Eikon Community Church and Grace Hanin Community Church New Building Construction Progress Update

And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people. Exodus 13:21-22

Previous Updates - Dec 17th, 2023 & Feb 25th, 2024

1. "I Will Build My Church" - Matthew 16:18 (22940-48 Ave. Langley, BC)

- a. Prayer
 - Built to Worship. Built to Pray. Built to Serve.
 - Pray for the rezoning process.
 - Pray that we would truly be led to create a sanctuary and ministry space that empowers His people for His Kingdom work.
- b. Building Progress Update
 - 2021/10 9770 King George BLVD site purchased by UBC
 - 2022/09 Offer to Purchase Property in Langley
 - 2023/07 1st Schematic Design Presentation to Church Representatives
 - o 2023/08 Follow Up AMENDED & REVISED Schematic Design Presentation
 - 2023/09 Finalization and Approval of Schematic Design
 - 2023/10 Finalization of Rezoning Application Documents (Anticipated)
 - 2023/11 Rezoning Application Submitted to Township of Langley (Anticipated)
 - 2024/02 Extension of 18 months for the usage of 9770 King George Blvd. Continual use of premises at no additional cost until May 1st, 2026.

August 11th, 2024 Update

1. Delay in OCP (Official Community Plan)

On June 24th, a council meeting was held in the Township of Langley (TOL). It was an official meeting that everyone could watch. During that meeting, it was announced that our church's license would be postponed and that it would be beneficial to our church. TOL City Council recommended that our church develop the church sanctuary site in line with the city's existing Fraser Highway Plan.

2. The Fraser Highway Employment Lands Area Plan

This plan is to develop approximately 500 acres of land from 228th Street to 240th Street along the Fraser Highway to develop the Langley area. The final decision on this urban development plan is expected to be made in the third quarter of 2025, and accordingly, our church's OCP and water/sewerage approvals will be included in Langley's development plan.

Once the development plan is confirmed, the rezoning process will also be carried out in accordance with the rezoning of the entire area. The advantage is that our independent process moves in line with Langley's development plan, and the disadvantage is that the schedule may be delayed from the original plan.

3. Decisions and Prayer Topics Due to Changes in Progress

After reviewing all of this with lawyers and consultants and praying together with the construction leadership, we made the final decision to purchase the land under contract for the new church site in September 2024. Our church decided to proceed with the journey of building a church by faith.

During this time of waiting and prayer, we must refocus on this specific passage: "Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness" (Matthew 6:33). It is not the building that comes first, but having this heart within us that comes first. We are not trying to buy worldly real estate and build worldly houses. We want to be used as a community that worships God and a church that fulfills the mission of God's Kingdom. The waiting period may last a little longer until the time of construction and dedication, however we must keep praying that the church construction journey will be a time of revival for our congregation.

