Western Ontario Waterways RC
Fall Meeting 2026

Proposal #1 – Opening & Procedural Motion

Title: **Opening and Procedural Motion**
Origin: Executive Minister

What is the issue?
The regional council must establish the procedures by which it will conduct business.

Why is this issue important?
This clarifies and confirms the way in which decision-making will happen.

How might the regional council respond to the issue?
The regional council might adopt the following as a consent docket:

1. Adopt the agenda as circulated and authorize the Agenda and Business Committee to make any changes as necessary;
2. Approve the minutes of the meeting of 2026-05-22-24;
3. Receive the minutes of the following meetings of the;

    i. Executive
    26-05-20
    26-07-15

    ii. Congregational Support Commission
    26-03-12
    26-04-16
    26-05-14
    26-06-11
    26-07-09

    iii. Human Resources Commission
    26-05-19
    26-06-16

    iv. Discipleship and Justice Commission
    26-05-26

    Note: Minutes are posted on the website [www.wowrcucc.ca "About" page](www.wowrcucc.ca)

4. Appoint Heather Leffler as Parliamentarian;
5. Appoint Ann Harbridge as Chair, Agenda and Business Committee;
6. Name Phyllis Fleming to serve as Equity Support Team Member;
7. Name Laurie Stevenson and Penny Squirrell as Chaplains;
8. Name President Rebekah Duncan, Chair Agenda and Business Committee Ann Harbridge, Executive Minister Mark Laird, Executive Assistant Max Watkinson and Recording Secretary Dawn Blanchard, as the Agenda and Business Committee;
9. Set the bounds of the meeting as the Zoom call, and the Best Western Plus Orangeville Inn & Suites (7 Buena Vista Drive, Orangeville, ON)
10. Make the designated representative from any United Church ministry, other than a congregation, which has been invited to become a community of faith by entering into a

covenant with the regional council, a member of the regional council for this meeting (Section C.1.2 c);

11. Make all guests corresponding members;
12. Set the deadline for new business to be submitted to the Agenda and Business Committee as 12:00 p.m., Friday, October 30th.
13. Adopt the following method for dealing with proposals for action by the regional council

Step One:

The Presenter will outline:

A. What is the issue? and
B. The suggested way in which the regional council might respond to the issue.

Step Two:

The President will inquire if there are questions for clarification. Please note this is for clarification only.

Step Three:

The President will then ask if there are changes or additions being suggested for the proposal. Using warm and cool signals, the regional council will seek to come closer to agreement on how to respond to the issue.

Step Four:

Once there is significant agreement, the President will invite the Presenter to move the motion at which point the regional council enters the formal debate process.