

St. Peter's Erindale - Church Door Replacement

As most of you know, many of the doors of St. Peter's have been in serious need of repair for many years. The parish has considered acquiring replacement wooden doors but in addition to the expected cost being quite exorbitant (the average cost suggested has been \$10,000.00 per door for at least 10 doors for a total of \$100,000) we have never been able to find a supplier actually willing to provide a quote for the work.

In February 2010, the wardens started a search for suppliers of modern fiberglass doors which can now be made to look very convincingly like wood. Inquiries of 4 separate suppliers have finally led to a single quote for the work. The challenge is apparently that the 7" and 8" heights of the church doors are non-standard sizes and only some suppliers actually have offerings which can be adapted to those sizes.

J.S. Aluminum Products of Brampton which comes recommended from a parishioner that had them install doors in their home have quoted a total of some \$15,000 plus applicable taxes to replace:

- the two main doors of the church,
- the two sacristy doors
- the two chancel doors
- the two bell tower doors
- the two doors to the handicapped exit at the rear of the church

Some small cost savings may further be realized depending on the extent to which J.S. Aluminum can leverage our existing hardware. The doors would be Richersons Enterprise Limited doors from their RG series as that is the only series that can be adapted to fit the required sizes. A brochure with sample pictures is available in the church office.

These doors would be custom sizes and as such would require a few weeks or months lead time to deliver and install.

As the wardens would like to replace particularly the chancel and bell tower doors which have actual holes in them before our next winter and there do not appear to be any other bidders on this project, we propose to place an order with J.S. Aluminum Products by mid-July 2010.

At present we have one donor that has offered to fund a significant portion of this door replacement. Additional donors would of course be welcomed. Costs beyond donations will be funded from the Repairs and Maintenance budget.

Please speak with Canon Jennifer Reid or any of the wardens in the next week or two if you have any concerns in this regard.