

# **Relocation Update**

## **May 25, 2008**

**Woodroffe on the move....**

# Decision made.....

Where to?

**Barrhaven**

Why there?

1. Most of our current congregation live in or toward Barrhaven
2. Large projections for population growth
3. The number of 'religious organizations' (churches, synagogues) is moderate, .27 per thousand
4. There are few community gathering places other than schools and churches, seniors housing, etc.
5. Opportunities to grow with the community

# Next steps....

1. Focus the property search.
2. Determine details of financial plan for this \$6.2 million initiative.
3. Engage the community.

# And this means....

Walking/biking/driving the streets, intentionally speaking with the people who live there to gather ground-level information we need by:

- Engaging neighbours, soccer coaches, teachers, etc. in discussions of social issues that our congregation have identified as areas in which they feel called to contribute to a community (e.g. youth activities, after-school clubs)
- Identifying the churches, community centres, any gathering place and collecting info about it (e.g. who attends, kind of activities, how inclusive).

# And....

This is just the beginning of our finding a way to become part of the fabric of life in Barrhaven, the beginning of ministry by walking alongside the residents, the ones we already know and the ones we will come to know as we live out Jesus' love in our community.