

Subject: Brief First Draft of History for COVID-19 in Sudbury

On Apr 10, 2022, at 7:10 AM, Rev. Tom O'Brien <pastor> wrote:

You've mostly got it Deb. My adjustments are in blue.

My recollection is that we went virtual March 22,2020 or so and did everything on zoom and choir on Soundtrap until September 2021 thru December 2021 when we went hybrid - church goers choosing to attend in person had to be vaccinated if age available, no singing, masks, doors open, and Big Air purifiers and monitoring of Carbon Monoxide levels to evaluate how these procedures were working. We started singing the last hymn after the youth in church left the sanctuary and in December 2021 did a bit more singing with everyone masked.

We only had recycling events outdoors until Sept-Dec 2021 when we put on rummage sale, recycling outdoor event, and xmas fair (indoors) with masks at all events.

We returned to virtual only from January 2 until we went back in person February 6, 2022. And we are singing without masks starting this Sunday. With the infections surging a bit more I don't know how long that will last.

MCC had a huge xmas outdoor messiah and other xmas show put on by our choir director with our youth and adults in our cars December 2020 with a prerecorded choir (with other churches recording with us). This was an outdoor Drive-In event with the videos displayed on a giant screen.

Choir in 2022 is still doing hybrid rehearsals with some on zoom and Sunday integrating recorded and live music. We intend on continuing to offer hybrid worship services and other events such as book groups and meetings. This allows for folks to join us from far away or when they are unable to get to the church.

peace,
Tom

Rev. Tom O'Brien, Pastor and Teacher
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Friday is my Sabbath and I do not typically check email or voicemail

On Sat, Apr 9, 2022 at 2:54 PM Debbie Keeney <debbiekeeney> wrote:

Tom. Jan is the person who helped lead the Lee Swanson ending projects from beginning to end and who took over as town historian from Lee.

Di you have the answers to his questions below at your finger tips?

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Deb

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "YON - Jan C. Hardenbergh" <jch@jch.com>
Date: April 9, 2022 at 2:05:39 PM EDT
To: Deb Keeney <debbiekeeney>
Subject: Next Project: Brief First Draft of History for COVID-19 in Sudbury

Dear Debbie,

My first project as Town Historian is to work with the Town Manager on a brief history of the first 2 years of COVID in Sudbury.

I was hoping you might be able to supply dates for MCC of going to zoom, coming back and going to Zoom again.

March 15, 2020 - First Zoom Service
Sep 12, 2021 - In person outside + hybrid on Zoom
Sep 26, 2021 - indie with air purifiers and open windows. + Hybrid on zoom
Dec 18, 2021 - Zoom only due to Omicron
Feb 27, 2022, - back inside + Hybrid

Any interest? Or who I might contact? Thanks.

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On Apr 10, 2022, at 9:28 PM, YON - Jan C. Hardenbergh <jch@jch.com> wrote:

Thank you both SO much! This is such a great narrative. Would you mind if it is attached as an appendix to the first draft of Covid in Sudbury?

On Sun, Apr 10, 2022 at 9:34 AM Debbie Keeney <debbiekeeney> wrote:
Thanks Tom. My only change would be to clarify that we did go back to hybrid (in person and on zoom)sept 2021 to Dec 2021, and then virtual only for the month of January 2022.