

PROJECT GOALS



171 MARKET OWNERSHIP UNITS

30 MARKET RENTAL UNITS

42 AFFORDABLE RENTAL UNITS

NEW PARISH HALL AND
CHURCH OFFICES

SAFE AND ACCESSIBLE PATH
OF TRAVEL TO COLUMBIA
SKYTRAIN STATION

SEISMICALLY UPGRADE AND
REVITALIZED CATHEDRAL

COMMUNITY PLAZA

2 FLEX UNITS

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NEW 6,700 SQ.FT PARISH HALL AND CHURCH OFFICES

HTC, as a long-time anchor to the downtown, has been a transformative force that meets the social and faith-based needs of local residents and groups. The location in the downtown core is critical in serving the growing population, those who travel in on the weekend and those who work in businesses downtown.

In addition to its faith-based services, the critical role played by HTC includes:

- Providing space for community functions including programming, events and recreation for seniors and youth programs;
- Hosting arts and cultural events;
- Offering care, a sense of belonging and community counsel for disadvantaged populations; and
- Providing space and programming for recovery and health programs.

SAFE AND ACCESSIBLE PATH OF TRAVEL TO COLUMBIA SKYTRAIN STATION

The informal path of travel from Carnarvon Street to Clarkson Street to the Columbia Skytrain station will be made safer and more accessible to wheeled users. The walkway will be widened and a public use elevator will be provided so wheeled users will be able to gain access to the public plaza.

SEISMICALLY UPGRADED AND REVITALIZED CATHEDRAL

In many ways, the Holy Trinity Cathedral site is the very core of historic New Westminster and the original Mainland Colony. Through this project, long-term legal protection will be provided for this very historic site.

The retention and upgrading of this historic church supports the City's goals of both heritage conservation and sustainability. The maintenance of landmark churches is also important for symbolic and traditional reasons, linking the past to the present and providing visual and symbolic anchors to the community as it develops. Historic churches are typically maintained by the congregation at little or no cost to government, a community benefit that adds to cultural diversity and social programming capacity.

The funds generated through this project will allow Life Safety and BC Building Code upgrading of the historic structure. This will include careful and sensitive seismic upgrading of the unreinforced masonry structure, a very costly procedure that could not otherwise be undertaken. This will not only assist in the long-term conservation of the historic fabric, it will also enable safe occupancy and continued public use of the building.

The level of restoration of HTC will be of the highest order, with particular attention paid to the exterior as well as interior features. The restoration will enable the continuing historic religious use of HTC as a character-defining element.

COMMUNITY PLAZA

A public plaza will be provided in front of HTC as community public space. The space will be used for informal gatherings as well as planned farmers markets, and outdoor wedding ceremonies.