



THE DIOCESAN SYNOD OF FREDERICTON

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DIOCESAN COUNCIL

30 November 2019

Villa Madonna

Rothesay, NB

Pre-meeting circulation

- Agenda
- Draft Minutes (Sep 22, 2018)
- Draft Minutes of Synod Session 137 (2 November 2019)
- Canon FOUR
- Consolidated Anglican Church Act, 2003 §4
- Regulation 7-2, Schedule A, Draft
- October 2019 Draft Financial Statements
- October 2019 Shared Ministry and Pension and Bonus Assessments
- 2020 Diocesan Budget Draft

Participants

Attending: Kathy Asch, David Bell, Roderick Black, Ken Brien, David Edwards, Geoffrey Hall, Brent Ham, Heather Harris-Jones, Chris Hayes, Mary Anne Langmaid, Cathy Laskey, Siobhan Laskey, Bob LeBlanc, Coralie Losier, Sandy MacPherson, Rob Marsh, Michael O'Hara, Keith Osborne, David Peer, Ted Quann, Paul Ranson, Joni Richardson, Wandlyn Snelgrove, Robert Taylor, Cheryl Young.

Regrets: David Barrett, Gilbert Carter, Linda Fury, and John Matheson.

Guests Attending: Shawn Branch, Rosemarie Kingston.

Call to Order

1. Bishop Edwards called the meeting to order at 1315 and welcomed Council members. He acknowledged that the land on which the Council gathered is the traditional unceded territory of the Wabanaki Confederacy, Wolastokuk (Maliseet) and Mi'kmaq Peoples. He noted the regrets of council members.

2. The Bishop introduced the Agenda for the meeting.

MOTION 1: Rob Marsh / Paul Ranson

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

MOTION 1: Carried.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

3. Diocesan Council reviewed the minutes of the last Diocesan Council meeting.

MOTION 2: Rob Marsh / Paul Ranson

That the minutes of the Sep 21, 2019 Meeting of Diocesan Council be adopted as presented.

MOTION 2: Carried

Business Arising

4. **Retiring Members.** The Bishop noted that a number of members of the last Council are not returning. The Council wanted to express its thanks to these members.

MOTION 3: David Peer / Cathy Laskey

That the Secretary send a letter of thanks for their service to departing members of Diocesan Council.

MOTION 3: Carried

5. **From the 137th Session of Synod**

- 5.1 **Breaking a Tie in the Synod voting for Lay Delegates to General Synod.** Diocesan Council is required by Canon Two 3(8) to resolve ties for General Synod by ballot at its first meeting after Synod. The Council voted by secret Ballot between Ken Brien and Beresford Price. Bob Leblanc and Rev Chris Hayes acted as scrutineers and reported that the order for lay delegates would be Ken Brien then Beresford Price.
- 5.2 **Motion 137-18 - Cemeteries in Dissolved Parishes.** Responding to Synod's motion on cemeteries in dissolved parishes, Diocesan Council asked the Secretary to work with the Chancellor to research the issue and propose a way forward for the next meeting.

New Business

6. **Lay Appointments to Council.** After each Regular Synod the Diocesan Council must appoint 4 Lay members-at-large, one of whom must be between the ages of 16 and 25.

MOTION 4: Cathy Laskey / David Peer

That Diocesan Council appoint Lionel Hayter, William Ross, and Eric Beek to Diocesan Council.

MOTION 4: Carried

MOTION 5: Cathy Laskey / David Peer

That Diocesan Council appoint Matt Pitman to Diocesan Council as the youth member.

MOTION 5: Carried

7. **Executive Committee.** After each Regular Synod, Canon Four 17(1) requires the Diocesan Council to appoint an Executive Committee of a minimum of 12 members composed of an equal

number of clergy and lay.

MOTION 6: David Peer / Heather Harris-Jones

Moved that Diocesan Council appoint the following members of Council to the Executive Committee:

Kathy Asch

Eric Beek

The Chancellor

The Treasurer of Synod

Lionel Hayter

Coralie Losier

The Rev. Canon David Barrett

The Very Rev. Geoffrey Hall

The Ven. Brent Ham

The Ven. Cathy Laskey

The Secretary of Synod

The Rev Paul Ranson

MOTION 6: Carried

8. **Standing Committees of Council.** Diocesan Council has the power to appoint Standing Committees, members of which would then become subject to the limitations on length of service in Canon Four. The Secretary asked Diocesan Council to clarify which committees are standing committees of Diocesan Council

MOTION 7: David Peer / Geoffrey Hall

That Diocesan Council declare the Human Resources Committee and the Nominating Committee Standing Committees of Council.

MOTION 7: Carried

9. **Appointments to the Finance Committee.** After each Regular Synod, Council appoints 6 members to the Finance Committee, no fewer than 4 of which shall be lay, drawn from persons qualified to be elected as delegates to the Synod.

