

## ASSUMPTION RESTORATION PROGRESS REPORT – July 22, 2019

All work on Phase 1 is proceeding on schedule and under budget. The original budget approved for Phase 1 was \$2,267,000. The budget was reduced to \$1,593,000 as a result of the tendered contract awarded to Papatello & Sons Ltd. General Contractors. This is a reduction of \$674,000.

### 1. **PHASE 1 - STABILIZATION**

Phase 1 Stabilization consists of a new copper roof, asbestos remediation, foundation repairs, and a new hot water heating system.

- Copper Shingle Roof (Double AA Metal Roofing Inc.)
  - asphalt shingles removed
  - ice and water shield membrane installed
  - temporary membrane & flashing on perimeter to be completed by July 25
  - copper shingles to be completed by August 8. **Sponsor your shingle now!**
- Asbestos Abatement (R. C. White Ltd.) is proceeding with completion expected by July 31
- Hot Water Heating System (Encore Mechanical & Building Services Inc.) is scheduled for substantial completion by October 15

### 2. **PHASE 2 - CEILING PLASTER CONSOLIDATION & PAINT RESTORATION**

The budget for Phase 2 is \$3,450,000. Work is planned to begin in the spring of 2020, subject to funding, and is expected to take five months to complete. The Diocese of London Building and Loan Commission will require Assumption Parish to have all the funds required in hand before a contract can be awarded. We already have commitments of \$1,123,000 after paying for Phase 1. We require an additional \$2,327,000 (in cash) to implement Phase 2 interior work in 2020 as planned.

### 3. **FUNDING UPDATE**

Al Quesnel's \$5 million pledge has expired because the matching requirement was not met. Al has advised that all the funds that had been committed to Assumption Church Restoration have now been redirected to other worthy projects. We continue to commend Al Quesnel for his generosity and celebrate the good fortune of the beneficiaries of these generous gifts. Although this development is disappointing for the Assumption church fundraising program, we remain fully confident in the success of the restoration of Assumption church – our own Notre Dame.

Copper Shingle Campaign:

- ongoing with 400 donations of \$250/shingle received – total of \$100,000 to date
- the names of donors are attached to the back of shingles by labels & indelible ink

Total pledges received to date are \$2,715,000. In addition to the Diocese of London donation of \$1 million, these include individual pledges of \$500,000, \$250,000, \$100,000, \$10,000, \$5,000, and many lesser donations.

4. **ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH**

Reverend Robert Clifford, the pastor of All Saints Anglican Church, has publicly sponsored a copper shingle on behalf of the parish as a demonstration of their support for the restoration of Assumption church. Reverend Clifford stated:

*“It is hoped that churches and people of good will, and even those with an interest only in the preservation and restoration of this historical place, will make a donation.”*

We are grateful for this support and leadership.

One of the aims expressed by Bishop Ronald Fabbro, C.S.B., is to make Assumption church more open to the entire community. Fr. Maurice Restivo, C.S.B., the pastor of Assumption church, welcomes the support from All Saints Anglican church and invites all denominations of every faith to join in this restoration project. *“Assumption church is an irreplaceable, historic icon that belongs to the entire community.”*

**COPPER SHINGLE CAMPAIGN**

Charitable donation receipts will be issued.

Name of donor's choice will be attached to back of shingle.

Donations can be made directly to Assumption Parish  
or through the Assumption Parish website <https://assumptionparish.ca>

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