
SPRING ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**-DECISIONS-****Session One
Friday, May 31st 2024****Omnibus Motion**

2024-05-06-31-01_001 OMNIBUS MOTION (S. Hutton/K. McLean) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council move the following:

1. That the agenda be adopted as circulated;
2. That the minutes of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council Fall General Meeting (held on November 4th 2023 be received and accepted as amended: *1. Additional information on page six re Golden Lake Camp and addition of an Appendix E, 2. Addition to attendance list of representative to EOORC, Brenda McLeod, Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church 3. Addition of retiree Rev. Janet Evans in the Report Book; see Appendix A;*
3. That the 2024 EOORC Report Book be received and accepted as circulate, see **Appendix B;**
4. That the 2023 Financial Statement for Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council be received and accepted as circulated, see **Appendix C¹;**
5. That the 2024 Financial Report be received and accepted as circulated, see **Appendix C²;**
6. That Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council, through its Executive, appoint an Internal Independent Review Committee to review and produce the 2024 Financial Statements;
7. That nominations be opened at 10 AM for positions of President-Elect and Members at Large on the Executive, and be closed at noon);
8. That nominations be opened at 10 AM for positions of Members at Large on the Executive, and be closed at 3 PM;
9. That the Equity Support Person for this meeting be Rev. Michelle Robichaud;
10. That the Scrutineers/Stewards for this meeting be: Wayne Harris, Head Stewards; (Friday) Phyllis MacRae, Charles Barrett, Edith Gardell, Alyce Dunnewold; (Saturday) Rev. Ed Gratton, Rev. Kathryn Peate, Janice Peron;
11. That the parliamentarians for this meeting be: (Friday) Rev. Stephen Clifton, Rev. Don Stiles; (Saturday) Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath, Rev. Grant Dillenbeck;
12. That the following people serve as Chaplain for this meeting: (Friday) Rev. Kim Vidal; (Saturday) Rev. Lorrie Lowes;
13. That this meeting includes the behavioral covenant and virtual manners:

One Voice: Called together by Christ as a community of broken but hopeful believers, striving to be faithful servants of God in our time and place as we offer our varying gifts,

Many Voices: We commit to keeping God at the center of everything we do;

One Voice: We confess, that we have not always lived up our vision of community, we need the Spirit to reorient us, to live an emerging faith, challenging us to live by grace rather than entitlement,

Many Voices: We commit to be truthful in our communications by: speaking for ourselves; and

speaking purposefully;

One Voice: We are called as a diverse community of people celebrating our differences;

Many Voices: And so, we commit to honouring our intercultural vision through welcoming the conflict of ideas; making space for the full and equitable participation of all, enabling especially people who are quiet to speak; being mindful of our body language; listening carefully without interruption and separate people from problems;

One Voice: We are called to be bold disciples,

Many Voices: As we live into our call to discipleship we will hold one another to account when we do not keep to our commitments; We will take a future orientation in our discussions and imagination; demonstrate appreciation; And honouring the decisions of the body;

One Voice: We are called to lead in hope with purpose and vision as members of a community held and inspired by God, partnering with God in the mending of the world

Many Voices: So, we commit to keeping the discussion at the table and to be faithful stewards of our time.

All: We affirm that we are Called by God, as disciples of Jesus, to offer leadership to The United Church of Canada as it seeks to be a bold, connected, evolving church of diverse, courageous, hope-filled communities united in deep spirituality, inspiring worship, and daring justice. Amen

In the 2023 Manual (see page 192), the expression Holy Manners is translated as rules of conduct based on respect and benevolence.

Virtual Manner

Use the Chat feature of Zoom appropriately:

-understanding that speaking in Public Chat is equivalent to speaking out loud in a meeting and is disruptive and rude and should be directed to the Chair of the meeting and used for Points of Order and/ or matters of personal privilege;

-responding in Chat when invited to do so by the Chair;

-using direct messaging when desiring or needed to engage with another

Use of transcription not for use outside of the meeting/event.

CARRIED

Nominations

2024-05-06-31-01_003 (Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro/B Harman) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council receive and approve the recommendation from the Nominations Leadership Team to name the following people to serve on the Executive:

EOORC Executive

(L) – Lay member; (MP) Ministry Personnel

1. President – Susan DeHaan (MP) (2026)
2. Past-President – Sue Hutton (MP) (2026)
3. President-Elect – Rev. Cindy Casey (MP)
4. Indigenous Community Representation – Rev. Nancy Best (MP)

Members at large:

5. Jim Allen (L) (2025) second term
6. Cathy Ryan (L) (2026) second term
7. Rev. Ryan Kim (MP) (2025) first term
8. Rev. Erin McIntyre (MP) (2026) first term
9. Micheline Montreuil, Diaconal Minister (MP) (2027)
10. Liz Church (L) (2027) second term
11. Nancy Hazen (L) (2025) first term
12. Sue Smarkala (L) (2027) First term
13. Gayle Barks(L) (2026) first term

Full member: Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly (Regional Council Executive Minister)

Corresponding Members: Joel Miller (Assistant to RCEM and Secretary of Region), Rev. Natalie Matkovsky (Communications, Administrative Assistant, Archivist), Dana Ducette (Youth), vacant (Visioning, Clusters & Networks), Rev. Whit Strong (Pastoral Relations), Rev. Caroline Penhale (Office of Vocation, Candidacy Pathways), Rev. Brian Cornelius (Treasurer) and Nikki Nel (Camp Awesome Director).

