

Highlights from Harmony Council meeting, June 11, 2026

Council met for a potluck meal and meeting at Rev. Jim's home (thank you, Jim).

Among other agenda items, we planned the congregational update meeting to be held on June 14 to have three areas of focus:

1. Information about our **new exterior sign** (read LOTS of detail below!)
2. Confirming our approach to **Mission and Service givings**: the target amount of \$40,000 for M&S was in the 2026 budget approved at our Annual Congregational Meeting on March 8/26. We passed a motion on May 14 stating that we will honour this commitment to M&S by topping up from Harmony reserves if need be. (See our last newsletter published May 22/26)
3. Our new **Designated Fund Policy** is now approved. (Examples of the many funds we have: Contingency, Capital Projects, Memorial, Refugee, Social Justice and Food Security)

Policy development

The above-noted *Designated Fund Policy* will soon be posted on our website with other policies recently approved by Harmony Council, such as *Privacy and Personal Information* and *Criminal Record Checks*, both finalized and approved at our June 11 Council meeting.

Money management update

We discussed information Treasurer Denelle Hansen provided about interest rates and made a decision to **move some funds to term investments** to earn more interest. We have the flexibility to access the funds if needed before each term is up.

Learn all about the new exterior sign!

We appreciate Property Lead Mark Pitman who did considerable research and presented cost estimates in the fall of 2025; this spring he got some quotes and updated information to Council.

- Council rejected the option of a **static sign** (a person must be outside to place letters on the sign). This was the lowest cost option but with limited functionality and effectiveness.
Approx.cost: \$8000-\$15,000.
- Council chose to install an **LED / dynamic sign** (allows for text, logos, images; updated by a person at a computer) This option was the highest cost, but most flexible for functionality and effectiveness. Earlier estimates were that this type of sign may cost up to \$35,000, but this was revised following further discussion with vendors.
- The vendor *PLS Sign and Graphic* was chosen. The quote is for \$20,202.00, taxes included. Council passed a motion to authorize spending for the sign and incidentals/contingency up to \$25,000.
- The vendor will:
 - Install the new sign by removing the existing LED sign and cutting existing square tubing flush with the sign
 - Cut the top cap off the two vertical supports and weld on brackets to attach sign cabinet; paint black to match the sign panels

- Supply two 45.5" W x 32" H single-sided LED panels
- Ensure electrical is reconnected into the bottom of the sign
- Assist Harmony staff to set up and operate the included software
- Because we're mounting on top of the sign on the base already in place, we remain in compliance with City bylaws; however, the vendor will still obtain any required permits.
- Additional detail: resolution is 192x144 pixel; wireless control; 5-year parts and 1 year labour warranty.
- Expected completion date: late September 2026

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