

RESTORATION UPDATE

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We need to put new foundations and shear walls in because the original walls in the church did not have rebar (steel rods) in them and they were built with poor quality concrete, so they are not as stable as we need them to be. In an earthquake the church as it was built would have crumbled. The new foundations and shear walls will stabilize the church in an earthquake and provide us the time to get out safely.

The crypt will have a huge new foundation in it so the shear wall can be built to stabilize the East window wall (wall along Burrard St.). Notice the rebar in the crypt, that is what should have been in all the walls in the church. It will take about 20 truck of concrete to fill the space. The concrete trucks will do a continuous pour which means there will be no time between concrete truck so it is one solid block of concrete.

Rocks, we have encountered a lot of them and needed to bring in a rock demolition team to break them up so we can get them out of the holes.

This is the first time I felt sad when I went into the church. It is shocking to your system to see the deconstruction of the sanctuary, the space no longer resembles a church, it looks like a construction site. I was thinking how will it ever be put back together to look like a church. I know it will, but it was just different to see and feel. We are in very capable hands, we have completed most of the dangerous deconstruction without incident and the experts are ready and waiting to put Humpty Dumpty back together again. Prayers are always welcome.

I am meeting with the drone film company today to see if we can get a video to show you what it looks like now and when we get closer to the completion of the restoration.



8 feet of rebar in the crypt



8 feet of rebar for the new foundation in the crypt



Asphalt roof removed



Digging for a new foundation for a shear wall on the sanctuary wall by the Ark room



