

St Paul's United Church, Richmond
Council Minutes of November 4, 2025

Present: Rev. Rachel Robinson, (C) Kim McKay, Carmel Dalglish, Sandy Smith, Linda Moore, Ellen Sheepway (S)

Approval of November 4, 2025 Agenda - moved by Carmel Dalglish, seconded by Sandy Smith

Minutes of October 7, 2025 approved by Carmel Dalglish, seconded by Sandy Smith

New Business

Financial Report -the number of signing officers currently stands at 4.

M & P - no update

Manse Update - Rev. Rachel explained the number of steps necessary to allow the sale of the Manse to proceed. This includes a survey of the properties (church and Manse), an application to the City of Ottawa Planning Committee requesting severance of the properties and verifying the location of the shared well.

Locks on the Manse will be changed on December 1, 2025. Rheal Bilodeau will be asked to do this.

Property Update - A new water softener needs to be purchased for the church at a cost of \$2,254. Nelson Water will install. Kim McKay will follow up.

UCW Update - next meeting is scheduled for November 24th. A presentation about MAID will be the focus and members of the community are welcome to attend.

EOORC - Two workshops have been attended to date regarding the United Church of Canada's Vision for the Future. (see highlights of these sessions attached, prepared by Ellen Sheepway)

Pies and Christmas Baking - pie prices have been raised to reflect rising costs of ingredients. The pie forms are available and have been sent out to regular customers.

Worship Update Advent and Christmas Services -

November 30, 2025 - White Gift Sunday (with donations going to Harvest House and the Ottawa Men's Mission)

December 21, 2025 - Afternoon Carol Service with a family focus. Communion to be served at morning service.

December 24, 2025 - Christmas Eve, family-focused service - 4 p.m. This will be the only service on Christmas Eve.

December 28, 2025 – No service

Christmas Decorating of Sanctuary - Tina Melvin and Judy Wagdin to co-ordinate

Congregational Discussion and Lunch - November 2, 2026.

The general feeling was disappointment in how the meeting went.

Foodbank - borrowing of 6-10 tables from December 17 - 21, 2025 has been requested for use at St. John's Anglican Church in preparation for Christmas hampers. Council agreed to this request.

Photodirectory - the congregation to be polled for their interest.

Next Meeting: December 2, 2025 at 1 p.m.