

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL
2023 ANNUAL MEETING**

May 25 – May 27 at The Prince Albert Exhibition Centre

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DURING THE REGIONAL GATHERING

MEETING VENUE (PA Exhibition Association): 306-764-1711

CHAPLAINS:

Thursday Dexter van Dyke
Friday: Shelly Manley-Tannis
Saturday: Russell Mitchell-Walker

POLICIES – REGIONAL MEETINGS

Refund of Meal Fees

Those delegates to the Regional Meetings of Living Skies Regional Council who have registered prior to the deadline and paid the meal fee will be eligible for a refund of their meal fee, following the Regional Meeting, as a result of non-attendance at the meeting, provided that:

- They have advised the Regional Council Office by the catering deadline of their anticipated non-attendance and have requested a refund of their meal fee,
- Their reason for not attending relates to circumstances necessitating their presence elsewhere which could not reasonably have been anticipated prior to registering for the meeting (such as recent illness, medical procedures, disability or bereavement; ministry persons taking part in funeral services; becoming aware of family members or close friends who have been affected by sickness or accident; being advised of events requiring their attendance within a week or two of the meeting, etc.)
- Numbers of participants on which catering charges are based will not be adversely affected in a significant way by the refund of meal fees, and that
- The meal fee has not reassigned to an alternate delegate.

After considering the above, and due consultation, the Registrar may recommend the refund of the meal fee on compassionate grounds.

Late Fees

In the information made available to appointed delegates, ministry personnel and registered visitors, the deadline date for registering for the Regional Meeting is indicated, along with the amount of the late fee in the case of registrations received after that date.

It is proposed that the late fee as outlined above be applied unless:

- Persons registering late have been named as alternates
- Late registrants can provide a reason or reasons for not registering prior to the deadline that is satisfactory to the Registrar
- It can be established that Youth delegates were not in a position to register prior to the deadline due to circumstances beyond their control.

Regional Council version approved by
Living Skies Regional Council
Executive – February 2023

WHO'S WHO AT THE REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

CHAIR OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL	Darrell Reine
REGIONAL MEETING PLANNING COMMITTEE CONVENOR:	Carolyn Woodall
EXECUTIVE MINISTER:	Shannon McCarthy
FLOOR MANAGERS:	Bryan Tudor and Mark Pitman
FLOW COMMITTEE:	Shannon McCarthy, Carolyn Woodall, Darrell Reine, Bryan Tudor
CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY DINNER EMCEE:	Catherine Christie
GENERAL COUNCIL OFFICE REP.	Jennifer Janzen Ball
DISPLAY SPACE:	Bryan Tudor
BOOK DISPLAY:	Turning the Tide Bookstore
MINUTE SECRETARY:	Chantal Winslow
PROPOSALS TASK GROUP:	Shannon McCarthy, Darrell Reine and Carolyn Woodall
PARLIAMENTARIAN:	George Thurlow
SERVICE OF PRAISE & CELEBRATION ORGAINZER REFLECTION SPEAKER:	Darrell Reine Michele Rowe
MUSIC LEADERSHIP:	PA: Calvary Praise Band
WORSHIP PLANNERS:	Darrell Reine, Jim Tenford,
PROJECTIONIST/TECHNICIAN:	Don Kindopp
COMMON-TATER EDITORS	Roy Bortolotto and Bev Diebert (staff)

**People with whom we are Celebrating
at the 2023 Annual Event of Saskatchewan Conference**

<u>ORDINANDS</u>	
Sarah Giles	Minhyuk Hwang

Those Retiring

Allan Gairns	Michele Rowe
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Those Celebrating Anniversaries

<u>65 YEARS</u>		<u>30 YEARS</u>	
	Carlton Miller	Valerie Cottrill	Arlene Dieter
<u>60 YEARS</u>		Victor Greenlaw	Helen Mooney
Ken Powers	John Crawford	Laura Sundberg	Bill Thomson (PP)
<u>50 YEARS</u>		<u>25 YEARS</u>	
	Don Barss	Jo-Ann Hills	Jane Gallagher
<u>40 YEARS</u>		Janet Sigurdson	
Janet Brown	Brenda MacLauchlan	<u>20 YEARS</u>	
Miles Russell	Leslie Schweitzer	Laura Fohse	Heather Hedlin
<u>35 YEARS</u>		Kun Kim	Charles McKenzie
Catherine Christie	Helen Herr	<u>15 YEARS</u>	
Beth Johnston	Ray Purdie	Lorna Brick	Jeannine Cline
Arlene Reynolds	Janet Severight	Wendy Gibson	
Pam Thomas	Bill Unger		

