Site C Clean Energy Project

Regional Community Liaison Committee Meeting

Meeting Summary December 7, 2022, 1:30 to 3:30 pm PST Video Conference Call

ATTENDEES Regional Community Liaison Committee Members	Mayor Lilia Hansen, City of Fort St. John Director Jordon Kealy, Area C, Peace River Regional District Director Dan Rose, Area E, Peace River Regional District Mayor Allan Courtoreille, District of Chetwynd Moira Green, CAO, District of Taylor Steve McLain, CAO, District of Chetwynd Chair Leonard Hiebert, Area D, Peace River Regional District Margaret McDonald, McLeod Lake Indian Band Adriana DaCosta, MOTI Bob Gammer, BC Hydro (RCLC Chair) Krista Drost, BC Hydro Shanna Mason, BC Hydro
	Karen von Muehldorfer, BC Hydro Chris Waite, BC Hydro Katrina Kelly, BC Hydro James Thomas, BC Hydro Ben Rauscher, BC Hydro Kate O'Neil, BC Hydro Frances Pedroso de Almeida, BC Hydro Wendy Laluk, BC Hydro
INVITED GUESTS	
ATTENDED	Troy Van Bostelen, AFDE Jamie Bodnarchuk, PRHP
ABSENT WITH REGRET	Mayor Brent Taillefer, District of Taylor Councillor Betty Ponto, District of Taylor Mayor Dave Heiberg, District of Hudson's Hope Mayor Darcy Dober, City of Dawson Creek Blair Lekstrom, CAO, City of Dawson Creek Jennifer McCracken, Lands & Resources Manager, Doig River First Nation Milo McDonald, CAO, City of Fort St. John Mokles Rahman, CAO, District of Hudson's Hope Naiomi McKinnon, McLeod Lake Indian Band

Stephanie Rocheleau, Land & Stewardship Director, McLeod Lake Indian Band

Dan Davies, MLA, Peace River North

Tamara Wilkinson, Constituency Assistant, Peace River North

Mike Bernier, MLA, Peace River South

Lisa Ward, Constituency Assistant, Peace River South

Councillor Raymond Johnston, Village of Pouce Coupe

Aleen Torraville, Interim CAO, District of Tumbler Ridge

Chief Justin Napoleon, Saulteau First Nations

Shawn Dahlen, CAO, Peace River Regional District

Jim Morgan, ATCO

Documents Distributed for the December meeting:

RCLC Meeting Agenda

RCLC Presentation Slides

RCLC Action item log

RCLC Workforce Reports

RCLC Q3 Business Report

RCLC September 21 Meeting Notes

Opening / Welcome

- Bob welcomed all attendees.
- Round table introductions and acknowledgment of traditional territories.

Review of Agenda & Action Items

Bob reviewed the agenda and action items along with the status of each item.

BC Hydro Project Update

Off-Site Construction

Katrina Kelly provided an update on off-site activities.

<u>Dam On-site Construction Update</u>

Chris Waite provided updates about on-site construction activities.

Reservoir Filling

Chris Hatton provided an update on reservoir filling.

Regulatory Update

Karen von Muehldorfer, Regulatory Manager, provided an update on permits for the project.

 Director Rose and Director Kealy asked if the permits include removal of the temporary bridge across the river.

- Karen explained that the temporary bridge is slated for removal.
- Shanna confirmed that making the bridge permanent was looked at during the project planning stages and was also revisited recently with MOTI. The current bridge does not meet MOTI standard for a permanent structure. A new permanent crossing would need to be elsewhere.

Employment Forecast

Krista Drost, Employee Relations Lead, provided an update on employment forecast.

Job and Business Update

Kate O'Neil, Stakeholder Engagement Advisor, presented the job and business update.

Contractor Updates

Jamie Bodnarchuck PRHP

- PRHP reached a construction milestone as the elevation of the earth fill dam reached 445 metres this season.
- PRHP has raised \$375,000 for donation to local charities by recycling scrap metal and pop bottles from site.
- Employment for PRHP is trending down as works are completing and will reduce further next season. Over the last 12 months PRHP is proud to have maintained 5-7% Indigenous workers as well as 10% women in the workforce.

Troy Van Bostelen – AFDE

- AFDE celebrated a journeyman carpenter from Doig River First Nation. This worker began at
 ground zero and completed all the requirements for his red seal certification. This is not only the
 first Indigenous person to have done this, but the first worker for AFDE to successfully achieve
 their journeyman status while on the project. Several more workers will be completing their
 fourth year of carpentry at the College of New Caledonia and will also be that much closer to
 their red seal certification.
- The employee-led holiday fundraiser is going well. Last year AFDE filled a large luggage trailer with food and raised \$5,000 cash. AFDE is also holding a raffle for a LEGO® bulldozer to help raise funds. Three unions associated with AFDE have all partnered to raise \$40,000 it's wonderful to see everyone working together.

Roundtable

A roundtable update occurred from the local community representatives:

- Mayor Courtoreille thanked BC Hydro for the updates. The turbine runner (the fifth) travelled through Chetwynd last night. Chetwynd is doing well and enjoying a sunny day. Mayor Courtoreille is slightly concerned that local employment is decreasing, however residents cannot be forced to work for the project.
- Director Rose also expressed concern that BC Hydro does not have more local workers, but he understands the situation.
- Director Kealy is new to the PRRD and RCLC and is looking to get to know more about the project.

- Director Hiebert would also like to see more local workers on the project. He would like to meet
 offline to discuss how the recycling of the polystyrene panels used for curing of the concrete
 buttress.
 - Shanna confirmed that BC Hydro requests that the contractors provide reports on landfill usage. BC Hydro can look more into how the panels will be recycled. There are unique aspects of this project that prevent BC Hydro from recycling anything that could attract bears which would result in more materials going to the landfill.
- Mayor Hansen thanked BC Hydro for the information and asked if she can share the presentation slides with her council.
 - o BC Hydro confirmed that sharing the presentation is welcomed.
- CAO McLain of Chetwynd commented that the impact of reservoir filling is severe to recreational users. Many locals have used the river for years and there is quite a bit of confusion around what it will look like when the project is complete. BC Hydro needs to provide clear and accurate communication around this.
 - Shanna agreed that BC Hydro will need to do some publications around access. There will be a period where boat launches will not be open while reservoir slopes are monitored after the reservoir is filled. BC Hydro will then re-evaluate and open accesses when safe to do so. BC Hydro will look at communication plans for public engagement.

Next Steps & Closing

- The next meeting date is tentatively set for March 1 or 8.
 - o Director Rose has a conflict on the 1st.
 - o NOTE: the next meeting has been confirmed for Wednesday, March 8, 2023.

RCLC meeting ended at 2.49 p.m.