

Minutes

Cathedral Council Meeting

Monday, 20 April 2026, 5:30 – 7:30pm

In attendance: Sherrie Allen, Leah Ibbitson, Ian MacDonald, Susan McKelvie, Jesse Robertson, Karl-Lukas Steiniger, Donna White, Stephen Calderwood, Jeff Nelson and Jonathan Thomas.

Regrets: Jason Richardson, Sue Simpson and Anna Rossi.

Documents circulated in advance: 20.04.26 Agenda.

1. Opening: the meeting opened with the prayer - Lectio Divina.
Two items were added to the agenda – Council visibility and communication with the Parish.
Sunday morning leaflets.

2. Ministry Updates:
Leah gave an update on the Block Party planned for August 15, 2026. Lots of fun activities are planned – bouncy castle, dunk tank, music on the lawn, a food truck, popcorn, ice cream, face painting, games and Cathedral tours. There are several ways for everyone to be involved.

Monthly Outreach Partners – we have partners planned through June of 2026. Jesse will look at the areas and partners from the original list for the remainder of 2026. This information will be shared at the next meeting.

Volunteer Role Description – Dean Jonathan spoke about the Policy of Training for various volunteer positions. What training is needed and what checks need to be completed?

Cathedral Council members – Jesse proposed that Council host an after-service coffee hour to give parishioners an informal opportunity to meet members and ask questions outside of the AGM. Council supported the idea and agreed to attend coffee hour following the combined service on Pentecost Sunday, May 24. We will also look for a more prominent space to display council minutes; this location will also include council member's pictures.

Sunday Service leaflet - Susan asked the questions why we have changed the size of the leaflet; can we still print 'large print' leaflets (we have Parishioners who need them) and are we printing enough copies? This past Sunday the 9:15 service ran out of leaflets, and we had late arrivals without a service leaflet. Dean Jonathan will check on the leaflet questions.

3. Generative Discussion – Relationship between the Cathedral and the School:
Dean Jonathan introduced the topic of the relationship between the Cathedral and the School – a lengthy discussion ensued.
4. Feedback – what can we do both as a Council and church body to improve this relationship and what would that look like?

5. Updates from the Dean

Staffing – The following positions have been posted:

- a) an evening Custodian position
- b) a Communications and Community Engagement position.

During Jennifer LeBlanc's absence Norri Harden will take over the maintenance contracts previously managed by Jennifer.

- c) Sacristan/ Verger – work is ongoing to find a replacement for Bob Fearnley.

John Albert Hall – the Cathedral will host a Conference on Homelessness in Victoria from May 21 to May 23, 2026 (supported through the John Albert Hall lecture series). See the Diocesan website for more information. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Building for the Future – Committee of the Whole (City of Victoria) is scheduled for either May 21 or 28, 2026 at city hall. This is regarding the rezoning of the Cathedral property.

6. Persons to be thanked – Maureen Applewhaite for her work organizing the Kairos Blanket Exercise – Susan will send this note.
The Bell ringers – Jesse will send this note.

7. Dismissal at 7:40pm.

8. The next Council meeting will be May 11, 2026, at 5:30pm in the Deanery Board room.