Those for whom we mourn:

Shirley Strachan	Barbara Gilbert	Dave Petrie
Don Campbell	Edward Stennet	Mac Houston
Leona Martin	Drew Peters	David Maxwell
Bev Smith	Martha Pankratz	Laura Balas
Bill Thomson	Margaret Crawford	

GUEST SPEAKERS

Chief Cadmus Delorme Cowessess First Nation



Chief Cadmus Delorme, a Cree and Saulteaux, was the Chief of the Cowessess First Nation. Chief Delorme graduated from Cowessess Community Education Centre in 2000. He later moved to Regina to pursue a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Certificate in Hospitality, Tourism and Gaming Entertainment Management from the First Nations University of Canada (FNUUniv), and a Masters of Public Administration from the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy. Recently, he has completed an Institute of Corporate Directors designation.

In 2012, Chief Delorme received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for his hospitality in walking with King Charles III and Queen Consort Camilla when they visited First Nations University of Canada in 2012 and in 2022, Chief Delorme received the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal. In 2015 he was named one of CBC Saskatchewan's Future 40, which celebrates the province's new generation of leaders, builders and change-makers under the age of 40.

In 2016, Chief Delorme was elected Chief at the age of 34. In 2019, Chief Delorme was re-elected to a second term in office. Under his leadership, Cowessess First Nation has focused on economic self-sustainability for its nation and people and has moved forward on renewable energy, agriculture, efficiency in land use initiatives that have created both current and future business opportunities. Also, under his leadership, Cowessess First Nation focused on political sovereignty and has moved forward on Child Welfare Reform, empowering full jurisdiction when it comes to child protection, prevention, and the wellbeing of the entire family.

In 2021, Chief Delorme faced one of the hardest moments as Chief when the Saulteaux and Cree First Nation made international headlines with the validation of potentially 751 unmarked graves near the former Marieval Indian Residential School. Shortly after, Cowessess made headlines again as the first First Nations to sign an agreement with Ottawa and the province that returns jurisdiction over children in care to the First Nation. Federal legislation overhauling Indigenous child welfare was passed in 2019 and came into force last year.

Chief Delorme lives with his wife Kimberly, brother-in-law, daughter and two sons on Cowessess First Nation.

Liz Settee

I was born and raised in Prince Albert. I graduated from St Mary's High School in 1976. I moved away from Prince Albert for many years and received my B.A. from Simon Fraser University and entered into the Masters program. During this time, I decided I wanted to do something to give back to my home community. Having done all the course work for the Masters I did not write and defend my thesis. To this day I am grateful my journey took the path I am on.

I moved back to Prince Albert in 2007 to help look after my aging father (92 at the time) and had several jobs until September of 2010 when I started working at P.A. Outreach as a Cultural Mentor. I learned a great deal from Elder Stuart Amyotte and other Elders who spent time with the youth of Outreach and in the community of Prince Albert and surrounding area. Threw Creator and community I was blessed and wrapped in a Star Blanket as an Elder. I am an Elder for Saskatchewan Rivers Public School, Prince Albert Police Service and work with the Ministry of Social Services along with many other community groups.

It is truly an honour to be able to give back to the community that gave me so much growing up.

Spirit Strong Singers

Spirit Strong Singers originated in 2018 from group of passionate people who loved drumming. We are a group of 2 Spirit and women drummers from Treaty Six Territory and Homelands of the Metis in Prince Albert, SK. Their membership extends across Saskatchewan with most of the drummers living in Prince Albert and area.

MUSIC LEADERSHIP

The PRAISE BAND

Phyllis McTaggart, Marj Bodnarchuk and Bob Hayes

Phyllis McTaggart:

I was born in Gull Lake, Saskatchewan and have two daughters and four grandchildren. I received my Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education at the University of Saskatchewan. I started my teaching career in Prince Albert and retired after 33 years. During those years I taught band, classroom music, choir, grade 5 and grade 6. I also taught private piano lessons for many years. I was the choir Director and accompanist at Wesley United Church, Prince Albert for over 10 years. Now that I am retired, I enjoy spending time with my grandchildren, traveling, playing bridge, and playing the piano.

