

**Minutes of the Special Congregational Meeting
St. George and St. Andrew United Church
May 11, 2025**

The Special Meeting of the Congregation of St. George and St. Andrew United Church was held after church Sunday, May 11, 2025, with 46 people present. The meeting followed Coffee & Conversation in the Jim MacIntosh Hall. These minutes constitute the official record of the Special Congregational Meeting of St. George and St. Andrew United Church.

David Holborn, Chair of Council, called the meeting to order. He welcomed all and called for a motion for all present to vote.

MOTION: It was moved by Barry Fletcher and John Kinsella, that everyone present be permitted to vote on all matters presented. Carried.

He reminded the group that this meeting was called to hear a presentation by Phil Unruh that was presented to Council and approved.

Phil Unruh began presentation naming the other members of the committee, Andrea Boulding, Stuart Jamieson, Phil Roberts.

Phil Unruh presented a well documented proposal to the Council about the concept of changing the front of the church to make it more accessible to all. The reason they are suggesting these changes is safety. Safety for those taking part in the service, including the Organist, Choir, Minister, and others that take part in the services. The side steps are dangerous for the Choir, Minister and others that participate in the service. Also, not accessible to others with walking challenges who may want to take part.

The visual presentation was very well done. The beginning was the the original Construction Plans of 1910 and inquiring drawings under the flooring for the installing of 1992 new organ. At the end of the presentation a question and answer time provided a chance for all to express their opinions.

Phil suggested that we look at this as Our Centennial Project. He also telling us how lucky we are to have this beautiful church.

Chair David called for a yes/no vote whether the committee proceeds with the planning. Ballots were passed out and then collected. David Holborn and Rosanne Peach counted the ballots. The results were 33 for proceeding and 9 against.

Since only a suggested budget was presented, the members wanted at least 3 quotes from contractors, who may do the work.

At the end of the discussion David Holborn called for a motion.

MOTION: It was moved by Joan Francuz and Jackie Holborn, that the Committee get a minimum of 3 quotes from Contractors to implement the design as presented and then present to the Congregation by July 31st . CARRIED.

Meeting was adjourned by Motion of Rosanne Peach and Wendy Fletcher.

David Holborn
Chair

Rosanne Peach
Secretary