

# Summary of Discussion



**Community Conversations**

**February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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Future of the Hall

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**CONVERSATION REPORT**

**TOPIC Title:** Future of the Hall

**One-sentence description:**

In a relatively short time, the Hall should be demolished; with probable use of the land being additional affordable seniors housing.

**CONVENER / HOST:** Cedric Trueman

**PARTICIPANTS:** Michael Murgatroyd Steve Koning  
Gary Fisher (part-time)

**Summary of discussion (3-4 sentences - use other side as needed):**

1. Old building, early '60s – so construction not up to current seismic standards. What is our liability RE damage/injuries in the event of a major earthquake
2. From depreciation report (DR), cost of needed work within the next 10 years exceeds the possible gross rental income over 10 years. Any improvements to the Hall would be in addition to DR costs.
3. How could the parish afford to keep the Hall? After discussion, the group couldn't see a feasible cost pathway.

4. Given the current discussions with ArtsCalibre Academy (ACA), a decision (or a pathway on how to arrive at a decision on the Hall) needs to be made reasonably soon. Could a short-term lease (e.g. 2 yrs + possible 2 yr extension) with ACA give some time for the parish to make a final decision?
5. If the Hall is demolished, what would take its place? One possibility: an expansion of The Orchard, which would probably involve extending the land owned by St. George's Housing Society to encompass the addition (say right up to St. George's Lane). There is a great need for affordable seniors housing in this area, recognized by municipal and provincial governments, so the possibility of outside funding would seem quite feasible.

**What additional issues or opportunities surfaced for further discussion?**

Outside funding for a seniors housing development. Linked with diocesan efforts to discover development opportunities for parish lands.

**Action Item(s):**      **What further information or research do we need?**  
                                  **Who will work on it?**  
                                  **What do we need to learn?**  
                                  **Are there other action items?**

1. Identify probable cost of demolition of the Hall. Michael Murgatroyd to investigate.
2. If a decision is made to demolish the Hall, this would link for discussion/decision with diocese RE parish lands development.

## Impacts and Relationship Issues for The Orchard

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**One-sentence description:**

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**CONVENER / HOST:** Andrew Armitage

**PARTICIPANTS:** John Oldale Ian Grant  
Leslie Glazier Gary Fisher

**Summary of discussion (3-4 sentences - use other side as needed):**

1. Impacts will be minimal while the hall remains as a rental property:
  - a. Some concern that the presence of younger children will lead to increased risk from cars accessing the Orchard residents parking lot.
  - b. Opportunity to develop a relationship between the Orchard residents and the students at the school in a positive way for both, concerts, exhibitions etc.,
2. If or when, the hall property is considered for private sector development, there are several areas of impact that will need to be considered:
  - a. The Orchard residents parking lot is partly on the church hall site.

- b. The Orchard residents parking lot is accessed across the church property.
- c. The Orchard property does not have any frontage on St George's Lane.
- d. The main entrance to the Orchard is accessed by foot across the church hall parking lot – which is also used by the Handidart service, ambulances, delivery services and by Orchard visitors.
- e. There is a common Hall and Orchard fire escape
- f. The Orchard building west wall is built with zero separation from the hall east wall.

3. Communication.

- a. There are some concerns/rumours that the Orchard community may be impacted by future development of the hall site.
- b. Continued communication as parish and diocesan conversations continue and as new ideas circulate can help to maintain the Orchard/church relationship.

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## Community Connection

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**CONVENER / HOST:** Signi Murgatroyd & Sara Partridge

<b><u>PARTICIPANTS:</u></b> <u>Signi Murgatroyd</u>	<u>Marion Parker</u>
<u>Judy Trueman</u>	<u>Sara Partridge</u>
<u>Eric Partridge</u>	<u>Moira Millar</u>
<u>Susan Grant</u>	<u>Deb Koning</u>
<u>Margaret Smart</u>	<u>Martha Stein Marriott</u>
<u>Reed Smith</u>	<u>Christine Conkin</u>

### **Summary of discussion (3-4 sentences - use other side as needed):**

We discussed at length how to better connect with the Cadboro Bay community. Ideas included: new or better signage indicating location of the church, placing notices at Pepper's about church activities, inviting interesting speakers from the university and beyond to give public lectures, musical offerings for all age and interest groups, children's Easter egg hunt, Halloween activities, community meals including those for UVic students, flower basket and Christmas wreath making activities, family activities.

Another concern was how we connect with young adults with regard to their spiritual journey and how we might respond. What is their experience of church? We would like to improve our listening skills and considered inviting a professional communication facilitator work with the parish.

Many active community groups connect via Facebook and the millennials listen to podcasts. We wondered if the young people that we know might consider using the medium of podcast to express their past experiences of church and how they meet their spiritual needs outside of church. It was mentioned that young adults seem to be looking mainly for friendship and community. How do they connect with each other? Can we provide a safe and judgement free environment for all to express views? Attendance at arts and music events hosted at St George's may provide a 'soft landing' for those looking for community. Wherever you are on your spiritual and life journey. You are welcome.

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## Community Interface

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### One-sentence description:

What is the role of St. George's in this community. What can we do? Or are we just a place for Sunday worship?

**CONVENER / HOST:** Bruce Winter - David Stuart notes

**PARTICIPANTS:** Jennifer Handley      Ian Grant (part time)  
David Stuart                              Bruce Winter

### Summary of discussion (3-4 sentences - use other side as needed):

Does St. George's have a community focus? What steps do we need to take to pursue this? We need a plan which identifies opportunities.

Myriad of opportunities identified. Look at Community Association needs, opportunities with businesses in area, also opportunities with Frank Hobbs, ARC, Multifaith Centre should be explored.

Opportunities for hosting music performances, (Saanich in the park, Blue Christmas). Opportunities for reconciliation projects?

Identify connections with Sara and Signi topic.

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Initiate discussion and research community needs, Community Residents Association, local business, NGO's we sponsor.

Produce a plan outline for review and discussion with other interested parish members, and Parish Council. We should plan outline by next meeting.

Workers: Bruce, Jennifer, David & other interested people.