

First Metropolitan United Church - Board Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2021 - Special Ad Hoc Meeting

1. **Call to Order** at 3:10PM.

Present: Rev. Shelagh MacKinnon, Edeana Malcolm, Emily MacDonald, Ross Breckon (recording secretary), Liane Clark (departed meeting at 3:30PM)

Absent: N/A

2. **Land Acknowledgement:** The land acknowledgement was made by Ross Breckon.

3. **Opening Reflection/Prayer:** Shelagh gave the opening prayer.

4. **Review and Approve Agenda:**

- It was moved by Ross Breckon and seconded by Liane Clark “that the Meeting Agenda as presented be adopted.” The motion was carried unanimously.

5. **Covid-19 Safety Review**

- It was moved by Ross Breckon and seconded by Emily MacDonald that “First Met update its Covid-19 safety protocols in light of recent Public Health announcements with the requirement for all attendees of worship services to wear masks for the duration of the worship services and additionally for those attendees aged 12 years or older to be fully vaccinated. This new protocol is to come into effect on Dec 12, 2021.”
- Board members discussed the most recent Public Health announcements by Dr. Bonnie Henry and the implementation of revised Covid1-9 safety measures for faith-based organizations.
- Specific revisions include reducing the maximum gathering size for indoor worship services to 50% of capacity and adding the requirement for mask wearing by all attendees during indoor worship services.
- The Board also discussed the merits of implementing a requirement that persons aged 12 years or older who are attending a worship service be fully vaccinated. The current Public Health guidelines grant faith-based organizations the discretion to implement such a requirement if they choose to do so. It was agreed that the safety of our congregation, staff members, and guests is of paramount importance.
- The motion was carried unanimously.

6. **Next Board Meeting December 15, 2021, at 3:00pm via Zoom**

7. **The Meeting adjourned at 4:10**

Chairperson: _____

Secretary: -

