENDA

MOTION by Paul Shepherd/Tina Conlon SW EXEC 2026-04-07-01
That the agenda for this meeting be approved, as presented.
CARRIED

MINUTES

MOTION by Bri-anne Swan/Jan Breuls/Dorang SW EXEC 2026-04-07-02
That the Minutes of the meeting of the Shining Waters Regional
Council Executive held on March 3, 2026 be approved, as circulated.
CARRIED

COMMISSION MINUTES

MOTION by Peter Hartmans/Richard Gardner SW Exec 2026-04-07-03
That the Shining Waters Regional Council Executive receive the
Minutes of the Social and Ecological Justice Commission, for
information.
CARRIED

OMNIBUS MOTION: INCORPORATED MINISTRIES

MOTION by Paul Shepherd/Tina Conlon **SW Exec 2026-04-07-04**
That the Shining Waters Regional Council (10) Executive take the following action(s):

a) Fred Victor Centre

... pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve the request of Fred Victor Centre to enter into the Pre-Development Funding Agreement with the City of Toronto for a loan of One Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,350,000.00) interest free for the proposed plan for affordable housing at 500 Dundas East.

This is based on the Board Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2026, briefing note regarding this project, and receipt of other required documentation per the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada.

Fred Victor Centre staff submitted this application for pre-development and due diligence work that is required for a housing development and were successful.

****N.B.** Information - ONCA deadline for by-laws has passed and updated by-laws have been received by all IMs for review. All but two have been approved. Sparrow Lake United Church Camp Inc. held its AGM on January 25, 2026 and have been asked for this documentation. Wilmar Heights United Church Non-Profit Homes is awaiting members meeting to approve by-laws. This is a requirement of ONCA.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank You Letter to Thomas Shin

Peter shared the letter to Thomas Shin thanking him for his time on the Shining Waters Regional Council Executive, as he has moved on to another regional council.

REGIONAL TRUST BUDGET MOTION FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jody Maltby shared that recently the SW Finance Committee met and have forwarded the following motion:

MOTION by Harry Ramsaran / Beth Herrema *SW-FC-2026-03-09-03*
that the Finance Committee recommends the 2026 Budget for the Shining Waters Regional Trust to the Executive for approval, subject to the final property management agreement currently being reviewed by The United Church of Canada.

CARRIED

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Jody restated that previously SWRC had put a number of properties into the Regional Trust which is being managed by Kindred Works. Recently, representatives from Kindred Works met with the SW Finance Committee and did a very thorough review of the Budget for the Regional Trust.

MOTION by Tina Conlon/Jan Breuls-Dorang SW EXEC 2026-04-07-05
That the Shining Waters Regional Council Executive approve the 2026 Budget for the Shining Waters Regional Trust, subject to the final property management agreement currently being reviewed by The United Church of Canada.
CARRIED

MINISTRY PERSONNEL PUBLIC SALARY DISCLOSURE

Peter shared the history of salaries being disclosed at Presbytery meetings for generations, with those salaries posted in the minutes. After an extensive discussion, Executive directed Peter Hartmans, Executive Minister of SWRC, to draft up a proposal for review at the May 2026 meeting of Executive, that would support option #4 in the Options for Disclosure of Ministry Personnel Compensation Information in Meeting Minutes for Communities of Faith or Regional Councils, which is as follows:

OPTION #4:

Amend section I.1.7 of The Manual to state that when a new pastoral relationship is voted on a Ministers compensation information will be captured in meeting minutes for processes under I.1.7.1 and I.1.7.2 and posted online for anyone to access. This would be akin to the Public Salary Disclosure Act in Ontario which enables all Ontario Public Servants compensation information to be published online for anyone to access.

STRATEGIC PLANNING AD HOC COMMITTEE – UPDATE

Jody Maltby shared that there was a nominations campaign in March and there are 6 names of people being forwarded to the Nominations Committee for the Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee; when completed, the Nominations Committee will forward recommended names to the May 5, 2026 Executive meeting for decision.

REVISIT FESTIVAL OF FAITH 2027 CONVERSATION

Executive had another deep discussion about the possibility of holding a 2027 Festival of Faith (FoF), discussing increasing costs, mobility needs, speaker and venue availability, etc. There was talk of possibly adding a day to the Regional Council Meetings (RCMs) to make space for a FoF-type of event and possibly opening that portion of the meeting to non-ministry personnel and non-regional reps.

MOTION by Peter Hartmans/Paul Shepherd SW EXEC 2026-04-07-06
That the Shining Waters Regional Council Executive approves holding an in-person Regional Council Meeting (RCM), with the option to participate online, for the next three (3) years in place of a Festival of Faith and to evaluate this in three (3) years in 2029.
CARRIED

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EXECUTIVE MINISTER REPORT

Peter shared an Executive Minister Report with Executive.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

CLOSING PRAYER

Peter shared a closing prayer and President Eric ended the meeting at 2:51 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: May 5, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom
June 2, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom