

REPORT OF THE BISHOP'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CHURCH BUILDINGS

There seems to be some doubt as to which parish building projects require diocesan involvement. Please know that if the work you are intending will require a municipal building permit, you are obliged to advise the Bishop of your plans..... in writing.

He, in turn, will contact the Financial Advisory Committee (FAC) and the Bishop's Advisory Committee on Church Buildings (BACCB). Someone then from the BACCB will contact the Parish in order to offer either advice or guidance, whether the work is a capital construction project or restoration work of some kind.

Some maintenance work, such as re-roofing, may not require a municipal building permit. Nevertheless, if your Parish Property Committee wishes to draw on the expertise of BACCB members, they should feel free to contact either Karen Nowicki, the Secretary at 905-527-1316 x 380 or Ian Chadwick, the Chair at 905-988-7873. There is a description of the resources offered by the Committee, and of the diocesan requirements around construction projects, that can be viewed on the diocesan website under "Resources-Church Buildings Committee."

The BACCB is fervent in encouraging the use of competitive bidding and of contract documents which will protect both your budget and your peace of mind.

In the past year, committee members have provided advice and support of initiatives at 5 parishes in Hamilton, 3 in Burlington, 3 in Oakville and in St. Catharines, Caledonia, Dunnville, Cayuga, Acton, Fonthill and places beyond.

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.

Finally, if you are interested in sharing your experience by becoming a member of the BACCB, please talk to Karen or Ian. We do need you and you will be most welcome.

Committee members

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee
The Reverend Canon Ian Chadwick, Chair