

**DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**  
**SUMMARY OF CARRIED MOTIONS FROM THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF DIOCESAN COUNCIL**  
**April 25-26, 2014**

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1. *Moved by R. Moore*  
*Seconded by P. Liengme*  
*That the minutes of the February 21-22, 2014 meeting of Diocesan Council be approved as circulated.*  
*Carried.*
  
2. *Moved by R. Moore*  
*Seconded by A. Mortimer*  
*That any surplus for 2013 remain in the Working Funds.*  
*Carried.*
  
3. *Moved by I. Wisser*  
*Seconded by K. Wagner*  
*That Council move into in-camera for further discussion of the Mitre Task Group Report.*  
*Carried.*
  
4. *Moved by S. Anderson*  
*Seconded by D. Puxley*  
*That the Diocesan Council move into the Committee of the Whole.*  
*Carried.*
  
5. *Moved by R. Moore*  
*Seconded by D. Puxley*  
*That the Diocesan Council come out of the Committee of the Whole.*  
*Carried.*
  
6. *Moved by P. Barkhouse*  
*Seconded by A. Chapman*

Resolved that, the Diocesan Council, after much careful review of the “Study” conducted by the Mitre Task Group and further discussion with the Coadjutor Bishop, has decided that a suffragan or assistant bishop is not warranted, nor affordable, in the current and near future structure of the Episcopal Ministry in the Diocese of NS and PEI and therefore that no suffragan or assistant bishop shall be elected or appointed at this time.

Be it further resolved that the Diocesan Council has decided that the staffing of the Episcopal Ministry structure and allocation of responsibilities among the staff within the approved Episcopal ministry budget, other than the electing of a suffragan or appointment of an assistant bishop, shall be under the purview and responsibility of and be determined by the Diocesan

Bishop, in order for the Bishop to fulfill the Episcopal work of the Diocese and carry out the elected and anointed episcopal vocation of the Diocesan Bishop.

**Background:**

Diocesan Council was tasked by the motion at the November Synod 2013 to review the Episcopal Ministry structure and to decide whether or not a suffragan or an assistant bishop was warranted and affordable.

Diocesan Council has reviewed in great detail the “Study” conducted by the Mitre Task Group, reviewed the results of the Diocesan Survey and has heard the vision of the Coadjutor Bishop and is satisfied with their recommendation. It is not the intent of the Diocesan Council to micro manage the staffing of the Episcopal Ministry structure but to allow the Diocesan Bishop some freedom, within the budget constraints, to properly staff the Episcopal office as is most efficient and affordable to the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Diocesan Council would like to thank the Mitre Task Group for the depth and breadth of their research and for their diligent and hard work they did in fulfilling their task set out in the November 2013 Synod.

Carried.

7. *Moved by K. Wagner*

*Seconded by P. Leingme*

That Diocesan Council receive the report with thanks, that the Mitre Task Group be dissolved, and the Mitre Task Group Report be made public.

Carried.

8. *Moved by P. Liengme*

*Seconded by E. Marshall*

That the Diocesan Council come out of camera.

Carried.

9. *Moved by E. Marshall*

*Seconded by S. Anderson*

*That Diocesan Council direct the Budget Task Group to put in the budget commencing 2015, \$45,000 for a Youth & Family Ministry Coordinator position (salary and benefits).*

*Carried.*

10. *Moved by R. Moore*

*Seconded by D. Warner*

*That the Diocesan Council endorse the applications from St. Mark's, Halifax and St. Stephen's, Chester and send them forward to the Anglican Foundation.*

*Carried.*

11. Moved by D. Warner

Seconded by P. Smith

*That the Diocesan Council request the Bishop to implement Option #2 of the Canons & Constitution Report under Human Resources, and prepare the Canons & Constitutions Committee to give notice of motion to Synod for Option #1.*

*Carried.*

These read:

**Option #1:**

Amend Canon 1 to read: (changes are highlighted in yellow)

Section 9(1)(a)

(a) prepare a written description of the general qualifications and requirements for the position to be filled which shall include those set out in sub paragraphs (i) and (ii) below, and any specific qualities that the Committee considers desirable in the person who will fill the position, and have the description accepted and approved by the Diocesan Council before proceeding.

(i) the requirement shall include either (A) a diocesan Care 2 Screen accreditation; or (B) a National Criminal Record Check, Vulnerable Sector Check, and Child Abuse Registry Check, or the equivalent certification, accreditation or report (s) applicable in the diocese in which the applicant resides, as the same may be amended or updated from time to time (collectively the "Accreditation"); and

(ii) the Accreditation shall have been issued no earlier than one year prior to the date of Electoral Synod.

In addition: Amend Canon 1, Section 11:

Section 11:

11 Further Nominations

Where a diocesan bishop or a coadjutor bishop is to be elected or where a suffragan bishop is to be elected called pursuant to subsection 6(3), at the electoral synod any two members of the electoral synod may nominate for election any person who meets the canonical requirements for election and who has consented in writing to be nominated if, at least seventy-two hours before the commencement of the electoral synod, such members have provided to the secretary of the Search Committee

(a) written notice of their intention to nominate;

(b) the written consent to nomination of the intended nominee; and

(c) a brief curriculum vitae of the intended nominee in a form prescribed by the Diocesan Council or approved by the Search Committee including confirmation that the applicant meets the canonical requirements for election; and

(d) documentation confirming that the applicant meets the requirements set out in sub paragraph 9(1) (a) (i) and (ii).

**Option #2:**

Create an internal policy to be included under the Human Resources Policies and Procedures.

**2.1.24**

Applicants for the position of Suffragan, Assistant, or Diocesan Bishop shall meet the requirements set out in sub paragraphs (i) and (ii) below and any other requirements established pursuant to Canon 1:

- (i) the requirement shall include either (A) a diocesan Care 2 Screen accreditation; or (B) a National Criminal Record Check, Vulnerable Sector Check, and Child Abuse Registry Check, or the equivalent certification, accreditation or report (s) applicable in the diocese in which the applicant resides, as the same may be amended or updated from time to time (collectively the "Accreditation"); and
- (ii) the Accreditation shall have been issued no earlier than one year prior to the date of Electoral Synod.

12. *Moved by R.Moore at 2:35pm that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.*