

Wesley United Church
Special Council Meeting by Zoom
July 14, 2021 7:00 pm

Wesley United Church, located on Treaty 4 land, is an Affirming Ministry of Jesus Christ, nurturing spiritual exploration and growth. We advocate for justice and social action. We love and care for ourselves and our neighbours throughout the world.

Present:

	Name	Position on Council
		President
R	Stephanie Dove	Past President
	Elaina St. Onge	Vice-President
	Allen Goudie	Secretary
R	Jim Chernick	Treasurer
	June Blau	Admin & Finance Division Coordinator
	Frances Goudie	Christian Education Division Coordinator
	Linda Paul	Pastoral Care Division Coordinator
	Tessa Whyte	Ministry & Personnel Division Coordinator
	Bryan Tudor	Pastoral Charge Supervisor
	Kent Stewart	Transition Team Representative
	Sheila Roske	Emergency Preparedness Committee
	Linda Gunningham	Emergency Preparedness Committee

R – Regrets

P – Partial attendance

1. Call to order. Elaina called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm
2. This is a special Council meeting to discuss and consider COVID-19 health protocols at Wesley going forward – contact lists, cleaning, sanitizing, mask or no mask policy, etc. As of July 11, 2021 all public health restrictions were removed but each business or in our case, our church has the right to establish its own protocols within our building.

Our music director Lee Stubbe indicated that the choir would like to start rehearsing and asked what the protocols should be followed.

Our office coordinator Tina Blair had an inquiry from the Wednesday night weight loss group who are wondering if any of the protocols will be changing for them.

3. Discussion included the following comments:
 - Tina was asked what protocols she would be comfortable with. She would prefer that people coming into the office continue to be masked.
 - We have not reached herd immunity. COVID has not gone away.
 - Not everyone is vaccinated; children under 12 are not vaccinated and are at risk
 - The Autism Camp which is at Wesley this summer is continuing the same measures as before July 11
 - Tricia Gerhard, Regional Council Chair, said you want people to feel safe and stay safe
 - We still have to do the diligent cleaning and we would be wise to maintain contact lists. Public Health will still be doing contact tracing
 - Whatever we decide should apply to everyone entering the building, including user groups, the choir and UCAS
 - We should continue to monitor the situation. A new outbreak is possible.
4. It was the consensus that Wesley should maintain the status quo for the summer, which means continuing the protocols currently in place: requiring all attendees to be masked, maintaining contact lists for 30 days, hand sanitizing, cleaning, two meter distancing, adhering to existing capacity limits for each space.
5. Al will send the minutes to Tina, Christine (UCAS) and Rev. Carolyn Woodall and will ask Tina to put this information in the announcements.
6. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.
