

Highland Hills United Church Trustees Annual Report 2019

This has been another busy year for the Trustees, managing our assets and the sale of Zion Church.

Management of Financial Assets

- Supported the work of the Treasurer and the Finance Committee to ensure liquidity of our operating accounts.
- Worked with the Treasurer and Finance Committee on the reporting structure of our accounts.
- Reinvested our financial assets as they matured.
- Requested and received approval from the United Church of Canada to use \$10,000 from the 12-Mile Lake Capital Fund to insulate the back wall of HHUC.

Sale of Zion Church

- The task of finding the right home for all of the non-fixed assets of Zion Church was undertaken by Joan Chapple and a committee of Ross McMullen, Irene Alexander and Max Ward. This work is largely complete. The committee has done an excellent job with items being sent to Highland Hills United Church, Maple Lake United Church, Haliburton United Church, 12-Mile Lake Church and the Algonquin Highlands Museum. Important history of our church is being preserved.
- It turns out the task of selling the church is more daunting than we expected. This was road allowance leading to the cemetery and onto East Road. As of the end of 2019, all of the steps needed to address these issues are at or nearing completion. The severance of the church property from the cemetery and conveyance of the cemetery to the Township will be completed early in 2020. The Registrar of Funerals Burials and Cremations is ready to give approval for severance. The MTO, owners of East Road are not concerned about the church's encroachment there and the encroachment onto the road allowance is being dealt with by the Township early in 2020.

Through all of this, there has been ongoing interest in the property. We expect that interest will improve once the issues noted above have been finally put to rest. We have two capable realtors working on the sale – Fred Chapple from Remax and Andrew Hodgson from Century 21. Please spread the word – we are ready to sell.

The following people remain your Trustees – Joan Chapple, Ross McMullen, Andy Cooper, Wes Lytle, Brian Austen, Max Ward, Tom Davidson, Bruce McClennan (Chair)