



St. Patrick's Parish  
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### St. Patrick's Parish Update on Accessibility Project

Dear Members of St. Patrick's Parish

Finance Council and the Accessibility Fundraising Committee are very excited to share this update on the St. Patrick's Accessibility Project. We have made significant progress since our last update. The purpose of this communication is to share details of that progress and to advise on the start of construction.

#### **Fundraising:**

AFC has been diligently working to coordinate and facilitate the fundraising efforts. Through the collective commitment of the committee and our Parish members, visitors, and the Clark Foundation, we have been successful in reaching over 68% of our goal of \$500,000! Let's all congratulate ourselves for contributing to that achievement!

Our efforts must remain a priority as we work to raise the additional \$160,000 needed to reach our goal. Envelopes remain available at the Church for donation collection, credit card contributions can be arranged through the Parish office, and the monthly additional collection will continue until the goal is achieved. Other fundraising efforts will be forthcoming in the new year.

#### **Construction Process:**

In September, the Finance Council working with our Project Manager and Architect - Jason Brouwer, Brouwer Architect - prepared the release of a Request for Proposals for the Construction Management Firm. Following that release a total of six (6) firms came on site to participate in a walkthrough of the project. Of those, four (4) submitted a bid. The bids were reviewed by members of the Finance Council, the Architect and KLS Engineering. The final selection resulted in the project being awarded to Duomax. Their price was significantly lower, and their approach offered low risk of percentage based costs if the budget did nudge higher. They are a reputable firm and have done similar work. They are also a medium sized firm so there is less likelihood of their construction team being pulled to other job sites and delaying completion. This decision was shared with Bishop Bergie and the Diocese office for validation, which was received. Duomax is now in the process of lining up their trades teams.

The Variance requirement for the front of the Church has been approved by Haldimand Council. We are still awaiting approval of the site plan. Brouwer Architect and KLS Engineering are managing that process. We know the plan is under review and hope for approval before the end of December 2017. However, that decision lies with the County.

#### **Timeline:**

Construction is slated to begin in March 2018, with a planned completion in September, 2018. During construction the Church will remain open and accessible, although there will be limitations. For example, the entrance into the Church will be from the back of the Church only. The basement will not be used, other than for access to the existing washrooms. During washroom construction, alternative



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arrangements will be made. While this is inconvenient, it is necessary. Every effort will be made to ensure this aspect of the work moves quickly and access is restored as soon as possible.

All groups that use the basement for meetings, functions, and events have been notified that alternative space will be necessary during the construction. We look forward to making the space available, once it is safe to do so.

Questions related to this matter can be directed to any member of the Finance Council or myself. We thank you in advance for your continued support as we work collectively to make our Church an accessible and welcome space for all.

Yours in Christ,

Father Vijay Martin