

Site C—Culture and Heritage Resources Committee

Throughout the Site C project, BC Hydro is working with Indigenous communities to find ways to mitigate impacts to cultural resources, wildlife and the environment. One way we're doing this is through the Culture & Heritage Resources Committee (CHRC) which brings together members from B.C. and Alberta communities impacted by Site C to discuss mitigation measures for impacts to culture and heritage resources. Representatives oversee and participate in initiatives which showcase the unique culture of Indigenous communities in the Peace River Valley. The CHRC was established in 2015 as a condition of the environmental assessment of the project.

OBJECTIVES

- Identifying and naming of key cultural sites;
- Documenting historical use of the area, including trails, sites and stories;
- Commemoration of sites lost to inundation;
- Increasing cultural awareness and orientation of the workforce; and
- Providing support for cultural camps through financial or in-kind support.

PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN

These projects help to share Indigenous communities cultural knowledge and practices with the public, their own communities as well as BC Hydro.

Calendar of community events

Creation of community events calendar to share with the public; opportunity to attend and participate in community cultural events.

Travelling exhibit

Compiles history and culture of the Indigenous communities in the Peace region through stories, visuals and artifacts. The exhibit is a result of collaboration, information and stories provided by CHRC representatives.

Video project

Shares the Indigenous communities' perspectives on the Site C project including their own history and place in the Peace Region as well as how they'll move forward together. CHRC representatives directed the approach and appear on camera to tell the story of their history, their people and their vision for the future.

Site C public viewpoint signage

Documents the historical use of Peace River Valley and builds awareness within the region and for visitors to the Peace. The viewpoint is open to the public and directions and opening hours can be found at sitecproject.com.

Peace River boat tours

Community representatives had opportunities to view the valley from the river and witness Site C construction and clearing activities and areas of cultural significance.

INITIATIVES HAVE ALSO INCLUDED

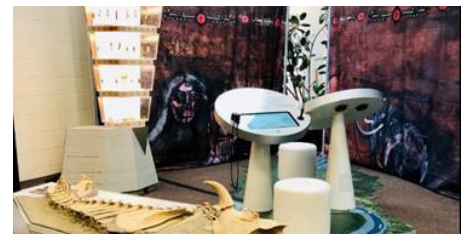
- \$30K funding allocation per Indigenous Group to support commemoration activities;
- Discussions of exhibits in Indigenous communities, at the Fort St. John museum or other locations;
- Exploring the feasibility of a cultural centre at or near the Site C project.

Still have questions?

Look for updates on social media or contact Alicia Christie, Relationship Lead, BC Hydro at alicia.christie@bchydro.com or 250 271 0021

Participating groups

- Blueberry River First Nations
- Dene Tha' First Nation
- Doig River First Nation
- Duncan's First Nation
- Halfway River First Nation
- Horse Lake First Nation
- Kelly Lake Métis Settlement Society/Apetokosan Nation
- McLeod Lake Indian Band
- Métis Nation B.C.
- Prophet River First Nation
- Saulteau First Nations



Travelling exhibit



Viewpoint signage

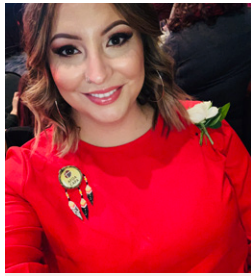
Quick facts

- First meeting held July 30, 2015
- 29 meetings have been held to date (23 in-person, 6 virtual)
- 6 site visits conducted including 1 river boat tour

MEMBERS OF THE SITE C CULTURE AND HERITAGE RESOURCES COMMITTEE



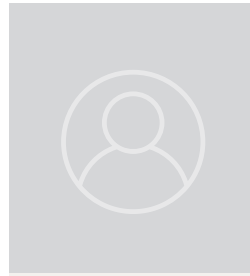
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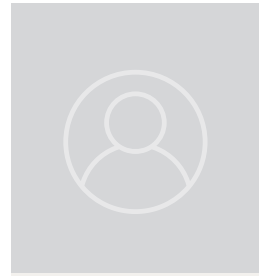
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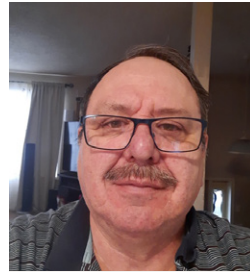
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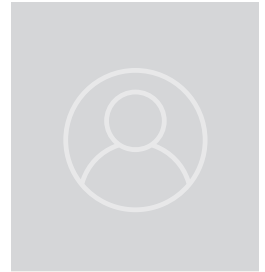
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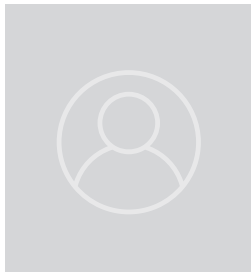
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