

PRELIMINARY CASE FOR SUPPORT



ST. AIDAN'S
IN THE BEACH

OUR MISSION - VISION - VALUES

Our mission is to know Christ and to make Him known. This means deepening our own lives of faith and practice and reaching out to others to share the gospel as a community of faith.

Our vision is to be a neighbourhood faith community, growing and changing with courage and hope.

Our core values are Diversity, Spiritual Formation, and Community Engagement.



A HERITAGE OF MISSION & SERVICE

Since 1890, St Aidan's has been a beacon of hope and a faithful presence in the Beach community. The faith and conviction of those early parishioners laid the groundwork for many generations, for which we are grateful. St Aidan's began as a mission of St. John's Anglican Church in the Norway district of the East end. It was founded as a beach summer church community without a building, then in a tent and a wooden pavilion before the present building was completed in 1908. The Hall was built after World War I to commemorate those who fought, including many from the parish. St Aidan's continued to grow and evolve with community needs, such as providing daycare for working mothers, during World War II.

St Aidan's has continued to be a centre of community life and engagement. In 2006, the parish developed its Out of the Cold program. By 2019, St Aidan's served as many as seventy for dinner, and hosted twenty-five homeless men and women for the night and breakfast. Continuing the legacy of service and mission, today's focus further builds on diversity, social justice, faith formation, environmental stewardship, and community engagement.

TRANSFORMING OUR SPACES

Today, our congregation has grown through community engagement programs and now has a wide, diverse population of all ages. Faithful to God's mission, over the past 8 years the parish Mission & Facilities Committee has evaluated and planned for our long-term needs. With parish approval, we have embarked on a bold and innovative plan to redevelop, repair, and renovate our building.



The sale of Memorial Hall and vacant property has provided \$4.7M in funding. The construction plan is well underway, and the main priorities and goals are: 1) Creating a **warm and welcoming space** with presence off Queen Street, that is **flexible** to accommodate ministry and program expansion within the church for **7-day a week use**. 2) Ensuring **environmentally efficient, and sustainable building construction** and energy consumption. 3) Improving **accessibility**, which includes elevator, ramps, and other features. There are new signs of growth in the parish, with a renewed excitement in bringing our church spaces into the 21st century with this year-long renovation project.

The sale of real estate assets, which was the generous legacy of previous generations, is funding the most critical aspects of the renovation. However, there are vital needs to complete the renovation, separate from the core building transformation. The key priorities in need of funding to complete our project are exterior masonry restoration, repair and restoration of our stained glass windows, landscaping of the West garden and funding for additional staff. Our vision is that together, we will use this opportunity to build on the legacy afforded us by past generations and transform our spaces for renewed ministry and programs.

ACHIEVING OUR PLAN

This plan outlines essential elements to complete the renovation, undertake some restorative projects and continue to build ministry and programs that are relevant for today's Beach and broader community. **The key elements and costs over a five-year period are highlighted below:**

1. EXTERIOR MASONRY REPAIR & RESTORATION **ESTIMATED COST \$330,000**

The years of frost in winter and heat in the summer have caused mortar and brick deterioration on the church's outside walls. Repair will help the building retain its heat in the winter.

2. STAINED GLASS CONSERVATION & RESTORATION **ESTIMATED COST \$300,000**

Repairing and restoring our beautiful stained-glass windows will protect them from further exposure to the harmful elements of cold, rain, snow, and ultraviolet light. The four large windows, the twelve small rectangle windows and windows in the stairwell are all showing varying degrees of deformation, which will need to be addressed by reputtying and some leadwork. The lovely and rare Southwest Dalle de Verre windows are holding up well but in the long-term they will need vented ultraviolet exterior protection.



3. LANDSCAPING ON THE WEST SIDE **ESTIMATED COST \$100,000**

The parish is considering the uses of this green space to promote welcome, inclusiveness and spiritual reflection, including Care of Creation practices and activities.

4. EXPANDING MINISTRY & OUTREACH

A. ASSOCIATE PRIEST **ESTIMATED COST \$100,000**

The ministry of an associate priest enriches St Aidan's and contributes significantly to community outreach. However, currently this position is only partially funded through a diocesan grant. Our plan for growing the congregation is to support this position through bridge funding to sustain it within the parish budget in the future.

A mark of a vibrant church is having and living a mission that looks outward. The young family and youth demographic is growing within our parish and the broader community. Providing increased funding will create the opportunity to build this vital ministry.

TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS OF REPAIRS, RENOVATIONS & MINISTRY

\$880,000

The plans, once completed, will engage the Beach community in new ways as we see our congregation growing and becoming more diverse. Honouring the legacy of past generations and contributing to the church of today, our building and ministries will continue in service. Offering spiritual formation and inspiration for real social engagement with greater focus on outreach, inclusiveness, and advocacy in the broader community.

FINANCIAL PLANS 2021- 2025

| BUILDING REPAIRS & RENOVATIONS | ESTIMATED COSTS |
|---|------------------------|
| Exterior Masonry Repair & Restoration | \$330,000 |
| Stained Glass Repair & Restoration | \$300,000 |
| Landscaping | \$100,000 |
| EXPANDING MINISTRY & OUTREACH | |
| Associate Priest | \$100,000 |
| Youth Ministry | \$50,000 |
| TOTAL COST | \$880,000 |
| SOURCES OF FUNDING | |
| Investment income, tax recovery, and consultant savings | \$150,000 |
| Individual donations toward capital needs | \$185,700 |
| CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GOAL | \$544,300 |

YOUR FAITHFUL SUPPORT IS NEEDED

*"...and now I have seen with joy how willingly your people
who are here have given to you"*

1 Chronicles 29:17 NIV

St Aidan's is known for providing rich opportunities for worship and spiritual growth. We are a lively and engaged community committed to social and environmental justice and outreach. This is an opportunity for the present generation to join past generations in participating in the ongoing mission of St Aidan's.

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider this Case for Support. Your feedback will help us determine how we might honour the sure foundation Christ has made in this church, faithfully respond to our abundant blessings from God and how we might continue to uphold a joyful witness to the Gospel. We look forward to meeting with you and we welcome your advice on how best to proceed with this important project. Please give this plan your thoughtful consideration and participation.