



Duncan Pentecostal Church and Living Stones Landscaping Inc. Confirm Acquisition of Former Koksilah Elementary Property

Duncan Pentecostal Church (DPC) and Living Stones Landscaping Inc. (LS) are pleased to confirm the acquisition of the former Koksilah Elementary School property and to share their current intentions for the site following completion of the sale by the Cowichan Valley School District.

For DPC, the property provides much-needed room for a growing congregation and for ministries already serving children, youth, families and seniors. The additional space will also provide opportunities over time to explore other ways the church can serve and connect with the broader community.

LS, a Cowichan Valley-based business with roots in the region dating back to 2006, intends, subject to applicable approval processes, to use the undeveloped portion of the property to support its local business operations and establish a long-term operational home in the Cowichan Valley.

The size and configuration of the property created an opportunity for both organizations to acquire it together, allowing each to pursue the portion best suited to its needs while making the property as a whole work for both organizations.

The organizations anticipate ultimately using separate areas of the site to meet their respective long-term needs. Any subdivision, change in land use or other future changes requiring approval will be pursued through the appropriate planning and approval processes.

"We see this as an opportunity to steward a property with a long history in this community and to create room for the church to continue growing and serving," said Peter Lewis, lead pastor of Duncan Pentecostal Church. "We look forward to being good neighbours, listening to the community and working constructively with local government and others as plans develop."

DPC and LS recognize that future plans for the property will evolve over time. Both organizations are committed to approaching that work responsibly and collaboratively and to respecting the processes required for any future changes to the site.

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