



St Hilda's By the Sea Anglican Church

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Notice of Special Vestry Meeting on May 7, 2017 at 11:30 am

April 21, 2017

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

At Church Committee Meeting on April 19, 2017, Church Committee decided to call a Special Vestry Meeting on May 7, 2017 to consider a request from RainCity Housing and Support Society regarding an extension of the Shelter Program at St. Hilda's Annex until October 31, 2017.

Greg Richmond, Executive Director of RainCity, approached St. Hilda's on April 5 with the request to continue operating the shelter throughout the summer months to enable continual support for about 15 clients who have barriers to access market rentals on the Coast. With BC Housing working on having an interim year-round shelter operational in the fall of 2017, Greg and RainCity's staff want to explore with our Church if there is a possibility to extend the use of the Annex so that these clients may transition smoothly into the new space.

Additional background information regarding RainCity's request will be available on St. Hilda's website and in church as soon as they are available. Church Committee has invited RainCity to give a short presentation at the Special Vestry Meeting and staff will be available for questions before a paper ballot vote on the following motion be taken:

That St. Hilda's will extend the use of the Annex for the homeless shelter program until the new interim BC Housing shelter becomes operational.

The Cold Weather Shelter has been an important ministry of St. Hilda's since 2012. We encourage parishioners to come on May 7 to learn about the latest development and decide what ways St. Hilda's could continue to support.

Everyone is invited to attend, but please note that only members sixteen years and older who have been actively involved in the parish for at least the past three months are eligible to vote at the Special Vestry Meeting.

We look forward to seeing you at the Special Vestry Meeting.

Peter Lamb
Rector's Warden

Meg Stevens
People's Warden