



St. Jude's Church, Oakville
Special Vestry Meeting
Sunday, September 19, 2025

AGENDA

1. Signing of the Declaration

Please sign the declaration to indicate that you are entitled to vote as a member of Vestry if you are a regular communicant of the parish who supports the church financially, have reached the age of sixteen years, and have not voted in a Vestry of another parish during the past six months.

2. Call to Order and Opening Prayer

3. Business

a. Garden Sprinkler System

MOVED by Kevin Coleman and SECONDED by Nancy Coombs, THAT this Vestry approve the Garden Sprinkler project, to be completed by AquaTech, for the total cost of \$33,707 after HST rebates, to be funded by parishioner-directed donations already received totaling \$17,000, a contribution of \$10,000 from the Garden Guild, and the remainder of \$6,707, from capital trust funds of the parish.

b. Sound System Upgrade

MOVED by Kevin Coleman and SECONDED by Nancy Coombs, THAT this Vestry approve the Sound System Upgrade project, to be completed by Evolution AV, for the total cost of \$36,147 after HST rebates, to be funded entirely by parishioner-directed donations already received.

4. Adjournment and Closing Prayer

BACKGROUND

Project 1: Sprinkler System

We have confirmed the estimate of **\$33,707** for the new sprinkler system. This will be a complete replacement of the current system with sprinkler head placements to allow much better coverage of the flower beds for daily watering, and separately, twice weekly watering of the lawns. Last year, we lost some significant shrubs and perennial flowers to underwatering. Some garden areas are not watered at all as the current system was designed to water the lawn areas.

The project will be funded by the release of **\$10,000** from the garden guild trust fund, a very generous donation of **\$17,000**, and the balance, estimated at **\$6,700**, to be funded from the church's trust funds.

The gardens are an important part of our community outreach as they bring many visitors close to the church. The hard work of the Garden Guild, evident by the year-round beauty of the St. Jude's Gardens, is appreciated by the parish and our neighbours in the community. It's important that we support the Garden Guild in this ministry.

Project 2: Sound System Upgrade

We have received an updated quotation for the sound system. The total cost will be **\$35,000**, which includes \$1,000 of unrecoverable HST.

We have also received two generous donations which will fully fund this project. These are directed gifts which means they can only be used for the intended purpose. We initially received two quotes, and we chose **evolutionAV** who have extensive experience in church sound installations.

In their proposal, we will reuse the existing microphones, but they will be repositioned to accurately capture the choir. New speakers will replace the existing speakers and use a design that will eliminate current dead spots in the church. The new digital mixing console will allow for two simultaneous mixes, one for the church and the other for the livestream to improve the broadcast being sent out. Finally, there will be an upgrade to the hearing loop that allows hard of hearing parishioners and those with hearing loop enabled hearing aids to more fully participate in services. With this, there will be **six new hearing loop headsets** available in the narthex.