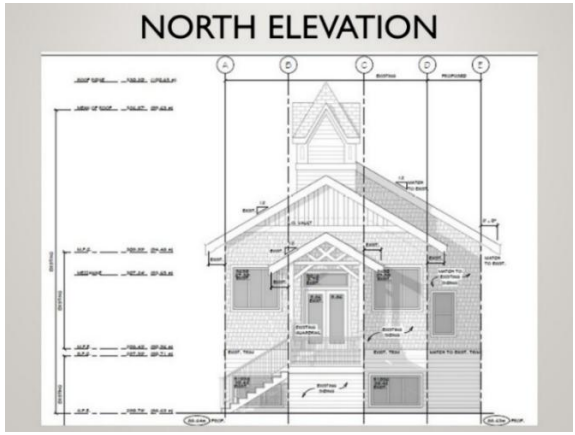
Cornerstone
Neighbourhood Church

Building Addition Update

October 11, 2026



Expanding to create and inviting space to live and share the life of Jesus!

Do you remember the memorial Samuel set up in I Samuel 7:12? He called it "**Ebenezer**" meaning "**stone of help**" to commemorate all the help and care of God to that point. As a congregation, we also need to take confidence from the faithfulness of God up to this moment in the life of our church. This should fuel our faith for what He will do in the future!

Our **Project Management Team** includes Sebastian Silva, Stephen Malacko, and Dan Dick. They are responsible for guiding the project from design through construction. As of October, several steps were completed and fully funded or donated. These include the site surveying, building plans, new septic system permit, and application for city permitting.

Thank you for praying for our Building Addition project! Since we last updated you, we have had some helpful feedback from the city of Maple Ridge. Though the application for permitting was submitted ten months ago, there are still some outstanding questions to be answered. For example, a water system upgrade will be required, so details about that have been requested.

Though we are still dealing with delays and multiple departments at city hall, here are some **key highlights** to share with you…

Sprinklers This could have been an expense of $70,000 to $80,000 or more but for various reasons the city has waved this requirement for which we are very thankful.

Heritage Our building is on the "Heritage Register" which does not restrict us in any way. The city offered to designate our building as a "Heritage Designation" but we have declined as the restrictions will far outweigh any benefit.

Electrical We will not need to hire an electrical engineer. Nathan Chapin was able to provide an acceptable load test report. This means some further savings for our project.

Contractor We will need to apply and pay for a "Highway Use Permit" (HUP) with the city but the project management team is confident a contractor can be found who will donate the work associated with this.

Timeline Based on the progress with the city to date, we are now looking at a "shovels-in-the-ground" date of spring 2027.

Deposit The city requires a $10,000 security deposit for the HUP. We have been able to delay paying this until the building permit is issued. Cornerstone Engineering has offered to make this deposit on behalf of the church.

Parking There is positive news about required parking spaces, due the fact that there is no longer a day care in the building. Final details on parking requirements are still being worked out.

Our **Leadership Team** is responsible for approving, communicating, and fundraising for the project. We will be reaching out to Church of Christ Development Corporation, who holds our mortgage, to explore various financing options.

Currently, our **Facilities Fund** is at approximately $51,450. Once the permitting process is complete, a detailed cost of the project will be clarified. The hope is to raise $100,000 prior to construction and to fundraise and/or finance the balance during the course of the project.

Please **continue to pray** for God's wisdom, provision, and approvals from city permitting. You are welcome to make a financial donation. Please use e-transfer or cheque, clearly labeled for the **Facilities Fund**. At a later date volunteer labour will be greatly appreciated.

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