Marjorie "Marj" Bodnarchuk:

I was born in Strasbourg, Saskatchewan and grew up on a farm near the village of Siltou, Saskatchewan with one older sister and two younger brothers. We were involved in church, school and community activities that included music, sports and 4-H programs. Our parents were involved in the community in many ways and were an example to us in their willingness to volunteer, serve and lead when they were needed. I attended Elementary School at Siltou and High School in Strasbourg. I chose nursing as a career and worked as a Registered Nurse for many years, working in acute care and long-term care in Prince Albert & Shellbrook.

I am married to John – and we live in a rural area near Prince Albert. We have two daughters. Volunteering is a very big part of my life. I volunteer a lot in the area of music – care home sing-alongs & church services, choir and band at church and also accompanying and singing with a Ukrainian choir. Other volunteering is with a number of community organizations. I also enjoy baking, gardening, sewing and spending time with family and friends. We have been blessed with many gifts which include the people of the community that we live in.

Robert “Bob” Hayes:

I was born and raised in Prince Albert. I am married to Linda, and we are blessed with three children and eight grandchildren. I retired after 30+ years with the Federal Government Justice System. My hobbies include spending time with family, volunteering, travelling, and music.

I have been playing the drums for 60+ years with various groups. I am now playing with Phyllis and/or Marj, an old-time dance band, with the Prince Albert Children's Choir, a three-piece instrumental group, and with the Calvary UCC Gospel Band. I have many great memories of making music over the years. One highlight was being Bobby Curtola's drummer (1971-1972) when he first played at the Sands Hotel in Las Vegas. My taste in music is eclectic however I love Gospel Music!

Praise Band:

Our Praise Band evolved out of the Calvary UCC Gospel Band. There are a number of others who join us regularly at Calvary United Church.

Some years ago, at Wesley United Church in Prince Albert, our choir, under the leadership of Phyllis McTaggart, decided that once a month people who played other instruments (banjo, guitar, mandolin, drums, etc.) would bring these with them and we would play old – time gospel music before the service. This group would also join in playing the hymns during worship service. This continued until Wesley United Church (Prince Albert) closed in 2018.

Our drummer, Bob Hayes, who was a member of Calvary United Church, where most of the Wesley Members planned to transfer to, arranged for our group to do pre-service music a few times a month. This plan was going nicely, and we had the words to the hymns projected on the large screen so everyone could join in a “Sing Along”!

Then we had a Pandemic! Our music was silenced!

When we were able to gather and sing out loud again, our band members returned! Now we play for a full hour before the service on the last Sunday of the month. Congregational members come early (some with coffee & muffins) and join in the sing along time! The smiling faces speak for themselves!

God gave us so many gifts and music is only one of them! Music makes so many people happy! Sharing it is a pleasure! We are richly blessed!

**SERVICE OF PRAISE PREACHER
MICHELE ROWE**

Michele Rowe has been in ministry for twelve years and finds inspiration everywhere under the prairie sky. She is retiring from her ministry with the beautiful people of Maple Creek United Church and will soon be serving God in other weird and wonderful ways in Lafleche.

**GENERAL COUNCIL OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE
REV. DR. JENNIFER JANZEN BALL**



Jennifer is currently the Executive Minister, Theological Leadership at the General Council Office (GCO). Jennifer is an ordained minister in the United Church and earned her PhD in Christian social ethics through Emmanuel College and the University of St. Michael's College, Toronto School of Theology. She is originally from the Prairies and currently lives in Saskatoon.

Jennifer was settled in New Brunswick and served three years in the Blackville pastoral charge in New Brunswick.

After settlement, Jennifer moved to Toronto for doctoral studies. Throughout her doctoral studies, she worked part-time with various organizations, including the Student Christian Movement of Canada, United Church congregations, and in the General Council Office, as well as teaching at Emmanuel College and Queen's School of Religion. Upon completion of her doctoral studies, Jennifer became the director of the Designated Lay Ministry Program (Calling Lakes Centre and then St. Andrew's College). She served as director for almost 10 years. Jennifer was most recently the Program Coordinator, Ministry Vocation at the GCO, with responsibility for Candidacy Pathway policies and for supporting the work of Candidacy Boards and Office of Vocation ministers throughout the country.

