# Site C Clean Energy Project Regional Community Liaison Committee Meeting

Meeting Summary June 9, 2021, 1:00 to 3:30 pm Video Conference Call

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ATTENDEES Regional Community Liaison Committee Members	Mayor Allan Courtoreille, District of Chetwynd Mayor Lori Ackerman, City of Fort St. John Mayor Dave Heiberg, District of Hudson's Hope Director Brad Sperling, Area C, Peace River Regional District Director Dan Rose, Area E, Peace River Regional District Director Leonard Hiebert, Area D, Peace River Regional District Chief Justin Napoleon, Saulteau First Nation Mayor Rob Fraser, District of Taylor Moira Green, District of Taylor Molly Brewis, BC Hydro Mike Clark, BC Hydro Dave Conway, BC Hydro Matt Drown, BC Hydro Kelvin Ketchum, BC Hydro Vendy Laluk, BC Hydro Shanna Mason, BC Hydro Nancy Pepper, BC Hydro Karen Von Muehldorfer, BC Hydro Chris Waite, BC Hydro
INVITED GUESTS	
ATTENDED	Troy Van Bostelen, AFDE Brian Hussain, ATCO Adriana DaCosta, MOTI Jamie Bodnarchuk, PRHP Laura Daily, RWDI
ABSENT WITH REGRET	Ranish Shakya, Blueberry River First Nations Carol Newsom, CAO, District of Chetwynd Mayor Dale Bumstead, City of Dawson Creek Blair Lekstrom, CAO, City of Dawson Creek Jennifer McCracken, 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
Director Karen Goodings, Area B, Peace River Regional District
MLA Dan Davies, Peace River North
Tamara Wilkinson, MLA Assistant, for MLA Dan Davies
Mike Bernier, MLA, Peace River South
Terri Paulovich, Constituency Assistant, Peace River South
Mayor Lorraine Michetti, Pouce Coupe
Christopher Leggett, CAO, Pouce Coupe
Tyla Pennell, Acting CAO, District of Taylor
Mayor Keith Bertrand, District of Tumbler Ridge
Jennifer Thomas, CAO, District of Tumbler Ridge

#### Documents Distributed on June 8, 2021

RCLC Meeting Agenda RCLC Presentation Slides RCLC Action item log RCLC Workforce Report RCLC Q1 Business Report RCLC March 17 Meeting Notes RCLC Public Enquiries FAQ Site C Air Quality Information Sheet Site C Right Bank Stabilization Information Sheet Site C Construction Update Letter RE Shoreline Protection

#### **Opening / Welcome / Agenda**

- a) Dave welcomed all attendees.
- b) Acknowledgement of Indigenous Treaty 8 traditional territories. Dave recognized the grief and loss many experienced with the discovery of children's unmarked burials at the former Kamloops Residential School.

#### Site C COVID-19 Update

- Shanna Mason provided a Site C COVID-19 Update.
  - o No questions

### **Review of Agenda & Action Items**

Dave reviewed the agenda and action items.

- Brad met with MOTI and was told there was never a study initiated regarding the water flow from 85<sup>th</sup> Ave lands.
  - Nancy confirmed that Site C work has not increased water flows leaving the 85<sup>th</sup> Avenue Industrial Lands and has instead improved the control of water running off the site. Action Item: Nancy will set up a three-way meeting to discuss further with MOTI.
  - Shanna confirmed that it is the ministries job to manage flows when they authorize use of the ditch.
- Action item 2021-003 Rob will reach out again if he has a specific question for Molly Brewis regarding the criteria around air quality alerts. COMPLETE

### **BC Hydro Project Update**

#### Dam On-site Construction Update

Chris Waite provided updates about on-site construction activities

• No questions

#### Dam Right Bank Enhancement Update

Mike Clark Provided an update on the right bank enhancement approach.

- Dave Heiberg asked what magnitude of earthquake the dam is designed for.
  - Mike confirmed that Site C is built to withstand a one in 10,000-year earthquake event. The modelling and calculation process are quite involved and does not translate to a Richter scale number however the design would greatly exceed an event of four or five on the Richter scale.
- Brad Sperling asked what scale was being used if it isn't the Richter scale.
  - Mike explained that the model uses ground acceleration calibrated from other real world earthquakes to model how it would impact the dam.
- Dave Heiberg asked if cumulative effects of several earthquakes has been considered.
  - Mike noted that it is unlikely that a series of earthquakes would cause damage over time as repairs would commence after each event. Damage from smaller earthquakes would be easily remedied if it were to occur.

