



# The Parish Church of St. Luke

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Subject: Moving the Church Avenue Project Forward

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The Parish Church of St. Luke is fully committed to the Church Avenue Project and strongly supports its advancement. Developed in collaboration with City staff, the project will transform this green space into a welcoming pedestrian walkway and park-like area that enhances connectivity, wellbeing, and public enjoyment for Burlington residents now and for generations to come.

This valuable and historic property has been part of St. Luke's since 1834. We initiated this project several years ago to better use this asset for the benefit of the community. Many in the community share our enthusiasm and, as a result we have obtained pledged donations totaling \$367,000 and growing, enough to complete the walkway and most of the amenities envisioned in the design. This includes funding the walkway to connect the City employee parking area to Elgin Street across both City and St. Luke's property.

We would also like to recognize the outstanding support we have received from the Recreation, Community and Culture Division as authorized by Council in May 2024. Together we have developed a preliminary design package that has been a very effective communication tool to build donor and community support.

The group has also been diligent in aligning other departments to ensure there is no long term negative financial impact on St. Luke's and that longstanding agreements with the City around parking are continued in a way that meets the needs of all involved. These two constraints are a challenge but key in ensuring the long-term viability for the St. Luke's community and all it contributes to Burlington.

We respectfully request Council's continued support as the project advances into its final construction phase, enabling this shared vision for a vibrant and accessible public space to be fully realized.

The Reverend Canon Matthew Griffin  
*Rector, Parish Church of St. Luke*