Digging under the Sanctuary wall by Marnie's room for the new foundation



More rocks that have been broken apart by the rock demolition team



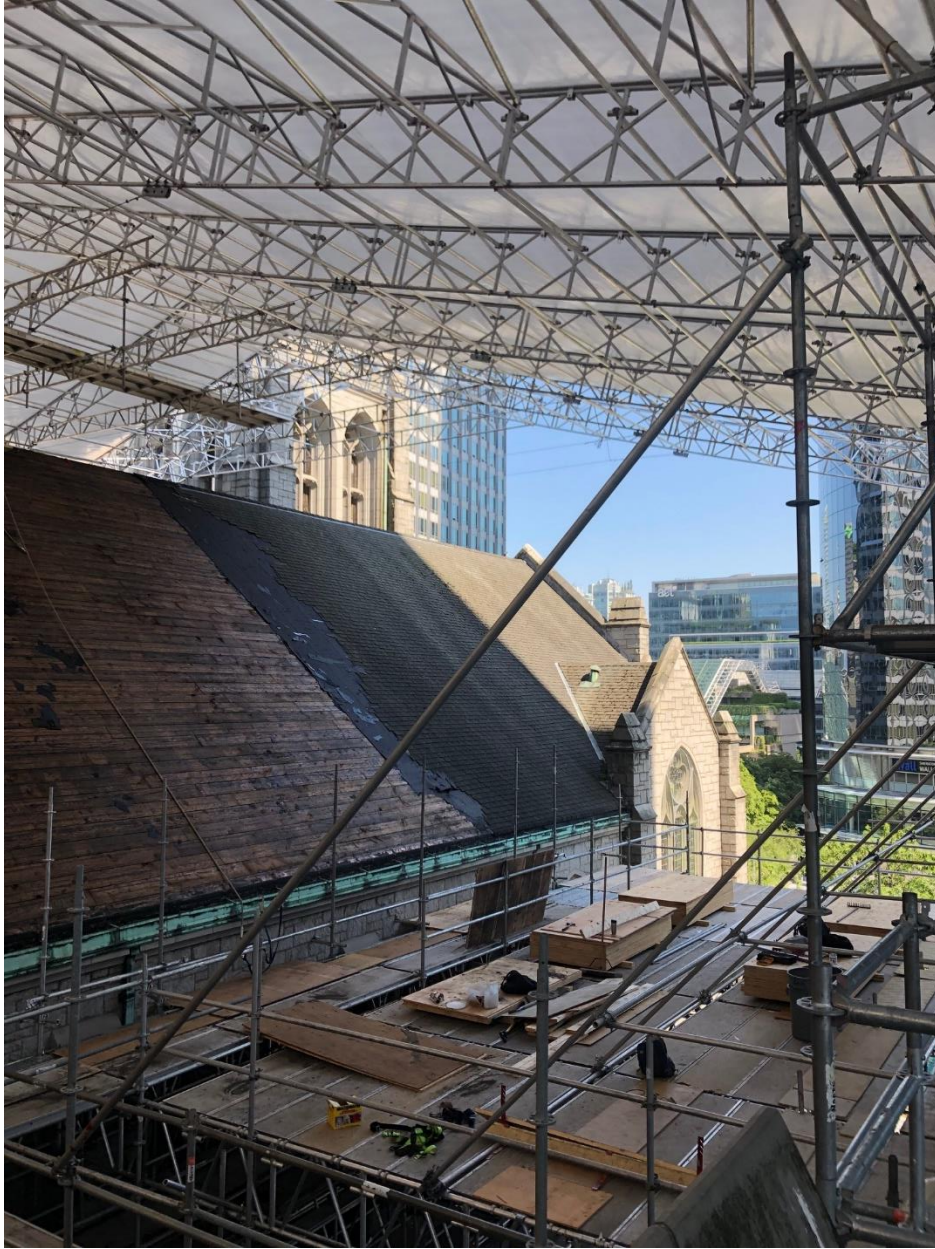
Original concrete wall with terra cotta



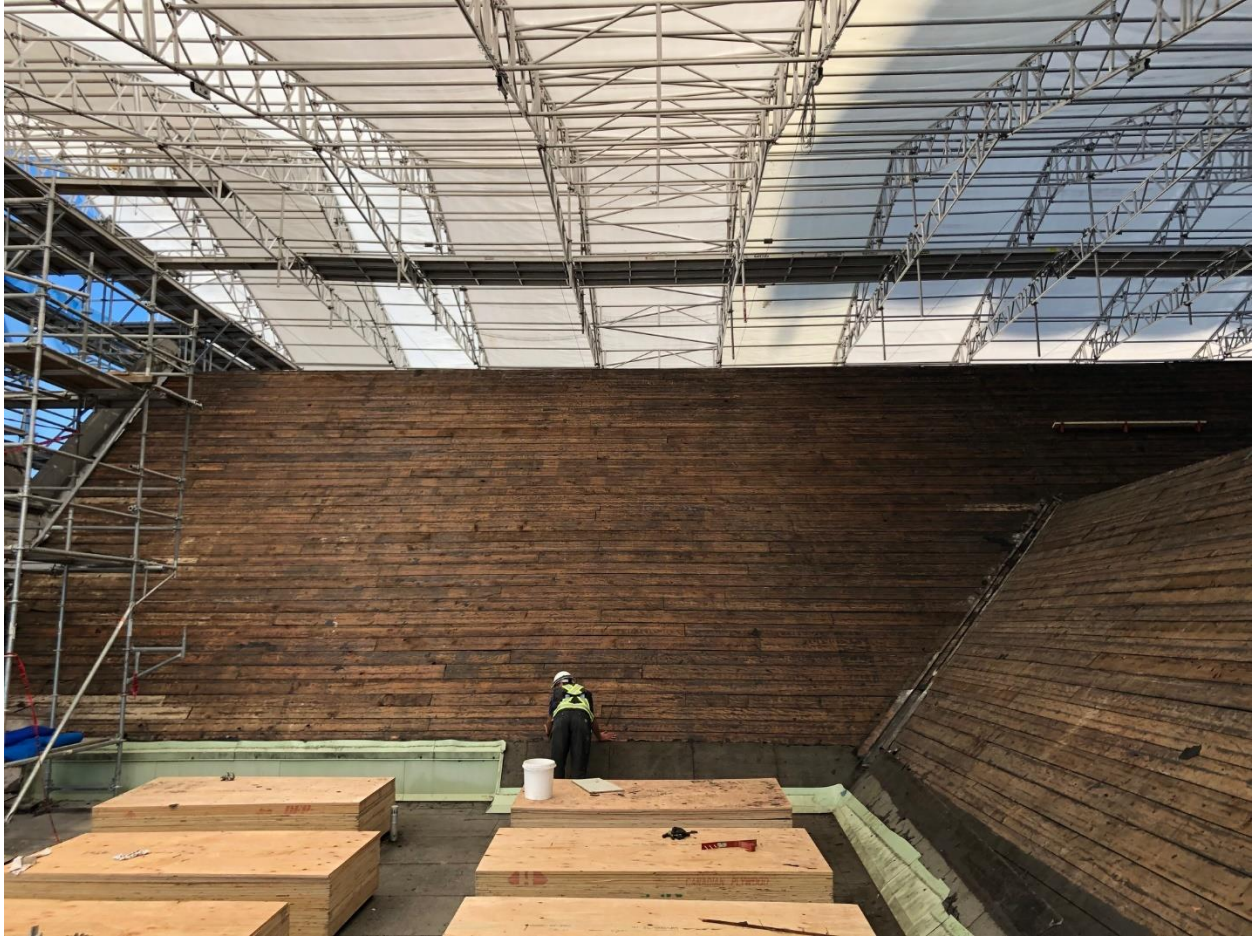
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Rebar for the crypt



Rest of the roof will be tarped when the scaffolding is completed on the bell tower



Roof looks mostly in good shape



Scaffolding to the roof by the balcony



View under the roof (panoramic format)



We have encountered lots of rocks in our digging