

Roof and Steeple Update

August 8, 2004



- In May, we approved a new roof and steeple for Trinity church. We anticipated \$45,200 for the basic work with an additional 10% (\$4,500) estimated for remedial actions. Turns out we were right on!
- In the week of July 18, upon the arrival of a boom-and-bucket with a 135' reach, the original slate on the steeple (and roof beneath the steeple) was removed and replaced with an artificial slate made from reclaimed materials. It is lighter and more durable than quarried slate and indistinguishable from the ground. At the same time, the steel flashing composing the ribs along the eight steeple faces was removed and replaced with heavy copper.
- In the week of July 25, the hollow, pieced steel steeple cross was repainted by Kienapple Brothers. It had been determined the week before that the cross could be repainted without having first to be removed and repaired or replaced. Wonderful! The decision was made to keep the boom truck an extra day to do the work. Painted "terra-cotta" (red-brown), the cross is now more visible against the sky and will be less prone to showing rust. (The same colour is used in the detail on the interior rising sides of the four triangle-shaped steeple insets. The inset exteriors are copper-clad.) The cross is about 69" high and is firmly affixed to the steeple proper. It "sits" above an eight-sided movable cap which is about 20" high and to which are affixed eight decorative rosettes.
- As a matter of interest, the steeple itself is 50' high and was originally constructed of wood by C.L. Forler & co. inside the 60' brick tower and hoisted atop from within. Once the steeple was raised, the slate was applied and the cross was mounted.
- The main roof and smaller adjacent peaked roofs were re-shingled with 35-year fibreglass shingles. They replace 15-year organic shingles. As planned, the main-roof power vents and Katie Luther Room skylights were also replaced as they were at the end of their respective duty cycles. In the course of the project, items of remedial work were undertaken as the situation warranted: the boom was rented for an extra day and the cross was painted *in situ* rather than being taken down or the job put off; some downspouts were replaced; new wood was put on the furnace room roof.
- Project offerings to last Sunday, August 1, totaled \$47,330 against a total project cost of \$49,550.40. Wow! We only have a short way to go. Did you make a pledge? Let's honour our commitments. Let's get our offerings in!