

Approvals for Building Improvements

This table summarizes the requirements of the Canons of the Diocese of Niagara. The text of the Canons is available on-line at <http://www.niagara.anglican.ca/Synod%20Council%20Info/policies.htm>
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<i>Canon</i>	Canon 4.6	Canon 4.7
<i>Title</i>	On Erection or Alteration of Church Buildings (& Regulations)	Purchasing, Selling, or Mortgaging Church Property
<i>Trigger</i>	If municipal approval or a building permit is required	If any kind of encumbrance is involved, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a mortgage • a line of credit secured against the property • a right of way or easement • a heritage designation • a memorial garden • a development agreement or site plan agreement • a demolition permit • a restrictive covenant
<i>Approval Required</i>	Bishop's approval of plans and specifications in writing (The Bishop will consult with the Bishop's Advisory Committee on Church Buildings and the Financial Advisory Committee)	Approval of Vestry (by two-thirds) followed by Approval of Bishop and Synod (through Synod Council)

Once all of the required approvals have been secured, a parish may enter into a contract with an architect and / or contractor
 The parish will sign the contract on behalf of the owner

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