

Email Trail re: Mt. Rocher Property

From: Maurice and Marilee Yee <theyees@telus.net>
Sent: September 10, 2021 5:48 PM
To: Aaron Chan <aaronc@pacificdistrict.ca>
Subject: Re: Mt Rocher

Hi Aaron,

Yes, we still have an ongoing agreement with Bart for his group to be able to use the church for his ministry, which has included Richmond Chinese Alliance groups coming up over the years as part of his ministry to the First Nations peoples. He just recently started using the church again a couple of weeks ago. Bart is the former Alliance pastor that we thought might be interested in taking over the lease, but he's not. He's content with providing us a small user fee to help us out, rather than assume all the responsibilities and expense of the lease. Our group is still not using the church yet as we have an older group and have opted to be cautious about re-opening.

As for his request to make the church wheelchair accessible, I had heard rumours about it, but heard nothing else. I don't think it would be a simple renovation because of the building design/layout. I'm assuming it's a dead project, but I'll contact Bart to clarify.

Maurice

On Fri, Sep 10, 2021 at 10:01 AM Aaron Chan <aaronc@pacificdistrict.ca> wrote:
Hi Maurice,

Back in 2018, Bart Metcalf of Misty Rivers Ministries requested to do some minor renovation work (to make the church accessible to the handicapped) for the Grace Gathering group. Are they still using the church for such gatherings? Probably not for the last year or so, but will they meet again in your church in the future?

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From: Maurice and Marilee Yee <theyees@telus.net>
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To: Aaron Chan <aaronc@pacificdistrict.ca>
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Hi Aaron,

I mentioned to the former Alliance pastor the option of him taking over the church lease and he wasn't keen on it because of the economics.

Our group has dwindled down to basically 2 retired couples, 1 single teacher approaching retirement, 1 single retired widow and a handful of adherents that don't contribute financially. Earlier this year, people were talking about giving up the church lease and switching to a home church format, and I think a lot of this sentiment was because we had not been able to use the church for over a year, yet having to cover all the expenses. However, people in our group are getting a more positive feeling back about the church and recognizing that the church plays an important role in the South Hazelton community that a home church can't provide. Despite our small size, we would like to continue leasing the church for as long as we are able to afford doing so. We are extremely grateful to the C&MA for the low lease rate, but we are concerned we are not going to be able to cover all the other costs associated with the current lease agreement with our retirement incomes. It is costing us about \$10,000/year for heating, electricity, water user fees, water property tax, insurance, repairs, cleaning, lawn maintenance, and snow removal. With thermostats programmed to minimize costs, approximately \$4500 of that goes toward heating the building (propane and electricity).

Would the C&MA be willing to modify the lease agreement to help us with some of the heating expense? We are willing to continue looking after the building and property for the C&MA, but we are going to need a little bit of help, with our group aging and dwindling. My thoughts are to simply amend next year's lease so that we share the propane expense for heating of the building (which would be between \$1700-\$2000 each annually). We will continue to pay the monthly lease, insurance for the building and property, electricity, water fees, water taxes, lawn maintenance, snow removal, and we will continue to deal with basic repairs. Any major repair expenses to the building/property will be deferred to the C&MA.

Does this sound reasonable?

Maurice

On Thu, Sep 9, 2021 at 1:07 PM Aaron Chan <aaronc@pacificdistrict.ca> wrote:
Hi Maurice,

We are going to discuss what we are going to do with the Mt Rocher church property next week. Do you have any suggestion? Please advice. Thanks.

Aaron Chan

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