

Regional Council

Saint Patrick's Roman Catholic Church
Registration as Heritage Building

History

- Parish, society and Archdiocese working together to restore the church since 2007
- Many fundraising activities
- Modest results to date

Dangerous Situation

- March 2014 – decorative granite falls out of window arch, 3rd level of tower
- 7" x 10" x 13" weighing 80 lbs.
- Falls in night, no one injured, no damage

Consulting

- Existing Consultant, Graeme Duffus contacted
- Freeze thaw likely culprit
- Emergency repairs initiated

Deterioration Example



Emergency Repairs 2014

- May – Consulting \$2,400
- June – Hazard Assessment \$1,440
- July – Anchors \$15,550
- September – site assessment \$8,150

Conservation Report

- GF Duffus Architects, Campbell Comeau Engineering, FC O'Neill Scriven & Assoc.
- Update of 2005 report
- Submitted October 2014

Main Update points

- Buttress walls have deteriorated and must now be taken down and rebuilt
- Recommend removing the spire to restore and re-roof it
- Upper doors, windows need repair and repainting, the height will make this expensive

Main Update Points

- Pinnacles are pressing down on the walls forcing them out and down, they should be taken down with the spire
- Remove entire west front of steeple
- Remove and rebuild outer half of two wings

Main Update points

- Top level of tower may need to be rebuilt, due to wall cracks from spire loading
- Most joints in the granite trim and buttress walls have opened and are allowing water to penetrate

Conservation Report Summary

- Verbally, the presenters said that Saint Patrick Church was in the worst condition of any public building they had every reviewed
- Given the risk of falling pieces, the work was strongly recommended to be done in 2015

Campaign Readiness

- Report - Acappella Communications, June/15
- High percentage declined involvement
- Few feel a connection to church
- Ambitious goal
- Not an easy campaign
- Too late
- Develop a business plan, prepare

Conclusion

- The church is in poor condition with danger to people and property
- There is a low chance of generating the restoration funds in the time available
- Not designating the property as heritage is the proper decision at this time

End

- Thank you for your time and attention