

REPORT OF THE BISHOP'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CHURCH BUILDINGS

The Bishop's Advisory Committee on Church Buildings exists to bring together the collected experience of those who work professionally in the construction industries, to the service of parishes with building maintenance problems or those planning capital investments.

Spending money is too easy. Spending it wisely though, in order to get the most from it, requires particular diligence and care, not just in the planning and design but in the management processes and in the financing of every project. Members of the committee provide their knowledge free-of-charge, in a friendly manner and are focused on the best interests of parishes. They are not called to criticize or second guess; they are called, however, to real economy and true welfare.

Of growing concern in our deliberations are the sometimes conflicting issues, on the one hand, of Heritage Designations and, on the other, of environmental imperatives; including the important diocesan initiative for "Greening Niagara."

Over the past year committee members have provided advice to the parishes of St. Aidan's, Oakville; St. Luke's, Palermo; St. Mark's, Orangeville; Church of Our Saviour, the Redeemer, Stoney Creek; St. Paul's, Shelburne and All Saints', Hamilton.

There is a description of the resources offered by the committee, and of the diocesan requirements around new construction projects, that can be viewed on the diocesan website under "Resources-Church Buildings Committee" or you can call Karen Nowicki at 905-527-1316 x 380 for immediate service, or you can contact the Committee Chair, the Reverend Ian Chadwick at 905-988-7873 or stalbins@vaxxine.com if the matter is sufficiently desperate to require prayer.

If, in your parish, you are anxious about some structural weakness in the church fabric, or some maintenance issue with the potential to cause trouble, call Karen, or Ian, and get yourself some expert advice: it could save you some sleepless nights and save the parish a bundle.

A particular thank you to the dedicated volunteers who are the committee members. Those long drives to evening meetings at the other end of the diocese may be a satisfaction, but we recognize and appreciate that they come at the personal price of time and effort. But what we maintain and build together is not just good stewardship, but of Glory to God.

We thank past members of the committee for sharing their time and expertise namely; Mr. Robert Cox, Mr. Dan Tregunno and The Reverend Susan Wells. We also welcome new members to the committee; Dr. Arthur Heidebrecht, Mr. Steve Swing and Mr. Ian Milroy.

Committee members

Ms. Brenda Brownlee
The Reverend Ian Chadwick, Chair
The Reverend St. Clair Cleveland
Mr. William Filer
Dr. Arthur Heidebrecht (2009)
Mr. Don Hicks
Mr. John Layfield
Mr. Ian Milroy (2009)

Mr. David Ricketts
Mr. Ken Schroeder
Mr. Steve Swing
Mr. Roy Shoalts
Mr. Christopher Walker (Chair of BDIC)
The Venerable Michael Patterson
Right Reverend Michael Bird

Respectfully submitted
The Reverend Canon Ian Chadwick, Chair