

PEACHLAND News

New Fire Hall Project Moves Forward



Peachland's long-awaited new fire hall has taken a major step forward with Council awarding the design-build contract to Chandos Construction LP, in partnership with Sahuri + Associates Architecture.

The 17,000-square-foot facility will be built on San Clemente Avenue and will feature eight apparatus bays, dedicated space for community policing, a rescue training tower, and modern facilities designed to meet current National Fire Protection Association standards. The project will significantly enhance emergency response capabilities and support firefighter training for years to come.

On July 7, Council adopted the required Official Community Plan and Zoning amendments, after receiving Ministry of Transportation and Transit approval.

The project remains on track to be completed within the approved \$17.5 million budget, which includes land acquisition, design, consulting, and construction costs. Detailed design work is now underway, demolition of the existing building is expected this summer, and the new fire hall is anticipated to be operational by the end of 2028.

Find out more at

peachland.ca/
peachland-fire-rescue



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How can we protect Peachland's water supply?

PEACHLAND LAKE
Provides 100% of Peachland's potable water. Located 21 kms from the water treatment plant

Elevation: 1,270 m
Maximum Depth: 30 m
Area: 109 ha

Water security is one of Peachland's highest priorities as the community continues to experience Level 3 water restrictions. Peachland Lake has recovered significantly this spring, rising approximately 10 feet since April. However, the lake remains about eight feet below full pool, and with upland snowmelt now

complete, the District expects water levels to gradually decline through the summer and into the fall.

While the District's water treatment and distribution systems continue to perform well, ensuring a reliable long-term water supply remains the challenge. Guided by the *2024 Water Demand and Supply Study* and ongoing updates to the *Water Master Plan*, the District is advancing long-term solutions, including expanding reservoir capacity, increasing water storage at Peachland Lake, exploring groundwater sources, investigating an Okanagan Lake water supply, and



GLENN LAKE
Storage facility
15 kms from the plant

Elevation: 1,444 m
Area: 12 ha
Maximum Depth: 14 m

working with regional partners, First Nations, and provincial agencies to strengthen water security across the Okanagan. Many of these solutions involve engineering studies, environmental reviews, regulatory approvals, and substantial investment before implementation.

Residents are thanked for their continued efforts to conserve water. Every litre saved helps protect our community's reservoirs during this extended drought. Unless significant rainfall occurs, Stage 3 water restrictions are expected to remain in place into the fall.



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Peachland Votes 2026

Your Community. Your Vote. Your Future.

The 2026 General Local Election is your opportunity to help shape the future of Peachland. Residents will elect one Mayor and six members of Council to represent the community and make decisions that impact local services, infrastructure, parks, recreation, growth, and quality of life.

Election Event	Date	Description
Nomination Packages Available	July 10, 2026	Packages for potential candidates will be available for pick up at the District of Peachland Office.
Start of Nomination Period	September 1, 2026	Nomination Period Opens at 9:00 a.m.
End of Nomination Period	September 11, 2026	Nomination Period Closes at 4:00 p.m.
Declaration of Candidates	September 11, 2026	The official list of candidates is released after 4:00 p.m. Nomination Papers must be filed by the deadline to run for office.
Advance Voting Opportunity (1)	October 7, 2026	Skip the lines! Eligible voters can cast a ballot at the advance voting location. Polls open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Advance Voting Opportunity (2)	October 14, 2026	Second chance to skip the line! Eligible voters can cast a ballot at the advance voting location. Polls open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
General Voting Day	October 17, 2026	Last chance to vote. Polls open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Do you have a water leak?

If there is text on your Utility Bill noting a continuous leak, this means your water meter is registering constant water usage. Since most homes are not using water continuously, this may indicate that you have a leak. The District cannot repair or assess leaks on private property, nor has information on where the leak is originating from. You are advised to call a plumber to investigate and repair the leak. All water usage, intentional or not, is the responsibility of the homeowner.

Alertable

ensure you are signed up



ALERTABLE

COMMUNITY NOTIFICATIONS

Stay Aware & Plan Ahead

Central Okanagan Emergency Management has introduced Alertable as the region's new emergency notification system. You can now choose to receive alerts by email, text message or phone call.

Residents are encouraged to download the Alertable app, a free service available on both mobile and desktop devices. Peachlanders should enable notifications to receive timely emergency information.

Find out more or update your preferences at

coemergency.ca



Childcare centre update

Project ahead of schedule & on budget



Construction on the Peachland BGCO Childcare Centre is ahead of schedule and is expected to be complete before the end of 2026. The project is also on budget and, barring any unforeseen circumstances in the next 5 months, expected to be slightly under budget when complete.

