

Redevelopment Task Group – Newsletter Update March 2017

The Redevelopment Task Group (RTG) reported in December that it would consult the BC Conference Property Resource Team (PRT) to determine if a partnership between First Met and the PRT to redevelop the Fellowship Hall would be viable. This move followed ICA's decision not to submit a formal proposal for redevelopment of the property.

The PRT is a body set up by BC Conference in conjunction with experienced property managers and developers to assist churches interested in redevelopment of their properties. It is currently involved in several projects in the Vancouver area and on Vancouver Island. Congregations involved in these projects tell the RTG they are impressed with the collaborative approach and the professionalism of the various players involved.

The RTG is considering a business arrangement with the PRT in which the PRT would assess the viability of a number of redevelopment options, including an affordable housing project for the local community, a land sale or other options which may arise from discussions. This feasibility study would have to take into account First Met's criteria for evaluating any redevelopment proposals:

1. Compatibility of the redevelopment with First Met values;
2. Long-term financial benefit for the church;
3. Availability of gathering space for the church and;
4. Improved off-street parking.

The study would also take into account that ICA may be interested in being a part of any redevelopment option that may emerge. Depending on the outcome of this assessment, First Met and the RTG may then develop a further business arrangement to implement an agreed upon option. Council and the congregation will be consulted during this process and before any decision is made.

Please feel to contact members of the RTG if you have any questions: Ross Breckon, Paul Jenkins, Linden Holmen, David Bray, Kathy Gray, Steve Gray.