

Site C Construction Schedule: July 23 – August 5, 2022



The final concrete deck pour for Lynx Creek bridge as part of the Highway 29 realignment. See more photos in the [image gallery](#).

News and highlights

- The BC Environmental Assessment Office has approved Site C's amended truck hauling plan to haul glacial till from the 85th Avenue Industrial Lands to the dam site if the conveyor system is unavailable. Read more [here](#).

Dam site area – north bank and south bank

- Excavation of the approach channel, drilling and grouting, and underground works on the north and south drainage features are underway. Concrete placement in the approach channel has started.
- Powerhouse, spillway, and dam and core buttress construction continues. This includes concrete placements at the powerhouse, intakes, and spillways.
- The penstock deliveries are completed.
- Installation of the final penstock segments on the last unit have been completed.

- Gantry crane installation will start in August 2022 for headworks
- Powerhouse Balance of Plant; installation of cable tray and other electrical components has started on the generator floor. The mechanical contractor has started applying coatings in the draft tube cone access area.
- Installation of steel piles and tailrace excavation continue as part of the [right bank foundation enhancements](#). The piles extend the foundation further into the bedrock.
- Turbine and generator components and materials continue to be delivered to site, and some to storage, for future installation. To date, three of six turbines have arrived at site and the fourth turbine runner is being stored off-site. The remaining two runners will likely be delivered next winter when road conditions allow.
- Installation of turbine embedded parts continues in the powerhouse, and generator rotors are being assembled in the main service bay.
- Clearing and road construction activities to access aggregate sources on the south bank (Area E and Area 24) and north bank (Howe Pit) are underway.
- Construction of foundations for three 500-kilovolt transmission lines between the Site C Substation and the Site C Powerhouse will continue. Transmission tower assembly and installation will begin.

Highway 29 realignments

- [Visit our website](#) for Highway 29 schedules, maps, and construction updates.

Cache Creek East (596-metre-long bridge and six-kilometre-long highway realignment)

- Construction of the highway grade will continue, including processing, stockpiling and hauling of aggregates from Peaceview Pit.
- The installation of formwork and rebar will continue for the construction of the cast-in-place concrete bridge deck and cast-in-place parapets. The installation of the concrete bridge deck and parapets will occur in sections. This may require 24-hour operations.
- The construction of a new distribution line adjacent to the new highway alignment may occur.

Halfway River (1.05-kilometre-long bridge and a three-kilometre-long highway realignment)

- Earthworks on the east and west bridge approaches will continue, including asphalt paving.
- There will be single-lane alternating traffic and occasional traffic stoppages during removal of existing pavement and paving of tie-ins.
- Detours will be built to divert traffic onto the existing highway alignment.

Farrell Creek East (3.5-kilometre-long highway realignment)

- Construction will continue, including site clean-up, hydroseeding, and preparation of the paving surface for the top lift of asphalt. Paving may occur, pending availability of the paving subcontractor and good weather.

Farrell Creek (417-metre-long bridge and 1.9-kilometre-long highway realignment)

- The installation of formwork and rebar on the bridge deck will continue. This may require single-lane alternating traffic.
- Concrete pouring will occur on the bridge for the cast-in-place concrete deck and the parapets. This will occur in sections and may require 24-hour operations and single-lane alternating traffic. A highway closure may be required for one night to complete concrete pouring on the new bridge above the existing Highway 29 travel lanes.
- Construction of the earthworks for the east and west tie-ins will continue, including hauling of aggregates from Peaceview Pit and placement on the new highway alignment. There may be single-lane alternating traffic and occasional traffic stoppages during construction of the tie-ins.

Dry Creek (158-metre-long bridge and 1.5-kilometre-long highway realignment)

- Construction will continue, including the construction of future fish habitat, which involves placing, grading, and contouring gravels.
- The installation of drainage ditches, culverts, removal of unsuitable materials from the future roadbed and the hauling and placement of aggregates will occur.
- The removal of asphalt on the existing highway and preparation for paving and tying in the new alignment will occur. Asphalt paving of the new alignment may occur.

Lynx Creek (152-metre-long bridge and 8.5-kilometre-long highway realignment)

- Hauling and placing aggregates and riprap along the highway alignment will occur. Riprap will be hauled from Portage Mountain and stockpiled on site.
- Processing of aggregate adjacent to Highway 29 will continue. An asphalt plant will be brought to site and asphalt will be produced for Dry Creek, Farrell Creek East, and Lynx Creek paving.
- The construction of the cast-in-place parapets on the new Lynx Creek bridge will occur in multiple lifts. This may require 24-hour operations.
- The installation of a new distribution line on the new highway alignment may occur.
- The construction of the future Lynx Creek boat launch will continue.
- A detour may be built to divert traffic onto the new highway embankment to enable completion of the embankment.

