



Spruce Grove Alliance Church

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Dear Member:

As chair of the Board of Elders for the Spruce Grove Alliance church, I want to inform you of our progress towards facility expansion. As many of you are aware, we presented a detailed report to the congregation on March 18th outlining the Ministry plans and the report of the Development Team that was commissioned in May of 2007 to explore expansion of our church home. In early 2008, the Board approved a building direction that would see our existing facility expanded “to accommodate the ministries of a congregation of 2500”.

Over the past 3 months, the Development Team and the Board have been exploring what a “congregation of 2500” means in terms of actual facility capacity-per-service. The team has also sought the advice of a consultant well versed in church building projects. Two facts have emerged:

1. To support a congregation of 2500 means that our facility capacity must be at least 1500 (perhaps as high as 2000 if we think of future growth beyond “2500”).

Our current site is limited in capacity by the number of parking stalls that can be accommodated on our existing land; estimated to be between 400 and 425. Based on 2.3 people per car (a fair average), this leaves us far short of the required minimum facility capacity of 1500.

The Board met on April 29th and again on May 27th, and has determined that we cannot attain our desired facility capacity on our existing site; to accommodate growth we must relocate.

This presents two new challenges to us; we must now think of a NEW church home located somewhere else in the Spruce Grove region – and we must plan for limited expansion and maintenance of our existing building until the new home is ready for us. The Board has decided to hand these challenges to the people best equipped in our congregation; the Development Team will deal with the NEW church home and

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the Facility Maintenance Team will deal with our existing building.

The work of both teams is proceeding along these new lines and it is the Board's intention to present more information at the Annual General Meeting in September, at which time the membership will be asked by vote to endorse this direction.

In the meantime, you can play a vital role in this process. The Board of Elders, staff, and the members of the Development and Facility Maintenance teams need your prayers. We'd ask that you pray specifically for:

- The Lord's guidance in choosing the right site for our NEW church home; that it will be large enough and close enough to Spruce Grove
- Wisdom in choosing the right expansion projects for our existing building that will provide more space for growing ministries

That building decisions and work will complement, not interfere with ministry plans

The Lord has encouraged Spruce Grove Alliance church in many ways; all of us have been touched in one way or another by His grace and rich blessing. Please join us in asking for His continued guidance as we embark on this new adventure.

On Behalf of the Board,

Dave White, Chair

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