



## 6.1 ST. THOMAS, CHILLIWACK – GRANT APPLICATION

**PRÉCIS:**

**JANUARY 20, 2021**

The neighbours and local police are pressing St. Thomas, Chilliwack for a fence around the areas where vagrants congregate because of the severe vagrancy issue in and around both the parish hall and church. Because of the nature of the church property, it essentially acts as a park in the middle of old downtown Chilliwack. There is often a lot of drug use, loud shouting, fighting and danger to both buildings and neighbour's property.

The parish needs to put a 6ft. iron fence around the areas that are attractive as vagrancy hangouts to lessen the ability of vagrants to camp and disturb the neighbourhood and reduce the draw on police and parish volunteer resources.

The parish hopes to partner with different service groups like a Daycare and other groups (AA and other ministries) and putting a fence will allow them to do these things safely and more successfully.

The estimated cost of the fence is \$20,000, the parish proposes to share a \$5,000 cost with some of their neighbours who are willing to contribute. The parish is now asking a \$15,000 grant from the Diocese.

On October 27, the Standing Committee on Finance & Property passed the following motion:

M/S: The Ven. Richard Leggett / Susan Chortyk

THAT, in respect of the request from the Parish of St. Thomas, Chilliwack, for a capital grant for its fencing project, the Standing Committee on Finance and Property recommends to the Diocesan Council that conditional upon the Parish paying at least the first \$5,000 of the costs (the "Parish Contribution") the Diocese authorize a capital grant equal to the lesser of (1) the total costs of the fencing project less the Parish Contribution or (2) \$15,000.

### **SUGGESTED MOTION:**

**Moved by: The Standing Committee on Finance and Property**

**THAT, in respect of the request from the Parish of St. Thomas, Chilliwack, for a capital grant for its fencing project, the Diocesan Council, conditional upon the Parish paying at least the first \$5,000 of the costs (the "Parish Contribution"), authorizes a capital grant equal to the lesser of (1) the total costs of the fencing project less the Parish Contribution or (2) \$15,000.**