She is passionate about eco-theological ethics and the climate crisis. In her spare time, she likes to garden, knit, bird-watch, and most recently, play pickleball. During the long prairie winters, Jennifer and her partner like to build snow forts and create ice art, as a way to practice gratitude for the seasons and the gifts of the earth throughout the year.

**CHAIR OF LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE
DARRELL REINE**

Darrell was born and raised in Regina. After 23 years of working in administration with Ipsco (Averaz) Darrell embarked on his journey of Designated Lay Ministry. He served Long Lake for five years and then moved to Westminster, Regina and will be completing his fourteenth year there in June. Darrell and his partner Karen have three children and six grandchildren. Grace, Darrell's faithful companion is part of the ministry team at Westminster. In his spare time, Darrell enjoys gardening, cooking, wine, having Grace take him for walks and of course more work for the church.

A WHOLE PEOPLE'S COVENANT

Each of us comes as a pilgrim to this gathering of siblings in Christ. Each of us comes with our own cultural values, assumptions, and world views. Each one of us, and the cultures we represent, are God's living letters of faith, hope, love, and beauty. Therefore, we embrace the following Christian virtues that honour God and promote right relationship between us as we gather together and learn from one another:

We promise to relate to one another with

- respect;
- humility;
- patience;
- open-mindedness;
- courage; and
- the spirit of grace and forgiveness we have received in Christ Jesus.

We acknowledge the land that we stand upon by

- remembering that Indigenous peoples have walked these paths;
- understanding that we are one part of God's creation; and
- honouring future generations by preserving this land as they find their own paths.

In our Christian love for one another we will

- invite the Spirit into both our worship and business;
- attend to others with our whole selves: our physical senses, intuition, imagination, and intellect;
- speak for ourselves in the spirit of truth and gentleness, avoiding unhelpful generalizations and racial stereotypes;
- not interrupt when others are speaking;
- be mindful of language that is not inclusive;
- affirm the deep wisdom of silence and pause, as necessary, to ponder what others have said;
- seek to understand rather than win arguments and assume best intentions;
- hold our beliefs and opinions lightly; and
- hold one another in prayer.

HOLY MANNERS

The Very Reverend Marion Pardy introduced Holy Manners as a resource for the 38th General Council 2003. Holy Manners has been used as resource for the conduct of meetings by subsequent General Councils and their executives. It has been adapted here for use as a resource by all councils and church bodies.

We will

- keep God at the centre of everything we do;
- each speak for ourselves;
- speak for a purpose;
- separate people from problems;
- allow for full and equitable participation;
- attend to others carefully without interruption;
- welcome the conflict of ideas;
- take a future orientation;
- demonstrate appreciation;
- honour the decisions of the body;
- commit to holding one another to account when we do not keep our holy manners;
- keep the discussion at the table;
- be mindful of our body language;
- check in about good use of time;
- allow the quiet people to speak, with an invitation to speak; and
- sincerely say what we really feel.

MEETING PROCEDURES

*(Numbering in this section is from the 2023 Manual Appendix pg. 191-195
and only includes sections relevant to this meeting)*

3.1 The Chair

The chair keeps a meeting of the council on track and may make rulings on procedure and the conduct of the meeting.

All members must be able to participate fully and comfortably.

Every voting member makes decisions on the basis of their own understanding of scripture and of the ethos of the United Church, in the light of Christian experience, and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit at work in the meeting of the council.

Any member of the council may bring to the attention of the chair any concerns about how a motion is being dealt with.

When an agenda has been adopted that specifies the time for particular items, such time shall be strictly adhered to, unless the council decides otherwise by a 2/3 majority of those voting.

The chair does not participate in the discussion or vote except in the case of a tie. If the chair wants to express an opinion, then they move aside from the role and ask another member to chair until the matter is disposed of.

3.2 How to Conduct a Meeting

3.2.1 Process

A council may set its own process for conducting business. If the council has not set its own process, it follows the parliamentary rules accepted in Canada (Bourinot's Rules).

3.2.2 Motions

A council may only pass motions for which it has the authority and which do not contradict the decision of a higher council.

A motion contradicting a motion already passed at the same meeting is out of order, unless it is a motion to reconsider.

3.2.3 Challenging Rulings

A voting member may challenge a ruling of the chair at the time the ruling is made. The chair restates the ruling and may give reasons. The secretary then calls the vote without any discussion on whether the chair's ruling is sustained.

3.3 How to Amend a Motion

When a motion has been made and is open for discussion, any motion to amend must be dealt with before dealing with the original motion.

