

Brechin United Church
Congregational Meeting - January 17, 2016
Minutes

Welcome and Statement of Purpose - Keith Allen welcomed all present at 11:45 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is hear from the Redevelopment Team from Brechin and Property Resource Team from BC Conference concerning the Redevelopment Proposal.

Opening Prayer - Led by Rev. Sally Bullas.
There were 85 persons in attendance.

Motion: M/S Martha Hardy/Diane Thomas that the vote on the proposal be extended to all members, active adherents and participants in the life and work of the Community of Faith that is Brechin United Church. **Carried.**

Motion: M/S Linda Braid/Anne Manikel to grant corresponding rights to all guests. **Carried.**

Motion: M/S Judy Wiebe/Darlene Darby that at least 70% of today's voting members and active adherents must be in agreement with the proposal for the proposal to go forward. **Carried.**

Introduction of and Presentation from members of the Property Resource Team - Linda Braid introduced the Redevelopment Team and the history of our journey to where we are today. Jane Koh from Colliers will be our project manager and she spoke briefly. Terry Harrison spoke and showed a presentation on Brechin Church Redevelopment - a New Year and a New Beginning. Brighthouse United (Richmond) and Como Lake United (Coquitlam) will be our partners. BC Conference has agreed to seek financing and be our development partner.

Question and Answer Session - Many questions were asked by those present on the various aspects of the project.

Presentation of the Motion:

Motion: M/S Anita Bigland/Diane Thomas that Brechin United Church agrees to participate in the redevelopment strategy being led by BC Conference of the United Church of Canada in partnership with BC Housing, in which the congregational property at 1998 Estevan Rd, Nanaimo, BC is to be redeveloped into a mixed-use residential building featuring rental housing and a new church space of no less than 7,500 square feet; and upon successful completion of the project the Congregational Trustees will retain Title to the church space and receive an annual cash payment of no less than \$30,000/year, in perpetuity, and that BC Conference will hold Title to the housing as per a new United Church not-for-profit housing society. 79 ballots cast. Those in favour - 74 (94 %) Those opposed - 5 **CARRIED.**

Closing Prayer - Sally closed with a short reading.

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m. on the motion of Walter Svandrlik.

Keith Allen, Chair

Kathy Torhjelm, Secretary