Leadership Teams

1. *Nominations*: Bronwen Harman (Chair), Rev. Michelle Robichaud, Karen McLean, Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro, Sue Hutton, DLM, Rev. Susan DeHaan – as President (Resource: Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly, Joel Miller) **2 vacancies (diversity in the Regions is missing)**
2. *Pastoral Relations*: Wayne Harris (Chair), Ina Bromley, Charlotte Hoy, Sharon MacDonald, Jim Allen, Rev. Patsy Henry, Rev. Erin McIntyre, Linda Suddaby, Micheline Montreuil, D.M., Rev. Blair Paterson and Karen McLean (recording secretary) (Resource: Rev. Whit Strong) **2-4 vacancies – all MP**
3. *Future Through Property Leadership Team* Phyllis MacRae (Chair), Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro, Ted Brett, Jim Allen (Resource: Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly) **2-4 vacancies preferably from seaway valley and upper valley**
4. *General Meetings/Educational Event Planning Leadership Team*: **vacant** (Chair), Sue Hutton, DLM, (Past-President), Rev. Susan DeHaan (President), (Past-President), Pat Mayberry, Gary McKay, David Patterson, Karen McLean - **6-8 vacancies (diversity to include youth leadership)**
5. *Church Extension*: Directors: Mike Velichka, David Debenham, Alan Gale, Don Reynolds;

Members: Catherine Grant, Judy Harms-Potter, Linda Suddaby, Ted Brett, Kevin Moratz; EOORC
Appointments: Brian Cornelius (Resource: Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly)

6. *Communications:* Lois Leroux, Rev. Takouhi Demirdjian-Petro and David Patterson (Resource: Rev. Natalie Matkovsky)
7. *Finance:* Brian Cornelius (Treasurer), Bruce Jackson, Joe Smarkala, Evered (Ev) Zytveld, Rev. Cindy Casey, Christine Kilburn, (Resource: Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly) - **1 vacancy**
8. *Licensed Lay worship Leaders (LLWL):* Rev. Georgina Fitzgerald, Sharon MacDonald, Cathy Ryan, Julee Pauling, Sharon Sanderson, Rev. Dr. Teresa Burnett-Cole and Terrie Chedore, Diaconal Minister, (Resource: Rev. Whit Strong) – **3 vacancies, 1 more LLWL and 2 Lay non-LLWL**
9. *Scrivens-Baillie:* Malcolm Collins (chair) Ryan Babcock, Ken Brownness, Rev. Brian Cornelius, Larry Richardson, and Ev Zytveld (Resource: Rev. Éric Hébert-Daly) - 2 vacancies
10. *Vision & Transformation:* Rev. Cindy Casey (Chair), Charles Barrett, Phyllis MacRae, Janice Peron, Deb Poirier, Christine Cross-Barkley, Rev. Melany Cassidy-Wise, Rev. Michelle Robichaud and Rev. Sheryl McLeod (Staff Resource:)
11. *YAYA:* Rev. David Sherwin (Chair), Rev. Steve Clifton, Rev. Heather McLurg-Murphy, Cathy Ryan, Hazel Ward-Moreau, Janet Nield (DM), Margaret Eddy, Rev. Kevin Moratz, and Rev. Tiina Cote (Resource: Dana Ducette)
12. *Equity Leadership Team:* Rev. Michelle Robichaud – **4 vacancies**
13. *Social Justice Network of Ontario Regional Councils:* Charles Barrett (Chair) (Resource:)
14. *Stewardship:* Carolyn Ruda, Charlotte Hoy, Ray Lebeau, Nancy Hazen, Paul Sales and Carolle Dallas-Arbuckle and David Charles (Resource: Rev. Roger Janes)
15. *Representative to The Ottawa School of Theology and Spirituality:* Paul Whynacht
16. *Affirming Leadership Team:* Linda Stronski, Cathy Ryan, Bronwen Harman, Kim Baird, Rev. Michelle Robichaud and Roxanne Akhtar (Resource:)
17. *Representatives to Multi-Faith Housing:* Sue Smarkala
18. *Spiritual Care Hospital Ministry Leadership Team:* Sandra Copeland (Chair) Rev. Brian Copeland, Jane Burgess, Margaret Joyce, Doug Collins, Jeremy Geelen and Richard Johnston.

* Expression of Interest forms are available on the Regional Council website:
<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=qLUYz3gmEUCTEhXw9xV1dHSA6ou6zAhA5w6OK8tGLT1UMDISMTVZMkIDQ0M2UURLU0NJTFVVRIRJOS4u>

CARRIED

2024-05-06-31-01_003 (Teresa Burnett-Cole/Paul Sales) that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council receive and approve the recommendation from the Nominations Leadership Team to name the Rev. Don Stiles to the Pastoral Relations Commission. **CARRIED**

Session Two
Saturday, June 1st 2024

Multifaith Housing

2024-05-06-31-01_004 (Dianne Cardin/Sue Smarkala) WHEREAS Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council is a member of Multifaith Housing Initiative (MHI), along with 23 congregations, and

WHEREAS the United Churches in our Regional Council have supported Capital Campaigns for The Haven and Veterans' House, and

WHEREAS affordable housing is a critical and essential need in many communities including Ottawa, and

WHEREAS the United Church is committed to strengthening our Right Relationships with Indigenous people;

RESOLVED that the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council, endorses the approval of the EOORC Executive that congregations be allowed to raise funds for the Dream LeBreton Capital Campaign with a goal of \$150,000.

CARRIED

Appendices

*All appendices are available on the EOORC website: <https://eoorc.ca/spring-annual-meeting-2024/>

- Appendix A Minutes of Fall General Meeting held on November 4th 2023
- Appendix B Report Book (2024)
- Appendix C¹ 2023 Financial Statement for Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council
- Appendix C² 2024 Financial Report

- Appendix E *Re Amended General Meeting Minutes (November 4, 2023)*
Appendix E -Archives re Golden Lake Camp