



CHRIST CHURCH, DARTMOUTH
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**Parish Council Highlights
from our Parish Council
Meeting of
November 27, 2021
7:00pm in the Lower Hall**

Business Arising:

1. Update on drop-in centre and emergency shelter at Christ Church. (K. Wagner)
 - AHANS is interested in partnering with us
 - It was felt that the Warming Centre may be redundant as other organisations have been granted funds to have such centres.
 - A meeting was held with John Ferguson and Erica Fleck, HRM, they reviewed the rectory spot as a potential location for a modular home spot. The plot is not large enough to host 4 units. They were however keen for us to be an emergency shelter and warming center. However the letter of agreement has not been sent to date.
 - A meeting was held with Karen at Margaret's House with regards to us hosting this warming centre. They feel that this would be beneficial as the clients at Margaret's House need to stand outside to wait for their meals.
 - There appears to be a disconnect in our society. As there is an apparent need for housing yet much red tape to be able to provide these services.
 - There is a proposal at the government level that each of the modules be paid for by providers at \$10,000 a unit and that all utilities would be covered by the lot owners. These units do not have sanitary or washing services and do not include a significant source for heat.
 - Who then will staff our warming centre? The city would have a social worker on site daily. But if we do not have an agreement with the city, then we would be responsible to staff this, perhaps.
 - What has happened with the AHANS agreement? Dalhousie Social work did not have the resources to expand. Then further funding was allocated to other groups.

New Business:

1. COVID-19 Protocols update (K. Wagner)
 - We have changed how we receive The Host at communion by having parishioners come to the altar.

- Health officials say the safest way is to not wear gloves and to have both parties sanitise.
- No real consensus at Clericus on what to do about the Chalice and the wine.

2. Changes to the Church pew configuration

- In conversation with the Wardens and Property Committee, it was decided that the best way to see something new for the church, is to experience it.
- The pews at the front of the Church have been adjusted to be on an angle, unlike the diagram that was circulated as that configuration did not create any more space.
- There may be some concerns with how people can get in and out of the pews, especially with winter coats.