MOTION 8: Heather Harris-Jones / David Peer

That Diocesan Council appoint The Rev Canon David Barrett, Gil Carter, Susan Jack, Lionel Hayter, Alyssa Vandervalk, and Scott Fairweather to the Finance Committee

MOTION 8: Carried with 1 objection

10. **Appointments to the Constitutions and Canons Committee.** After each Regular Synod, Council appoints no fewer than 10 persons, including both clergy and lay, to the Constitutions and Canons Committee, drawn from persons qualified to be elected as members of the Synod.

MOTION 9: David Bell / Joni Richardson

That Diocesan Council appoint the following people to the Constitution and Canons Committee:

The Dean of Fredericton

Clarence Bennett

The Rev. Canon Dr. Ross Hebb

Terry Hutchinson, Q.C.

Dr Dennis Klinck

Siobhan Laskey

The Rev. David Peer

Barbara Richards

Deirdre Wade, Q.C.

Ann Whiteway Brown, Q.C.

MOTION 9: Carried with 1 objection

11. **Appointments to the pool for the Ecclesiastical Court for the Diocese of Fredericton.** At the first meeting of Diocesan Council after a Regular Synod, Council is required to determine the names of ten members of the clergy and ten members of the laity who shall be eligible for appointment if a court is constituted.

MOTION 10: David Peer / Kathy Asch

That Diocesan Council appoint the following people to the pool for the Ecclesiastical Court for the Diocese of Fredericton:

The Rev. Rod Black

The Rev. Jasmine Chandra

The Rev. Ann Fairweather

The Rev. Bruce Glencross

The Rev. Dr. Daniel Goodwin

The Ven. Sandy MacPherson

The Rev. Canon Leo Martin

The Rev. Canon Richard McConnell

The Rev. Steven Scribner

The Rev. Canon Allen Tapley

Mr. Clarence Bennett

Mr. Ernest Clarke

Canon Charles Ferris

Ms. Martha Jo Hoyt

Dr. Dennis Klinck

Mrs. Siobhan Laskey

Dr. Tammy Moore

Ms. Barbara Richards

Mrs. Deirdre Wade, Q.C.

Mrs. Ann Whiteway Brown, Q.C.

MOTION 10: Carried with 1 objection

Committee and Team Reports

12. The Bishop asked for a motion to receive the finance reports, which included October draft financial statements and summary of the Parish's shared ministry and pension and bonus assessment, a draft scale of minimum stipends (effective 1 January 2020), and the 2020 Draft Diocesan Budget report.

MOTION 11: Brent Ham / Paul Ranson

That the Diocesan Council receive the Finance Committee Reports.

MOTION 11: Carried

13. The Treasurer of Synod reviewed the financial report and indicated that the shared ministry support was at 97% and employment & pension bonus assessments were at 100%. She also summarized the Financial Committees recommendations for the DCIF rate of interest and increase to Clergy Stipend.

MOTION 12: Gil Carter / Rob Marsh

That the Diocesan Council receive the Finance Committee Reports.

MOTION 12: Carried

14. **Parish Investments and Diocesan Funds Rate of Interest.** The Treasurer of Synod, Heather Harris-Jones presented the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the rate of interest for January to June 2020 for funds invested in the Diocesan Consolidated Investment Fund (DCIF) be set at 3.5%.

MOTION 13: Heather Harris-Jones / David Peer

That Diocesan Council approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee to maintain the current rate of interest of 3.5% to be paid on parish investments and Synod funds in the DCIF for the six month period from January to June 2020.

MOTION 13: Carried

15. **Minimum Stipend Scale.** The Treasurer explained how the finance and human resources committees had reviewed cost of living indices to arrive at the recommendation for an increase of 2% to minimum stipend amounts for 2020.

MOTION 14: Heather Harris-Jones / David Peer

That Council approve a 2% increase, effective January 1, 2020, to the Diocesan clergy stipend as governed by Schedule A, Regulation 7-2: Scale of Minimum Stipends.

MOTION 14: Carried

16. **2020 Diocesan Budget.** Heather Harris-Jones presented the proposed 2020 Diocesan Budget reviewing the Summary page and then a more detailed examination Section by Section. She noted that the budget this year has adopted some changes to line up with the external financial statements by including externally restricted special purposes funds and parish DCIF interest.

MOTION 15: Heather Harris-Jones / David Peer

That Diocesan Council approve the 2020 Diocesan Shared Ministry Budget as presented.

MOTION 15: Carried

Next Session of Synod

17. **138th Session of Synod.** Diocesan Council discussed the date of the next session of Synod.

MOTION 16: David Peer / Robert Taylor

That the 138th session of Synod be held on November 7th, 2020.

MOTION 16: Carried

Next Meeting

18. The next Diocesan Council meeting will occur Saturday, February 22nd, 2020. The Secretary will arrange a location and notify Council.

19. The meeting schedule for 2020 has three more dates, all Saturdays: May 23rd in the Fredericton area, September 26th, and November 28th.

Adjournment

20. The Bishop asked for a motion to Adjourn.

MOTION 17: Rob Marsh

Moved that this meeting of Diocesan Council be adjourned.

21. The Bishop closed the meeting with prayer at 1410.

Respectfully submitted,

The Right Rev David Edwards
Bishop and Chair

The Rev David Peer
Secretary of Synod