Fish habitat construction near Old Fort

- Construction of the access road from the dam site to the island near the community of Old Fort, east of the dam site, will continue over the next month.
- Clearing of the regrowth vegetation on the island will be completed when water levels are allow for fording the back channel.
- In river excavation will not start until prep work is completed on the island.

Hudson's Hope shoreline protection berm

- The [construction of a 2.6-kilometre-long berm](#) to protect the shoreline of Hudson's Hope is in progress. Work includes hauling and placing of berm filter, berm fill and riprap to bring the berm up to the design elevation. Riprap will be hauled to site from Portage Mountain Quarry and Commotion Creek Quarry near Chetwynd.
- Hauling and placement of stockpiled aggregate on the berm will continue.
- The installation of piping and other materials for a future reservoir water intake will occur.
- The installation of drainage ditches and culverts will continue.
- The restoration of a borrow pit on the berm site will continue, including grading, placement of topsoil and hydroseeding.
- Water quality monitoring has been installed in the Peace River and a swift water rescue team is operating in the river during the work. Boaters are asked to obey signage and stay clear of the work area for safety reasons.

We continue to work with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding the road maintenance of Canyon Drive.

Gas monitoring station

- On July 8, 2022, BC Hydro deposited a *No Interference Notification of Work* to Transport Canada (Registry #5967) under the Canadian Navigable Waters Act for the installation of a total dissolved gas monitoring station in the Peace River.
- The monitoring equipment will be located approximately seven kilometres downstream from the Site C dam and will be marked with a yellow buoy.

- Installation is expected to begin August 20, 2022.
- The equipment will be secured to shore below the highwater mark and will be removed from the Peace River on May 1, 2024.
- The submission can be found on the [Common Project Search Registry](#).

Portage Mountain Quarry

- Rock hauling will occur from the Portage Mountain Quarry stockpile areas to the Highway 29 construction site at Lynx Creek.

Reservoir area

- Field investigations may occur.
- Road maintenance and log hauling may occur on the south bank of the Peace River.
- Construction of fish habitat on the south bank of the Peace River near Maurice Creek will occur, including site preparation, gravel hauling and in river placement of material.
- Construction of a new Halfway River crossing for the existing transmission line will occur and involves access upgrades and foundation installation.

Transmission works

- Work will continue on tower foundation painting, welding and reclamation works.

Halfway River East Boat Launch

- Crews and equipment will mobilize to the Halfway River east boat launch site to begin construction. This will include mobilization of equipment and materials to site, stripping of the site and existing organics, and development of a disposal area for unsuitable soils.

Other areas

- Vegetation clearing has begun for the construction of access roads on the north shore of the Peace River, east of the dam site. This will support the creation of fish habitat this summer and fall.
- An increase in the number of watering trucks has begun, as well as the use of a suppression treatment product on gravel roads to mitigate dust concerns.

COVID-19 update

- The project continues to work with Northern Health to monitor the latest developments of the COVID-19 pandemic to help prevent the spread of the virus on the project, additional information is updated on our website [here](#).
- The shuttle service, which was suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 resumed at the beginning of April 2022, operating between ATCO Two Rivers Lodge and Fort St. John.

What to expect

Work will take place during the day, night, and on the weekend, until the project is completed. During this time, residents can expect:

Boating

- The Peace River near the dam site is permanently closed to boater traffic. Being on or near the water around the Site C construction area presents a serious safety risk to river users. Boaters are urged to stay away from the area and observe and obey all signage and beacons. [Read more.](#)

Traffic – please use caution and obey safety signage

- **Old Fort Road:** Near Gate B to the dam site, drivers may encounter loose gravel and increased commercial traffic. Due to equipment delivery, there may be [occasional short road closures](#) along Old Fort Road.
- **Highway 29:** Construction-related equipment will travel along Highway 29 and Highway 97. Drivers on the road are reminded to travel at a safe distance behind construction vehicles particularly near the Highway 29 road realignment sections. Learn more at [drivebc.ca](#).
- **Other areas:** Trucks with heavy loads will be accessing the dam site and other project areas, using public and resource roads.

Equipment, noise, vibration, and visibility

- Helicopters and commercial drones may be used to support investigative, and construction works.
- Some noise and vibration may occur near the dam site and work areas, including the quarries.
- There may be smoke and lower visibility in areas where wood debris burning is occurring.

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