When all motions to amend have been dealt with, the council may deal with the final form of the original motion.

Any voting member, except the mover and seconder of the original motion, may make a motion to amend the original motion.

A motion to amend fails if there is no seconder.

A motion to amend may not change the intention of the original motion.

A separate vote must be taken for each motion to amend.

3.5 Motions That Interrupt the Meeting

At any time during a meeting, any voting member may make a motion to

- a) close discussion without a vote on the motion;
- b) fix the time to adjourn;
- c) adjourn;
- d) take an immediate vote (2/3 vote required);
- e) limit or extend limits of discussion (2/3 vote required);
- f) postpone discussion and decision on the motion to a definite time;
- g) refer the motion to another body or commission;
- h) amend/change the motion; or
- i) postpone discussion and decision on the motion indefinitely (without a specified time).

An original motion may be interrupted by any of the above motions.

While these motions are being dealt with, they may only be interrupted by a motion above it in the list.

3.6 How to Reconsider a Motion

A motion to reconsider a motion already passed may be made if no motion is under consideration. A motion to reconsider has the same priority as the motion to be reconsidered.

Only a voting member who voted "yes" for the original motion may move the motion to reconsider. This motion must be seconded by a voting member.

A motion to reconsider in an ongoing meeting must be approved by 2/3 of the voting members present.

The revised motion may be reconsidered if a motion is changed on reconsideration and passed.

A motion on which action has been taken may not be reconsidered.

3.7 Additional Procedures

In any point not covered in The Manual, the parliamentary rules accepted in Canada (Bourinot's Rules) will be followed.

OTHER:

Divide a Motion (seriatim) This is a request to vote on a motion in parts rather than in total. A seconder is required. If two persons ask, the chairperson must grant the request.

Point of Information Any person can go to a microphone, interrupt debate and ask for information. For example, "What page is this on?" or "Who is speaking?".

Point of Order Any person can interrupt to challenge or question procedures. For example, "We didn't vote", or "President, we are debating this motion to table and we shouldn't be."

Point of Privilege Any person can interrupt debate to raise point of privilege. For example, "Our table group doesn't have copies of this motion" or "Could you please repeat the motion, I didn't hear it."

Business Process at Living Skies Regional Council – May 25 - 27, 2023

The Living Skies Regional Council Commission has given approval in principle to using the General Council model for business at the inaugural meeting in Swift Current, 2019.

- **Pre-Living Skies RC conversations:** Topics of conversation of interest to the regional council will be solicited from the regional council to go to the Living Skies Regional Meeting. These conversations may help to inform proposals to the Regional Council or identify conversations the church wishes to hold.
- **New proposal format:** The template for proposals is designed to encourage naming an issue without specifying the outcome. “Conversation proposals” requesting a conversation on a particular issue are also encouraged.
- **Priority agenda set by Living Skies Meeting Planning Team:** Proposals will be reviewed and grouped by theme/issue. Proposals will be prioritized with the time available or referred to Living Skies Regional Council Executive.

Three-Phase Process		
Listening	Discussion	Decision
Learn Clarify Understand	Thoughts Insights Refinements Affirmations	Debate Final refinements Toward consensus Vote

- **Three-phase decision-making:** Regional Council Representatives will engage in a three-phase process for all Living Skies Regional Council business:
 1. **Listening:** presentation of the proposal, questions and answers to clarify issues and implications.
 2. **Discussion:** exchange of ideas, thoughts, arguments and pros and cons; suggestions for refining proposal, affirmations, naming principles/parameters. Groups might also prioritize items as “we’d like to decide this together” and/or “We could live with the Living Skies RC Executive making these decisions if we run out of time.”
 3. **Decision:** final debate and refinement of proposal in plenary; working toward consensus, voting

While a consent motion will be used for some items, the majority of business the Living Skies Regional Council discusses—the priority identified themes/issues—will follow the three-phase decision-making process:

- 1. Listening phase:** Information sessions inform Living Skies RC representatives about the issues on the agenda. Information sessions may be held in plenary or in table groups.
- 2. Discussion phase:** Representatives meet in table groups with a pre-named Facilitator and a note-taker.

Discussion groups share what they have heard through the Listening phase so everyone is informed about all the issues. Discussion groups deliberate on the proposals. Note-takers record comments, affirmations, and suggestions, and the groups confirm the information to be recorded and shared. The reports from all discussion groups are available for viewing by all representatives as well as by the facilitation group.

