



## PEACHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

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### **Official Position of Peachland Baptist Church – October 6, 2025**

- The church has never wanted to sell or be relocated. We have offered in writing to move across 13<sup>th</sup> street, but it is important to recognize the church does not have to agree to move our building, and we will not agree to a parcel with less value.
- Moving to a parcel of less value would effectively be asking our small, charitable organization to donate value from our only asset to a town building project that is displacing us.
- We are 100% supportive of a new fire hall, but that vision can and should be accomplished on property the district already owns. In fact, the referendum communications openly said the new fire hall can be achieved using District lands.
- We do recognize the town's power to expropriate, but this would potentially close us down, and the process would cost the town a lot of money between legal fees and, of course, the undepreciated value of our lands and building which is estimated to be \$4M - \$4.3M based on obtained professional third-party estimates.
- It is therefore our recommendation that the town look for a more pragmatic solution which would be to:
  - 1) down scope the concept;
  - 2) use only town-owned land; and,
  - 3) if more funds are required this should be through the legislative public assent process, which can be done in association with the 2026 election.