

Attendance**ATTENDANCE**

Alicia Cox, Derek Elsworth, Peter Hardy, April Hart, Debbie Hawkins, Shauna MacDonald, Shannon MacLean, Faith March-MacCuish, Sandra Tomsons, Donna Tourneur.

Regrets**REGRETS**

Anne Cameron, Donald Morrison.

Welcome**WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER**Opening Prayer

The President, Shauna MacDonald, chaired the meeting and welcomed the Executive members gathered. The Executive Minister, Faith March-MacCuish, opened the meeting with prayers for Nova Scotia on the anniversary of the mass shooting, and for peace and healing.

Quorum**QUORUM AND CONSTITUTION OF THE COUNCIL**Constitution of the Council

The President, Shauna MacDonald, noted that a quorum was present and constituted the council in the name of Jesus Christ, the head of the church, for all the business that shall properly come before it.

Acknowledging the Land**ACKNOWLEDGING THE LAND**

The President acknowledged the land on which we gather, with respect for all peoples of this land as we live out the apology, and move towards becoming the community that God calls us to be together. We are all Treaty people.

Agenda**AGENDA**

It was noted that the agenda for this meeting is to discuss three items remaining from New Business from the April 11, 2024 meeting agenda, as follows:

- Regionally Accountable Ministries
- Congregational Designated Ministry Policy
- Sackville Office-Mount Allison Agreement

MOTION: (Derek Elsworth/Sandra Tomsons)

That the agenda be adopted, with the addition of an update on the Cluster Animator position for the region.

CARRIED

Regionally Accountable Ministries**REGIONALLY ACCOUNTABLE MINISTRIES**

The Executive Minister introduced the topic of regionally recognized and accountable ministries. The Executive Minister has worked with the three Regional Ministers to develop definitions and guidelines as criteria for the ministries in the region, as this is now a regional responsibility.

MOTION: (April Hart/Donna Tourneur)

That Bermuda-Nova Scotia Regional Council Executive accepts the criteria for Regionally Recognized and Accountable Ministry as presented.

CARRIED

Congregational Designated Ministry**CONGREGATIONAL DESIGNATED MINISTRY POLICY**

The Executive Minister presented the policy for adequate support and oversight of Congregational Designated Ministry (CDM) personnel, when there is no called or appointed ministry personnel. The Executive Minister has worked on this policy with the three Regional Ministers for use in the eastern regions. The Executive Minister noted that a proposal came

from this region at last year’s annual meeting regarding CDMs. It is the responsibility of the region to provide adequate support and oversight.

(Alicia Cox left the meeting)

MOTION: (April Hart/Donna Tourneur)

That Bermuda-Nova Scotia Regional Council Executive adopts the policy for adequate support and oversight of Congregational Designated Ministry (CDM) when there is no called or appointed ministry personnel, as presented.

CARRIED

SACKVILLE OFFICE – MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY AGREEMENT

Sackville-Mt. Allison Agreement

The Executive Minister updated the Executive on the work taking place at the archives in the Sackville Regional Council Office. Mount Allison University is asking for permanent rental of some space in the archives. The region has received approval from General Council to enter into this agreement, which encompasses three pieces; rental of permanent space in the archives, temporary space for rare books while renovations are taking place, and permanent office space. This update is provided for information only, as work on this agreement is continuing.

(Alicia Cox rejoined the meeting)

CLUSTER ANIMATOR

Cluster Animator

The Executive Minister updated the Executive on this discussion. Since the April 11 meeting, the Executive Minister has learned of the region’s eligibility for a grant that, if approved, may assist with the costs associated with this position. The Executive agreed that reduced hours in the proposed position would also assist with managing the cost and be more in line with the position description.

MOITON: (Sandra Tomsons/Shannon MacLean)

That the position description for the Cluster Animator be revised to 12 (twelve) hours per week at \$30 (thirty) per hour.

CARRIED

CLOSING PRAYER

Closing Prayer

The Executive Minister, Faith March-MacCuish, closed the meeting with prayer.

NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting

The next meeting regular meeting of the Executive is scheduled on June 20, 2024 at 9:30am via Zoom Video Conferencing. It was noted that several of the current Executive members will be finishing their terms at the rise of the annual meeting, The President and Executive Minister thanked the members for serving the region in this way.

ADJOURNMENT

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Having no further business, the President declared the meeting adjourned.

Shauna MacDonald
President

Faith March-MacCuish
Executive Minister