Interior finishes including painting, millwork, and lighting plumbing fixtures are underway. On the exterior, the landscaping includes natural grass and wood play areas, water play stations, play structures, rubberized surfacing and plantings.



TAKE THE PLEDGE and win!

1 of 2 \$1,000 Water Smart Yard Upgrades

WIN 3 WAYS

- 1 Win 1 of 2 \$1,000 Water Smart Yard Upgrades.
- 2 Your entry DOUBLES as an entry for your community to win TOP 'Make Water Work' Community of the Okanagan.
- 3 Win for the environment - by pledging to save water in your yard, you also win by saving water for fish, food, and firefighting efforts.

enter to win here



Be Water Smart. Plant FireSmart™.

MakeWaterWork.ca

in partnership with **FireSmart**

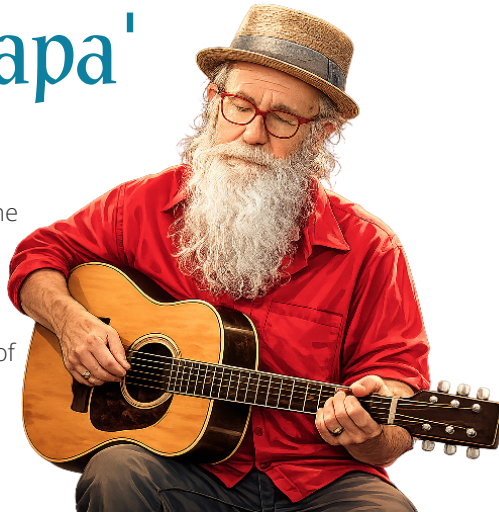
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Display Until Oct. 1, 2026

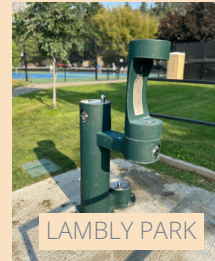
Stage named in honour of Keith 'Papa' Thom

Council agreed unanimously to name the Heritage Park Stage the Keith 'Papa' Thom Legacy Stage in recognition of Councillor Keith Thom who passed away in November 2025. The naming honours Councillor Thom for his years of dedicated service to Peachland, his significant contributions to his community and for his career as a professional singer-songwriter and musician.



Stay hydrated!

During extended periods of high temperatures, it's important to keep cool and hydrated. When on Beach Avenue, Heritage Spray Park, the Peachland Community Centre and Swim Bay have water stations. Lambly Park at Highway 97 and San Clemente Avenue, has a water fountain, bottle fill station and a dog water fountain.



LAMBLY PARK



SWIM BAY

Boating & Water Safety

BE PREPARED

Know the safety rules for your craft; inform your guests, wear lifejackets, keep safety gear on board.

WATCH YOUR WAKE

Avoid creating obtrusive waves near other boats, swimmers or the shoreline. Keep the big wakes to the middle of the lake.

KEEP IT SLOW

Slow down when using the boat launch or approaching day mooring docks or public swimming areas.

STAY CLEAR

Boats and Sea-Doos must stay AT LEAST 30 metres from designated swimming areas. Boats are NEVER allowed in Swim Bay.

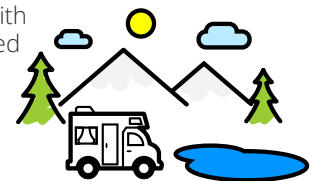


DON'T DRIVE IMPAIRED

It's illegal and ALWAYS unsafe. Just don't do it.

Recreational Vehicles: Best Suited for Campgrounds

Recreational vehicles are a great way to travel and enjoy the outdoors, but they are not intended to be used as permanent or temporary living accommodations. Occupying an RV or travel trailer on public or private property is only permitted where it complies with municipal bylaws. RVs must not be connected to municipal water, sewer, or electrical services unless specifically authorized. If you are considering listing an RV on a short-term rental platform, please note that RVs may not be used as short-term rental accommodations within the municipality. These requirements help protect neighbourhood character, support public safety, and ensure fair and consistent enforcement across the community. Residents with questions about permitted uses are encouraged to review District bylaws and/or contact Bylaw Services for more information.



Okanagan Dream Rally

Saturday, July 25, 2026. The biennial charity car rally will start in Kelowna and make its way to Peachland. Over 200 high-end vehicles will carry "co-pilot" kids who could use a smile. The rally is expected to drive down Beach Avenue at 11 am. Pick up a checkered flag from the Community Centre and line the route to show your support.

okanagandreamrally.com



Farmer's & Crafter's Market

Sundays June to September
10 am to 2 pm in Heritage Park
located at Beach Avenue and 1st Street.
peachlandfarmersandcraftersmarket.ca



Peachland Summer Series

Live music in Heritage Park all summer long! Concerts kick off at 6:30 pm every Thursday evening beginning July 9.

peachland.ca/community-events

July 16: Ben Klick

July 23: Cover2Cover 80s

July 30: Johnny Carwash & the Desert Dawgz

August 6: The Ray Roper Collective

Mayor's Message

Reflecting on this term and thanking those who made it possible

As we enjoy another beautiful Okanagan summer, I want to thank everyone who continues to make Peachland such a welcoming and resilient community.