## Off-Site Construction

Matt Drown provided an update on off-site activities.

- Dave Heiberg asked what the communication plan was for emergency vehicles in the Pier 5 Farrell Creek area regarding nightly closures.
  - Matt confirmed that this was part of the traffic management plan. Any closures will let through emergency traffic.
  - Shanna added that it is standard practice to contact ambulance and other emergency response services regarding the traffic management plan. Direct contact numbers will be provided, and immediate access will be given.
  - o Matt mentioned that concrete work will be underway at Lynx Creek tomorrow.
    - Dave Conway will email Mayor Heiberg after the meeting with information on the Lynx Creek activities.

**ACTION** 2021-009 - Dave Conway to provide a detailed email to Dave Heiberg regarding concrete work that will be underway at Lynx Creek. COMPLETE

#### 2021 Forecasted Flows and Reservoir levels

Kelvin Ketchum provided an update on the 2021 forecasted flows and reservoir levels.

• No questions.

### EAC Amendment Update

Karen Von Muehldorfer and subject matter experts provided an update on the EAC – Till Conveyor Amendment.

- Dan Rose mentioned that there are some concerns for those living in Old Fort. Dan stated that emergency access to Old Fort was a concern and asked if there will be a plan.
  - Shanna confirmed the service level in the EAC presentation looks at the whether traffic can flow on the road or would it be so congested that it would encourage users to make unsafe choices. The assessment that was presented has shown that there will be more vehicles, but the traffic will flow, and it will be a functioning road. If there was an incident that prevented access to emergency vehicles, BC Hydro would work with them to travel through Gate A into Old Fort. Previously a helicopter was mentioned however hosting emergency vehicles through the dam site would be much faster.
- Rob Fraser asked how many days of materials can be stockpiled to delay the use of hauling by truck.
  - Karen confirmed that in the EAC request BC Hydro looked at stockpiles and given the space constraints a three to five-day stockpile will be maintained. BC Hydro is always looking for new options to store more materials as the construction site is dynamic and constantly changing.

## **Community and Social Mitigation Update**

Nancy Pepper provided an update.

• No questions.

## Job and Business Update

Lindsay Routledge presented the job and business update.

• No questions.

## **Contractor Updates**

Jamie Bodnarchuck PRHP

- Application for donations or sponsorships are now being accepted.
- PRHP provided an update on activities including several positions under recruitment.
- PRHP described some of their current community investment programs including supporting the SPARK conference.

ACTION 2021-011: Wendy to forward list of available jobs to RCLC Members. COMPLETE

#### Troy Van Bostelen AFDE

- Most of AFDE staff are working from home to limit movement in the Northern Health region.
- AFDE recently donated to the Fort St. John Women's Resource Society.
- For the first time an apprentice from Doig River that started at the entry level of carpentry, has now completed 4 levels of technical training moving all the way to journeyman carpenter.
- AFDE was pleased to participate in a recognition event in honour of the 215 children discovered at the Kamloops Residential School which was organized by BC Hydro. All employees were invited to observe 215 seconds of silence at 2:15 (am and pm). AFDE has over 200 indigenous employees and received positive feedback about the initiative.

### Brian Hussain ATCO

- ATCO would like to echo the same sentiment as AFDE regarding the moments of silence. It was initiated by BC Hydro and taken to heart by ATCO. This was carried through to the entire company internationally.
- ATCO has a few job opportunities and is currently recruiting for an admin, kitchen and cleaning staff.

## Roundtable

A roundtable update occurred from the local community representatives:

- Dan Rose would like to see the number of employees from the Regional District on the higher side.
- The library in Chetwynd is \$1 million short in their fund-raising goal and is always looking for donations.

**ACTION** 2021-010 - Dave Conway to send Dan an email outlining Site C and BC Hydro funding. COMPLETE

## Next Steps & Closing

- BC Hydro will arrange a tour for September if COVID restrictions allow.
- September is a busy month; next meeting date is tentatively set for September 22.

RCLC ends 2:23pm