

Construction Site Photos - 23 August 2023



Above: a current view of the exterior, with scaffolding in place around the bell tower as the rockwork gets repaired and restored. The stained-glass window spaces visible in this view indicate the windows are still at an offsite facility being restored and reinforced.



Above: 2 views of the “celestial arches” with window panel installation essentially complete. An interesting problem in geometry: how do you achieve a complex curved face in 3 dimensions? Answer: triangles. Depending on the size and shape of the triangles you can achieve large or small curved structures.



Above: 2 views toward the front of the sanctuary. New scaffolding in place for extensive refinishing work and ultimate installation of various equipment such as lighting AV (audio visual) equipment etc.



Above: a view in the sanctuary toward the back (Nelson Street) face. All concrete and major structural steel is now complete.



Above: 2 detailed views of the new access passageway onto the sanctuary platform that will allow wheelchair access to the platform from the "back corridor". Achieving this accessibility to the platform proved to be a significant challenge which meant cutting through one of the decommissioned heritage chimneys that had to be retained, essentially intact, for heritage preservation.



Above: 2 views of the sanctuary balconies with much of the flooring removed to allow installation of HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) ducting. The sanctuary will be air conditioned throughout - a significant challenge while also preserving the heritage character of this space.



Above: a view in the Narthex toward the new passageway to / from the Galleria (at the far end, covered with temporary plywood). Cut through the heritage stone wall, this new doorway will be the main connection to the Galleria.



Above: a view in Pinder Hall toward the “back of house” Burrard Street face. All significant structural steel and concrete liner walls are now complete.





Above: 3 views of the structural steel for the perimeter balconies in Pinder Hall.



Above: a view toward the “front of house” (looking toward the sanctuary). On the lower level will be a slightly raised stage platform, while there will also be an upper stage level providing interesting performance and presentation options. With total seating capacity of about 325, the main floor seating will be moveable chairs while the balcony level will be in fixed bench seating.



Above: 2 views of the original wooden timber trusses and the interface between the original heritage wooden structure and the new steel and concrete.





Above: 3 views of the lower level under Pinder Hall. The top picture shows what will be the dining hall. The middle picture shows what will be the lower-level lobby to Pinder Hall off Burrard St., and the lower picture shows the interior space intended for a possible future small café operation (to be determined). Note installation of much piping, ducting etc and the start of some drywall installation.



Above: 2 views of the Chapel with concrete and steel reinforced liner walls complete. The top view is into the chapel. The lower view is from inside the chapel back toward the larger access door.



Above: 2 views of the rehearsal hall located on the lower level below the sanctuary. Drywall panels and mud ready for application once all the piping and wiring services are installed.



Above: a view of the main kitchen on the lower level in the new NW addition.



Above: a view into what will be the walk-in cooler and freezer off the main kitchen on the lower level.



Above: on the new construction side, a current view into the galleria space. To the left is the stairway - now nicknamed the "bird-cage stairway" - to the many classrooms, also reachable via elevator.



Above: a view in the Galleria from the back (near the lane) toward Nelson St.. This will be the main social space before and after church services - which function the former Pinder Hall main floor served. Remember how crowded Pinder Hall used to get at times? This much larger, mostly glass-roofed space should be quite appealing.



Above: another view in the Galleria looking toward the back (the lane), with the windows into the YMCA gym across the lane. At that end of the Galleria there is an elevated platform area for various functions (e.g. for the head table of a wedding function, or for music or drama presentation in that space).



Above: a sample view of one of the heritage windows, fully restored, between the Galleria and the sanctuary, now interior windows.



Above: plumbing well underway for the main washrooms off the Galleria - privacy partitions yet to be installed:-)







Above: 5 views of the vast amount of complex piping and equipment being installed in the steam and HVAC rooms under the Galleria. As is evident from these views, this is complex work, which will eventually provide heating, cooling and hot water for the entire building complex.



Above: 2 views into the main service rooms on the main sanctuary floor level in the new NWS addition. This space will incorporate the much larger prayer room, the first aid room, and various other smaller rooms.



Above: 2 views of the “Upper Room” on the upper floor of the new NW addition. This will be the main area for the teens’ and young adults’ programs.



Above: in the foreground, the roof area of the new NW addition. To the right is the sanctuary roof. In the background is the roof of Pinder Hall (under the tent).





Above: 3 views of the Pinder Hall roof restoration, now well advanced. New plywood and waterproof membrane in place, in preparation for slate tile roof installation.



Above: a sample view of the slate roof material to be installed.



Above: 2 views of restoration work underway on the roof of the sanctuary - tricky business working on a roof that steep.



Above: 2 sample views of restored exterior heritage windows with new external storm windows in place. This will substantially improve the overall building envelope energy efficiency. Repairing and “re-pointing” of all exterior stonework is now well advanced.



Above a view into the Nelson St. courtyard space. To the left, the rental building is nearly complete.



Above: 2 views from the common room on the main floor of the rental building toward the main front entrance door assembly being installed. Protective floor coverings in place to protect the vinyl plank flooring.



Above: a couple sample views in the rental building. Final painting, flooring, appliance installation and clean-up is complete in most areas.



Above: a view of the rental building roof deck. Construction of the garden and tree planters is mostly complete.



Above: a sample view of the vinyl plank decking for most of the roof deck.



Above: a view of the outdoor play area for the childcare area on the 4th floor of the Podium. The long glass structure to the left is the L5 pool for the condo residents.



Above: 2 additional views of the outdoor play area for the childcare area on L4 of the Podium. In the foreground is the area for the 3-5-year-olds; in the background is the infant / toddler outdoor area.