

*Message from Joanna*

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### **BEHIND THE SCENES**

I once had a professor, who insisted that for every minute of a sermon, there ought to be at least an hour of study and preparation beforehand.



I was reminded of that comment, as I read yesterday's update from the Moving Forward Task Group of Council regarding the use of the Trinity property after the congregation disbands in June. That short summary represents hours and hours of work, thought and prayer by many people. As an ex officio member of Council, I have sat in on many of those meetings, listening intently, seeking to understand the viewpoints and suggestions of the people at the table and to reflect back the pastoral implications of the decision re the property.

As people who have long found a church home at Trinity deal with their feelings about closing and the losses they are experiencing as a result, it seems imperative that there be a clear sense that the building, which the people of Trinity have lovingly cared for for so many years, will continue its mission in new ways—continue to be an asset offering benefits to our city.

That is precisely what your Trinity representatives have been attempting to ensure, through many discussions, investigations, documents, etc.

Is the conversation over? Not yet. Impatient though we might be to get on with it, it is also important that this be

well done, with attention to a zillion details. That is what is happening 'behind the scenes'.

Yesterday's Moving Forward Update, sent out by Sherry, pulls back the curtain for a peek. Your leaders will keep you informed about when the curtain will be raised for the 'full meal deal' of information, questions, discussion and decision making by the congregation. In the meantime, please pray for all involved. *Joanna*



Holy One,  
we give thanks for the people of Trinity through the years, for their care for well being of many and enrichment of city life. In the past, Trinity has made skating rinks, young peoples' groups, beautiful choirs, inspiring worship, interesting workshops and much more available to the

people of Peterborough.

In these days, as we seek to move forward with respect and celebration of the past, yet with eyes to present and future needs, we continue to seek your guidance.

Be with all those speaking on Trinity's behalf, so that the deliberations and discussions might lead to a plan which is both faithful to your way and a viable process, through which the legacy of Trinity will continue to serve the city and its needs.

Grant us wisdom, patience and trust in your guiding Spirit.  
Amen