

PROPOSAL #2
WESTERN ONTARIO WATERWAYS REGIONAL COUNCIL
2026 05 22

Title: Change to 2025 WOWRC Spring Meeting Minutes

Originating Body: EM & Recruitment team

What is the issue?

The minutes of the Regional Council meetings are our record of decisions made and discussions had. At the spring 2025 meeting during the proposal to elect new representatives to the Commissions and Executive more time was requested for those at the meeting to add their names to the slate. The minutes of that meeting were approved at the Fall 2025 WOWRC meeting without that slate of people included.

Why is this issue important?

We want to have an accurate representation of what was done at the meeting, and who has been elected to different positions.

What might Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council do?

The Regional Council might agree to the following:

The Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council update the Spring 2025 RC minutes to include the following information and slate of people who were elected at the 2025 Spring meeting:

Information

WOWRC Recruitment Team of Rebekah Duncan, Jennifer Irving and Heather Leffler would like to thank all our faithful volunteers and staff of WOWRC and especially those who put their names forward to serve on our Executive, Commissions, as Pastoral Charge Supervisors and Liaisons and members of our new Student and Candidate Support Network. When it came time to discern the slate of volunteers for this meeting, we invited Gord Dunbar, OM and Ann Harbridge, OM to help in discernment of this proposed slate for 2025-2026.

On behalf of the Recruitment Team, thank you to those completing terms or resigning:

From the Executive:

Andrea Allan, OM

From the Congregational Support Commission:

Rebekah Duncan, OM (stepping into role as President),

Norm Eygenraam, L (25) 2nd Term

Lesley Fox, OM (retired)

Ann Harbridge, OM (25) 2nd Term

Judy Chalmers, L (25) 2nd Term

From the Discipleship & Justice Commission:

Edith Coyle, L (26) 2nd Term

Cathy Hird, OM (moved)

Andrew Hyde (25), OM 1st Term

Pastoral Relations Commission:

Douglas Hayward, L

What is the issue?

The regional council can best fulfill its decision-making responsibilities if it has a full slate of diverse members in decision-making roles.

What might the regional council do?

The regional council might agree to: Accept the slate discerned by the Recruitment Team as presented on the floor of the court of Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council Spring Meeting May 3rd, 2025:

Executive/Commissions/Networks Slate

Executive: Robert Lawson, OM (28) Member at Large/Diversity

Congregational Support Commission: Gord Dunbar, OM (28), Margaret Ruggles, DM (28)

Discipleship & Justice Commission: Meghan Gilholm, L (28), Judy Jones, L (28), Dan Leaver, DM (28)

Pastoral Relations Commission: Lori Campbell, OM (28), John Greg Smith, OM (28)

Student Candidate Support Network: Lisa Leffler, L (Student/Candidate for Diaconal Ministry), Robert Lawson, OM (Ordained Minister), Rebekah Duncan, OM, Gord Dunbar, OM, *(Still to be filled on the Network: Student/candidate for ordination, Diaconal Minister, Lay Person, other members at large)*