

The following letter was sent to Aboriginal communities to provide information about Site C construction activities.

August 7, 2015

Re: Notice of Site C Construction Activities: September 2015

BC Hydro values its relationship with Aboriginal groups. As part of our continued engagement through the construction of Site C, we will provide regular updates and information on construction activities.

This letter follows the notification provided last month indicating that construction will be underway this summer, and describing the activities taking place over the months of July and August.

For September 2015, most of the construction activities will occur in the dam site area, with some work on nearby quarries, public roads and on CN property. For all of the work described below, BC Hydro may be required to obtain the necessary permits, authorizations, licences or other government approvals to proceed with the work.

In addition to the construction activities described below, site investigations, air quality monitoring, heritage and other field studies are ongoing. BC Hydro will continue to provide monthly field study notices of these activities.

Please do not hesitate to provide us with any questions, comments or concerns you may have. Your feedback is very important as it allows BC Hydro to better understand your interests and, where possible, address your concerns.

September

The following construction-related activities are expected to begin or continue in September:

- Vegetation and tree clearing on the north bank of the dam site area away from the river will continue. For the month of September, these activities are planned for approximately 52 hectares of BC Hydro-owned land and 20 hectares of provincial Crown land on the north bank of the dam site.
- Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) will continue road improvements to public roads accessing the north bank of the dam site.
- Riprap material may be produced at the Wuthrich and West Pine Quarries, and transported and stockpiled at the dam site area.
- Ongoing construction of the worker accommodation camp on the north bank of the dam site on land owned by BC Hydro.
- Vegetation and tree clearing will also continue on the south bank of the dam site area to accommodate road upgrades and to access aggregate to be used for road construction. For the month of September, clearing and vegetation removal activities are planned for approximately 150 hectares of provincial Crown land on the south bank of the dam site.

There will be no vegetation or tree clearing activities in the Project portion of the Moberly River Valley during September.

- Additional clearing will commence on the south bank dam site to further prepare the area for bridge construction, and other construction activities.
- Ongoing road improvements and construction of roads on the north and south banks of the dam site area.
- Ongoing excavation work and the relocation of materials on the north bank lands within the dam site area.
- Start construction of a new rail siding near the existing Septimus siding mostly on CN property on the south bank.
- Ongoing upgrades to the existing electricity distribution lines in and around the north bank dam site area lands.
- Initiation of the work on existing electricity distribution lines and a temporary substation on the south bank.

What to Expect in September:

During site preparation work, the following can be expected:

- There will be additional truck traffic in the Fort St. John and Old Fort areas starting in summer 2015 as construction crews mobilize to the Site C dam site and Project area.
- While improvements are made to public roads accessing the north bank of the dam site, motorists can expect to encounter traffic control personnel, minor traffic delays and single-lane alternating traffic.
- Some noise and dust may result in the vicinity of the dam site as construction continues in the dam site area.
- There will be increased industrial traffic on the resource roads from Chetwynd leading to the construction site on the south bank, and additional road maintenance activities on the resource roads on the south bank.

Communications Forum

BC Hydro is interested in your feedback on how best to communicate regarding ongoing construction activities. We would like to hear your thoughts on the establishment and implementation of a Communications Forum that would meet twice annually to inform Aboriginal groups of construction-related activities, including:

- updates to construction schedule;
- initiation or completion of key phases or activities of construction;
- Amendments or updates to relevant mitigation, management and monitoring plans;
- Summaries of Environmental Incidents;
- Review of key values and concerns identified through implementation of mitigation and management plans and how those issues were addressed (i.e. Environmental Protection Plans);
- New or upcoming applications for construction, operation, or mitigation works related to Site C; and,
- Coordination of site visits and ground truthing exercises.

If you are interested in participating in such a Communications Forum please let us know. We are also interested in understanding your preferred method for that participation (e.g. in person, online, conference call). We welcome your thoughts and suggestions, and look forward to working with you on this initiative.

Learn More

BC Hydro is committed to providing you with information about Site C construction activities in a timely manner. BC Hydro would be happy to come and meet with you in your community. To learn more about construction activities for the Project:

- Visit us on the web at sitecproject.com to sign up to receive construction updates by email
- View the July construction notification letter here: ow.ly/QuHdw
- View the preliminary construction schedule at: <https://www.sitecproject.com/construction-activities/preliminary-construction-schedule>
- Follow us on Twitter: @sitecproject
- Call our construction information telephone line at: 1-877-217-0777
- Email us at: sitec@bchydro.com