

THE FUTURE OF THE RECTORY of the Saint-Pierre Parish

Since 2017, the Economic Affairs Council (EAC) of the Saint-Pierre Parish has pondered the question: *Should we do like other parishes and sell the rectory and adjoining land?*

In late 2017, the EAC solicited opinions and comments from Parish members regarding such a sale to determine if it should pursue the project. Answers given underlined the need to find practical solutions concerning lodging for the priest and parish offices. It was also understood that, if the sale was to occur, it had to ensure that the utilization of the property took into consideration the surrounding institutions.

Undertakings of the Economic Affairs Council since 2018:

- The land that could possibly be sold was surveyed.
- A professional evaluation of the property was obtained.
- Important discussions were held with the Saint-Pierre Manor since it had indicated a serious interest in acquiring the rectory property. Solutions regarding lodging for the priest and office spaces for the Parish were incorporated in the proposal developed with the Manor.

Future undertakings of the Parish Council:

- Presentations to inform the parishioners of the results of the discussions with the Manor will take place in late June, 2020. The Manor representatives will present their vision for the utilization of the rectory property. The representatives of the Parish Council will present the details of the informal agreement developed with the Manor.
- Steps are being taken to determine, by democratic vote shortly after the presentations, the position of the parishioners on the question of selling the property to the Manor. Explanations regarding voting eligibility and procedures will be given during the presentations.
- Providing there is a clear and significant majority of parishioners in favor of the sale to the Manor, the Parish Council will proceed to obtain diocesan approval and to conclude the sale of the rectory property.

Significant Aspects of the Informal Agreement with the Manor:

1. Half the selling price is to be paid in cash.
2. The other half is to be paid in kind by providing an apartment for the priest for six years starting the moment the rectory is closed for demolition purposes and by providing office space for the priest and the parish secretariat for ten years in the new construction. It is expected that these lodging and office spaces will continue to be available at reasonable costs to the Parish once the six-year and ten-year periods are finished.

3. After the sale of the property to the Manor, the Parish can continue to use the rectory for its purposes and benefits until the Manor is ready to demolish the rectory in order to proceed with its construction project.

Presentation Sessions to the Parishioners:

- **1:30 PM, Friday, June 26, 2020, in French in the Salle Lavoie of Saint-Pierre Manor** (limited to the number allowed for that room as per pandemic rules);
- **7:30 PM, Monday, June 29, 2020, in French in the Saint-Pierre Catholic church** (limited to 50 people including the five presenters);
- **7:30 PM, Tuesday, June 30, 2020, in English in the Saint-Pierre Catholic church** (limited to 50 people including the five presenters).

An additional presentation can be made if the number of attendees exceeds the limits imposed.

To ensure a respect of the rules for gatherings due to the pandemic, **parishioners are asked to register to attend one of these sessions by phoning the parish office (204-433-7438) or sending an email to that office (parstp@outlook.com).**

Voting on the Proposal:

- Eligible parishioners are those who are at least 18 years of age, are on the registers of the Parish and have made a financial contribution to the Parish during the period from January 1, 2018 to May 31, 2020. A voter list will be prepared using the names of the donors for whom official receipts were or will be issued for tax purposes.
- A voting ballot will be given or sent to each eligible voter. He or she will be asked to return the ballots at the church or the manor during specified times to be announced at the presentations.
- The voter's name will be crossed off the list when the ballot is deposited in a sealed ballot box.
- The ballots will be counted the evening of the last voting session by a team composed of a representative of each of the: Saint-Pierre Parish EAC, CPP and Saint-Pierre Manor. The results will be published in the parish bulletin the weekend following that count.