

Minnedosa United Church Council Meeting
Wednesday October 6, 2021 7:00 pm
Online with Zoom

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PRESENT: Julie Hutton, Wilf Taylor, Lorna Hislop, Barry McNabb, Ray Orr
Maxine Gray, Heather Currie, Michelle Gunderson, Kathy Platt

REGRETS: Colleen Wallace, Barb Kingdon, Alf Iverson
Quorum present.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Past Chair Wilf Taylor.

PRAYER by Kathy

Kathy began the conversation, regarding the Public Health Orders from the Government of Manitoba which came into effect on October 5th.

When we first began having in-person worship this fall, the congregation was asked to pre-register with the office each week – to manage gathering size and ensure those attending confirmed they were fully vaccinated for Covid 19.

Last week Council agreed with the Worship committee recommendation that it will no longer be necessary to pre-register, as we can accommodate the anticipated numbers while continuing to observe physical distancing between households.

At that time, we understood we would be able to “use the honour system”, trusting that those attending would be truthful regarding their vaccine status without needing to produce proof of vaccination.

With the new health orders on October 5th, in order to be allowed to gather without restrictions, we now will be required to ask everyone entering the building to provide proof of vaccination and one piece of identification (unless they are medically exempt or ineligible when under 12 years of age).

This will ensure consistency as we begin to welcome other user groups into the facility again, and ask their participants to show proof of vaccination and ID.

MOTION: moved by Lorna Hislop, seconded by Maxine Gray

“That we the Council of the Minnedosa United Church approve the policy following current Government of Manitoba Public Health Orders, each time someone enters the building they will need to show proof of being fully vaccinated for Covid 19, along with one other piece of identification.”

CARRIED

It will be the Greeters who check proof of vaccination & ID, and record names and phone numbers for Sunday worship services. The Office Administrator will do the same during office hours. The Group Leader will perform these duties for other groups using the facility.

The Council spent some time reviewing two documents to explain and clarify the new regulations:

- A letter to the congregation (APPENDIX M)
- A form with guidelines for facility use (APPENDIX N)

MOTION: moved by Lorna Hislop, seconded by Heather Currie

“That we the Council of the Minnedosa United Church approve the policy document for facility user groups, that follows current Government of Manitoba Public Health Orders, providing guidelines for Covid protocols.”

CARRIED

MOTION: moved by Wilf Taylor

“That we, the Council of the Minnedosa United Church adjourn this meeting at 7:49 pm.”

Michelle Gunderson, Clerk

Julie Hutton, Chair

APPENDIX M

LETTER TO THE CONGREGATION

October 8, 2021

Autumn greetings!

Hello everyone! Here's hoping you have been able to enjoy these past few weeks of warm weather.

October 5th brought a new set of Public Health Orders from the Province of Manitoba. Gathering sizes under the new restrictions are dependent upon whether there are unvaccinated (but eligible) people as part of the group.

Our Church Council met on Wednesday evening to discuss the new orders and their impact on our operations here at Minnedosa United.

What will remain the same: mask use is mandatory - masks must be worn at all times, and each individual is requested to use hand sanitizer upon entry. Everyone will be asked to sign-in (a record of names and phone numbers of those in attendance will be kept for 21 days for contact tracing purposes). Our building continues to have a policy requiring anyone who enters to be fully vaccinated for Covid 19. Children under 12 yrs. are welcome if accompanied by a vaccinated adult.

What is new: We are now required to see your proof of vaccination – a vaccine card or digital QR code, along with one piece of identification.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP:

Pre-registration is no longer necessary. Arrive any time before 11 am. Wear a mask, sanitize your hands, show your proof of vaccination & ID, get signed-in and be seated with your household. Physical distancing (maintaining a separation of 2 meters between households) is to be observed. Those sitting in the pews may sing quietly behind your masks.

Speakers/singers may remove their mask when standing behind the barrier.

Please do not attend if you are not feeling well.

Those at home may join live with Zoom or watch a recording on Access TV. There will be a YouTube link to a condensed video of the service, shared by email the following Tuesday.

OFFICE HOURS AND BUILDING USE:

Office hours will be 9am–3pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Use the rear entrance when you come to the office. You will need to wear a mask, hand sanitize, sign-in and show proof of vaccination with ID.

The Church Council has agreed to begin having other church activities and other user groups in the facility. These groups will be obliged to follow current Government of Manitoba Public Health Orders, and all participants will need to be fully vaccinated. The office will have a form for the group leader to sign and a handout with guidelines explaining the responsibilities of the person in charge of the event.

Keeping up to date and compliant with current health orders has been an ongoing priority for the Church Council. Our aim is to be as welcoming as can be, while ensuring a safe environment for all. We wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend, with abundant opportunities for moments of gratitude!

Blessings,

Minnedosa United Church Council

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ADDITIONAL COVID REQUIREMENTS FOR FACILITY USE

The person who booked the facility/the group leader will be responsible for ensuring that all the following conditions are complied with:

- User groups need to follow the current Public Health Orders from the Government of Manitoba – referencing the sections specific to their activities (ie: exercise classes, serving food, etc.)
- Participants are asked not to attend if feeling unwell.
- Masks must be worn by all in attendance. The group leader should have extra masks available. Exceptions will be according to current Public Health Orders (ie: while eating/drinking, while exercising, etc.)
- Each person is requested to use hand sanitizer upon entry into the building and repeat as needed. (Sanitizer will be provided at the main entrances. Group leaders may wish to have additional dispensers available.)
- The group leader shall make a list of all participant’s names and phone numbers, to be available for contact tracing should the need arise. (This list will be kept by the leader for 21 days, then be destroyed).
- All participants must be fully vaccinated for Covid 19 to enter the facility. The group leader shall ask to see proof of vaccination – vaccine card or digital QR code, and one piece of government issued identification.
- The group leader is responsible for sanitizing their assigned space after use. Cleaning supplies will be provided.
Please wipe down/spray: door handles, light switches, table tops & counters, and chairs.
Our church Care Taker will clean the floors and ensure high contact surfaces in common areas are sanitized between user groups.
- Please do not access areas of the building other than your assigned space and the washrooms.

I have been informed of the above conditions and agree to comply with the preceding required list of items.

Name (print)

Signature

Date

Name of group/organization