

**St. Paul's Church
wants to continue
our heritage**



**Designation
of our building
will stop us!**

WE WANT TO CONTINUE OUR HERITAGE

The congregation of St. Paul's United Church and our predecessors have been active in the Milton community long before our current building was built.

In 1891 we built the current building and retained parts of our previous building from 1852. We want to do the same with this building.

Our heritage is the work our members have contributed to the community and abroad for the last 150 years.

We are providing inexpensive meeting facilities to more than thirty community groups and want this to continue.

All our memorial items are inventoried and will be saved. We want to incorporate them into the new building.

A building is not a church but simply a place to worship God. A church is the people who worship together.

*Putting People
Before Buildings*

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM WITH THE BUILDING?

Our 120 year old building has serious structural problems that we cannot afford to repair.

Our roof structure is failing because it was not designed to hold the heavy slate covering.

There is asbestos in our crawl spaces and the ceilings and walls.

The slate tiles are falling off the roof.

The coping stones have fallen off the gables.

Our electrical system is outdated and overloaded causing a safety hazard.

The south chimney brickwork has deteriorated and needed strapping.



HOW WE GOT IN THIS SITUATION

In 2007 the Town ordered St. Paul's to close its sanctuary because the roof was unsafe. Temporary support columns were installed to allow the congregation time to decide its future. Within the last 9 months, we have received two structural engineers' reports confirming that the sanctuary roof is in serious distress. For continued safe occupancy the roof needs major repairs within the next year.

The congregation decided that our facility was at the end of its useful life and we could no longer continue to fund expensive and ongoing building repairs. This decision was not made lightly. We have spent over four years in discussion, consideration, listening and prayer.

Due to our limited financial resources and the desire to remain a downtown church, the congregation approved partnering with a developer. We were fortunate to find a partner who will build a new church and life lease residence while retaining many heritage elements of the sanctuary.

The project provides a financial arrangement that St. Paul's can afford. At the conclusion of the project, St. Paul's will retain ownership of the entire facility.

We are saddened to say goodbye to our beautiful old sanctuary but are excited to have a new church facility which allows us to fulfill our Christian mission as a welcoming, transforming and serving congregation.

We ask you for your understanding and support as St. Paul's pursues its plan to remain a vibrant downtown congregation.

***Designation by the Town
will mean demolition
of our congregation.***

YOU CAN HELP US PREVENT DESIGNATION

Contact the mayor

Email your councillor

Write your councillor

Telephone your councillor

Sign the petition supporting St. Paul's
redevelopment plans

For more information email
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www.stpaulsmilton.org

ACTION SUPPORTED BY

- Church members
- Elected church council
- Elected church trustees
- Ministry Team
- Halton Presbytery
- Hamilton Conference
- United Church of Canada