- 3. Decision-making phase:** The Facilitation group's refined proposals are made available to Living Skies RC members.

There is final debate and refinement of the proposal in plenary, with the facilitation group returning to do more refinement as necessary. The process concludes with a motion in response to the proposal and a vote on the motion.



BASIC RULES for DEBATE on PROPOSALS

1. Prior to the Regional Council Meeting, proposals are received for information and consultation by the Regional Council Meeting Planning Committee. The Committee may make editorial suggestions to the proposing body to promote accurate understanding of the proposal by the people at the Regional Council Meeting. The Committee will communicate these suggestions to the proposing body and the proposing body may, or may not, take the suggestions.

Proposals that are received and edited prior to the Docket deadline will be included in the Docket. Proposals that have not been received and edited prior to the Docket deadline will be provided in written form at the Regional Council Meeting.

The proposals will be available in a variety of ways: typed hard copy, via PowerPoint, and read aloud at the time of decision-making.

2. The Flow Table will meet to decide in what order the proposals will be placed before the Council. This order will be presented to the Council during the first business session on the agenda.

2023 MEETING OF LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL ENABLING MOTIONS

1. **Roll of Regional Council:** that the Roll of the Regional Council for the purposes of the meeting be:
 - i. the members of the Order of Ministry within the bounds served by the regional council; and
 - ii. Other ministry personnel in a covenantal relationship with a community of faith within the bounds of the regional council
 - iii. lay members of the regional council are members of the United Church who are not ministry personnel and who are elected by communities of faith. (Manual 2019, C.1.1 & C.1.2)
2. **Corresponding Members:** that all invited guests, registered visitors, and staff be corresponding members of this regional council meeting, with voice but not vote.
3. **The Bounds of the Council Meeting:** that for voting purposes the bounds of the Council Meeting shall be the numbered tables on the floor, when in session and that the Living Skies Regional Council hold a Celebration of Ministry Service including ordination, commission and admission to the order of ministry of The United Church of Canada on May 28, 2023 at 10:00am at Calvary United Church, 114 – 25th St. E., Prince Albert to fulfill its responsibility to ordain, commission and admit those whom the Office of Vocation has confirmed as having completed all the requirements and whom the Regional Council has confirmed have a covenantal relationship in place with a community of faith.
4. **Minimum Number of Members at Meetings:** that the regional council may meet only if a minimum number of members is present. If there are 60 or more members, at least 20 members must be present; and there must be at least one ministry personnel and one lay member who is not ministry personnel present. Corresponding members are not counted for this purpose. (Manual 2023; C.4.3)
5. **Limits to Debate:** that without the permission of the Council, no member shall speak more than once on any proposal or amendment; and that speeches be limited to two minutes per person on each proposal, except at the discretion of the Chair.
6. **Election Procedures for Vacancies in Regional Council Appointed Positions:** that the Nominating Committee present a slate of names for all vacancies at a time prior to the meeting; and that all other nominations will be given to the chair of Nominations for consideration and presented to the Executive for approval.
7. **Scrutineers:** that the responsibilities of Scrutineers are to distribute, collect and count ballots, reporting the result to the Convenor or Executive Minister; and to count show-of-hand votes when requested by the Convenor or the Council.
8. **Agenda Committee:** that the Agenda Committee for this meeting of the Regional Council be the members of the Regional Council Meeting Planning Committee, plus one person designated as Parliamentarian, George Thurlow.
9. **Materials to be Distributed:** that aside from documentation relevant to this meeting, no other material shall be distributed to Regional Council Attendees or placed on tables or put on PowerPoint, within the bounds of the Regional Council Meeting without permission of one of the Regional Council Meeting Planning Committee and Convener or a designate, or the Executive Minister.
10. **Rules of Debate and Order:** that the rules of debate and order for Parliamentary debate be those spelled out in Appendix of The Manual 2023 (pages 191-195); and that any point not covered in such Appendix, the parliamentary rules accepted in Canada (Bourinot) shall be followed.

11. **Reports:** that the verbal and written reports be accepted as presented.
12. **Minutes:** that the minutes of the 3rd Regional Gathering of the Living Skies Regional council be approved as distributed in the online docket.
13. **Proposals:** that all unfinished business be referred to the Living Skies Regional Council Executive