

**STRATHROY UNITED CHURCH  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2022 7:00 PM**

ATTENDANCE: Marjorie Harris (Chair), Elgin Austen, Patti Baratta (Recording Secretary), Denise Johnson, Patti Krista, Barb MacKinnon, Rev. Brad Morrison, David Morton  
REGRETS: Colleen Fletcher, Tim McMillan (Treasurer)

1. Welcome & Call to Order Marjorie Harris  
Opening Prayer Rev. Brad Morrison
  
2. Recommendation by Reopening Team Rev. Brad Morrison
  - The mandate requiring masks has been lifted at both the provincial and municipal level. However, as the motion by Council regarding masks still stands, another motion will be required to discontinue the mask mandate within Strathroy United Church. – however, a motion by Council still stands on the books.
  - The Reopen Team met last week via email regarding the lifting of restrictions and consensus was reached. Strathroy United Church has been cautious in its approach and has looked to the community with regards to restrictions and case numbers. In recommending that the mask mandate be lifted after Easter, it will allow us to see what happens with the pandemic regarding case numbers and variants, to adjust slowly, and to continue to be cautious. This same reasoning applies to social distancing and will be revisited attendance grows to the point where the congregation cannot be accommodated while also maintaining social distancing.
  - Note this decision will affect the worship service only. Council and teams can meet in person provided they wear masks. It is likely that the mandate will lift for Council and team meetings after Easter as well, but that will be at the discretion of the Reopen Team.

Motion by David Morton / Barb MacKinnon that we continue with mask mandate during worship and physical distancing until after Easter, and at that time begin optional masking and no physical distancing.

**CARRIED**