July is a time to celebrate all that makes our town special, but it's also an opportunity to reflect on the work underway to ensure Peachland remains a great place to live for generations to come.

Two of Council's highest priorities continue to be water security and sewer servicing. Like communities across the Okanagan, Peachland is experiencing its fourth consecutive year of drought and remains under Stage 3 watering restrictions. I want to thank residents for doing their part to conserve water. The District continues to pursue both immediate and long-term solutions to strengthen our water system, including planning for additional water storage and exploring alternative water supply options. We also remain committed to advancing our sewer servicing strategy while advocating for provincial and federal funding to help reduce costs for homeowners.

This October marks the conclusion of the current Council's four-year term, and it's rewarding to look back at what we've accomplished together. Since 2022, Council has remained focused on responsible financial management, investing in infrastructure, improving public safety, supporting housing options, and strengthening our downtown while preserving the character that makes Peachland unique.

One achievement I'm especially proud of is our success in securing external funding. Over the past four years, we've brought more than \$33 million in grants to Peachland—one of the highest per-capita funding totals in British Columbia. Those dollars are helping improve roads, parks, trails, recreation facilities, childcare, seniors' housing, and critical infrastructure, while reducing the financial burden on local taxpayers.

Construction is underway on the highly anticipated 104-space Peachland BGCO Childcare Centre on Clements Avenue. Another exciting milestone is the upcoming construction of our new fire hall. This modern facility will significantly enhance emergency preparedness and provide our firefighters with the space and equipment they need to continue protecting our community for decades to come.

None of these accomplishments would have been possible without the dedication of District staff, volunteers, community organizations, our provincial and federal partners, and, most importantly, our residents. Your ideas, feedback, and willingness to work together continue to shape Peachland's future.

Thank you for making Peachland the remarkable community it is. I wish you and your family a safe, enjoyable, and memorable summer.



Patrick Van Minsel

Council Highlights

June 9, 2026 - Regular Council Meeting

Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan

Council received a presentation by Forsite Consultants who were retained to complete a *Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan* (CWRP) for the District, funded through the Union of BC Municipalities' Community Resilience Investment program. Communities are required to have a CWRP to access FireSmart community funding and supports. The document serves as the primary wildfire risk reduction planning mechanism for BC communities. It identifies local wildfire hazard and risks to values and provides strategies to increase Peachland's understanding of wildfire risk, fosters great collaboration within and across administrative boundaries, increases Peachland's preparedness to respond to wildfire events and reduces the potential loss of homes, critical infrastructure and other important values. The plan does not involve analysis of wildfire risk on private property.

Minor OCP Review

Council gave first reading to the Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw and held a public hearing on the proposed bylaw on June 23. Peachland's OCP was adopted in 2018; it is typical to review OCPs every five to 10 years. The updated bylaw reflects the outcome of Peachland's Minor OCP Review which included public consultation. The review responds to both current provincial requirements and local planning priorities. It positions the District to meet legislative obligations and continue using the OCP as a clear and effective framework for future land use decision-making. As housing needs, provincial legislation, and local conditions continue to evolve, further amendments to the OCP will be required over time. Adoption of the proposed OCP bylaw will ensure Peachland has an updated and more user-friendly policy framework in place to guide growth, development, and community planning in the years ahead. In the future, the Province will require OCP updates every five years following the completion of regular housing need reports.

June 23, 2026 - Regular Council Meeting

Commercial Marine Launch Licensing Program

Council adopted bylaws to allow implementation of a Commercial Marine Launch Licensing program. The program is expected to preserve public access to boat launches at Swim Bay and Doggie Beach while enhancing oversight and accountability of commercial boat business operators. The amendments to the District's Business Licence, Bylaw Notice Enforcement, Development Application and Licence Fees and Park Regulation bylaws will align the District with regional neighbours who currently have similar programs to regulate commercial marine activities.

Peachland Council



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UPCOMING REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS

August 25
September 8
(election October 17)
November 3
(inaugural meeting)

Regular Council meetings begin at 3 pm in Council Chambers, Peachland Community Centre, 4450 6th Street. The public is welcome to attend or view live and archived meetings via webcast.

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