**Property Committee Report – October 13, 2017**

The meeting held a week later to avoid the Thanksgiving weekend was primarily concerned with the church house lighting project and the security walk (primarily the gate on Quadra). Other important considerations included the preliminary work towards setting the 2018 Property Committee budget, the chapel renewal project, church signage, and the extermination of vermin (and the high cost of euthanizing same).

I forward, as an attachment, a drawing made by Tony Barlow some years ago, of a proposed redesign of the Quadra Street gate entrance in the hope that it will facilitate a discussion as to what might be done to that area. The Property Committee is open to further discussion with whomever has an interest in this subject.

As our minutes will not be available much before the next Parish Council meeting I include a motion moved/seconded and unanimously passed reference the lighting project, included with this please find two attachments, one, the Report on proceedings of the Lighting Team as of 12 October 2017, the other St John the Divine Lighting Upgrade, Proposal for Electrical Engineering Services. As we now have only two working house lights in the church, it is the opinion of the Property Committee that this issue has reached an almost critical situation and needs to be addressed right now.

The motion:

“members of the committee unanimously approved the following motion, moved by Anne Moon, seconded by Sandy Cotton.

"That $10,000 be allocated from the 2017 Property budget for the engineering design services outlined in the AES proposal."

We are not unaware that this is an unusual move on the part of the Property Committee, however, in that we are attempting to be responsible for our budget, and because of our strong feelings, we strongly urge the Parish Council to agree to our recommended action and to move forward with the necessary planning requirements, the funding and the completion of this project.

With regard to our 2018 budget considerations, Sandy Cottom, who acts as our secretary/treasurer will be seeking further discussions with the Finance Committee, there are a number of points that need clarification.

The Committee looks forward to participating in the further work around the security of our property and the discussions regarding the garden(s). We are still filling in holes where our friendly squirrels find access. The tongue in cheek suggestion of acquiring a parish cat seemed to gather general support, our mice infestation still seems to get the better of our pest control efforts.

Respectfully submitted, Andrew Gates, Chair