

Knox Church Parking Justification Report

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This report was prepared as a supplement to the Planning Justification Report by Wellings Planning Consultants submitted on September 25, 2025.

The number of parking stalls required for use has been documented through a parking study conducted over two weeks from 13Feb26 to 26Feb26 (submitted to Manager of Planning). The parking count was conducted by the Building and Property Committee Members. This is representative of the use of the church parking by church users. Over the two week period the most cars counted was on Sunday – 23. During the weekday and Saturday at 10am, the most cars counted was 11. During the weekday and Saturday at 1pm, the most cars counted was 9. During the weekday and Saturday at 5pm, the most cars counted was 9. During the parking count, all cars in the parking lot were counted except for the Long Term Rentals (these are tenants of Bute Street Condos who rent from us or staff members of the Deaf Blind who Knox has accommodated). There are presently two Long Term Rentals.

Based on the above parking count numbers, the parking stall allocation to the church in our proposal (35) would accommodate the need. Based on the actual parking use, the one (1) space per 7 seats is a more appropriate parking standard based on actual counts and more closely aligns with the parking demands of the church use. One space would be solely dedicated for the church minister and one space would be dedicated for the church office administrator.

The large user groups of the church are North Dumfries Pre-school and Scouts/Cubs/Beavers. Both of these uses are child oriented, and children participants are dropped off during the activity. Pre-school staff and volunteer Scout/Cub/Beaver leaders are a maximum of 5 at any one time. Also important to note, Pre-school operates from 9am to 1pm Monday to Friday, and Scouts/Cubs/Beavers are evening programs during the week (Tues to Thursday).

Large “one off” gatherings at the church happen on an infrequent basis. Overflow parking for these events is accommodated at Ayr Public School on weekends, and the Municipal Parking Lot at Centennial Park. Knox Church has only hosted two weddings over the past 5 years. Most funerals are accommodated at the local funeral home, and if the church is used, overflow is accommodated at the funeral home or at the Centennial Park Municipal Lot.

Through the Redevelopment Process, parking at the church will become more efficient and organized. Presently, with the nature of the gravel lot, parking inefficiency runs at 30%, and during large gathering, parking lot attendants are used to maximize efficiency.

In terms of the annual cycle of events, Church numbers are greatest from September to May, with summer numbers dropping to approximately 60%. User groups follow a similar cycle. Pre-school operates from September to end of June, Scouts/Cubs/Beavers generally operate from September to end of April.