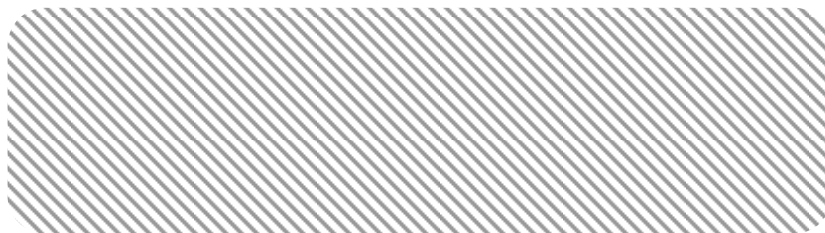


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Report from West Hill's Board Chair

Tough Financial Position

On February 21, the West Hill congregation approved a 2018 budget that had a forecasted deficit of \$45,200. Everyone was uncomfortable with this but the budget was a realistic assessment of what could happen if there were no changes to the status quo. During this meeting we also discussed the ongoing issues of supporting our aging facility and the plan to work towards Building Community Partnerships that would see a higher use of the building and develop a new income stream.

We undertook a stewardship program that resulted in an annualized increase in PAR of 14% or \$15,300. This has helped to close the gap between income and expenses, BUT a significant deficit remains.

I am pleased to update you that our Building Community Partnerships initiative is gaining momentum. A grant has been received from the United Church to proceed with phase 1 of our plan. A steering committee is actively working with Eco-Ethnomics to complete Phase 1, the identification of compatible organizations to share our facilities. Compatibility is defined as organizations that have a proven track record of success and share the same values as our community. At the time of writing this note it appears we will be receiving a second grant to cover Phase 2 of this initiative. Phase 2 is the development of long term contracts with 2 or 3 organizations.

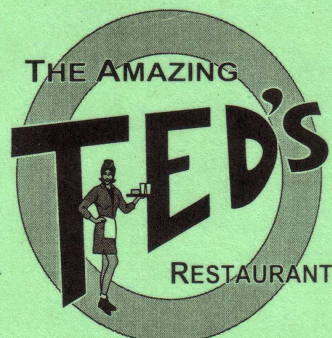
Your Board is actively working with Presbytery to access a significant grant that would allow us to repair our roof, replace the leaking overhang over our building entrance and to replace one of our failing furnaces.

From a cost containment point of view, your Board has reduced the service contracts for building cleaning and outside summer maintenance, and Annie has reduced her hours in the office for the summer. Your Board is also working at suspending our mortgage payments.

YES, there are some things being worked on, BUT the reality is that as of the end of May we have \$8,000 of cash in the bank. This brings us too close to having to go into our \$20,000 line of credit also generate an interest expense.

YES, we need your continued financial support by seriously considering what incremental support you may be able to provide to help keep this wonderful community alive and well for one and all.

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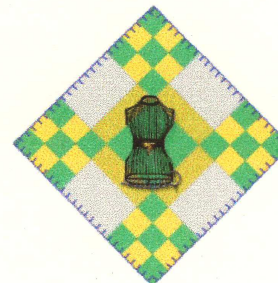
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The staff of Naomi House offer emergency help, housing, and employment support to young women. The rooms the women stay in are simply furnished, yet there is a sense of comfort and safety here. Sitting in the dining room, the chatter and laughter of the two young women who are preparing the afternoon meal fills the hallways. Naomi House has been mending the lives of young women for decades. Through our gifts for M & S we can change lives and help mend the world.

News From First Nations Study Group

What's On at the ROM


On Monday September 24, our First Nations Study Group will be visiting the Royal Ontario Museum to see the Daphne Cockwell Gallery which is dedicated to First Peoples art and culture. It features more than one thousand works of art and cultural heritage from across Canada, west to the Pacific Ocean, north to the Arctic, and east to the Atlantic, with some artifacts from cultures in Alaska and south of the Canada/United States border, from pre-European times to the present day.

This display explores the rich cultural legacy embodied in objects devoted to travel, subsistence, family life, the spiritual world, and artistic expressions.

In addition, the ROM tells us that their rotating exhibitions brings First Peoples' contemporary works into focus and multimedia spaces allow visitors to hear and savour their rich oral culture. Included is a circular theatre devoted to the screening of films and live performances by Canada's First Peoples.

An Indigenous Knowledge Resource Teacher will be in the Gallery from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm to answer any questions we may have about the cultures and contributions of Indigenous peoples. The ROM itself is open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

We will meet at the Church at 9:00 a.m. and carpool to Kennedy subway station. Admission to the ROM is \$16.00 for adults, and \$13.50 for adults 65+.



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