

Aurora United Church
EDGE Property Committee Report
June, 2020

Greetings everyone,

Over the past months, the EDGE Property Committee have tirelessly worked to complete the agreements with both Amica and Succession Developments. After many strenuous hours we are happy to report that the documents with Amica, the reciprocal agreement and the 99 year lease agreement as well as the fixed price construction contract for below surface structure with Succession Developments were completed. We then presented these documents to both the Council and the Board of Trustees for their approval. On May 28th, these documents were finalized allowing us to apply for building permits and start building on the property.

In addition, the EDGE Property Committee researched the feasibility of including geothermal heating in our new building. After many presentations and consultanting with those in the field, we are now moving forward with the environmentally friendly option.

Over the next few months, you will now start to see action on our land. The geothermal testing and drilling should be completed by the end of June and the contractors will also be installing retaining walls and trucking in loads of soil to equalize the pressure on the property. It is our hope to apply for building permits in July and by fall of this year, start excavating the property and start the construction.

Although we still have plenty of work ahead of us, this is a major hurdle for all partners and exciting news for the congregation. We will continue to work on the church design and finishes at which time once completed, we can then enter in to a construction contract for the remaining structure above grade.

Thank you for your patience and we look forward to sharing more news as things progress.

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