



Parking on Parish Property March 2023

Many parishes from time to time allow non-members to park their vehicles on parish property for varying lengths of time. While we do not want to get into the business of renting out parking on an on-going basis, allowing neighbours to park on our property from time to time for a variety of reasons is another way we can support our wider community.

However, when this occurs, a liability issue arises. If a neighbour's car is backed into by someone, or if vandals deface a vehicle, the parish may find itself liable to make good the damage.

Therefore, if a parish chooses to allow non-members to park on the parish property, or if it allows parishioners to park there for other than church functions, it is **recommended** that the following protocols be put in place:

A sign at each entrance to the parking lot stating in letters large enough to read from a passing automobile:

Vehicles left on these premises are the sole responsibility of the owner. The Parish and the Diocese of British Columbia are not responsible for theft, damage or loss to the vehicle or its contents.

When Payment is Received for Parking

If the neighbour is paying for the privilege of parking, even if the payment is a "donation", the owner should be asked to sign an agreement acknowledging that the parish and the diocese is not responsible for theft, damage or loss of vehicle or contents.