

*The following letter was sent to Aboriginal communities in early July about Site C construction activities.*

July 8, 2015

**Re: Notice of Site C Construction Activities**

We are writing to provide you with an overview of the proposed site preparation construction activities that will be starting in summer.

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

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**BC Hydro is planning to commence construction of the Project in mid to late July 2015.**

As detailed below, the initial activities will be relatively limited. Construction activities will start to increase through August, particularly in the dam site area. Some of these activities are subject to BC Hydro obtaining permits, authorizations, licences or other government approvals necessary to proceed with the work.

**Mid-to-Late July**

The following construction-related activities are expected to begin approximately mid to late July:

- Some vegetation and tree clearing on the north bank of the dam site area away from the river. The main focus will be clearing to accommodate roads on the north bank. This work will take place on land owned by BC Hydro.
- An access gate will be installed on the north bank of the dam site area away from the river, including some fencing in the area of the gate. This work will take place on land owned by BC Hydro.
- Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) may begin road improvements to public roads accessing the north bank of the dam site.
- CN Rail may begin constructing a new rail siding near the existing Septimus siding on the CN property on the south bank.

In addition to these construction activities, BC Hydro will begin the installation of signs around the dam site area on land owned by BC Hydro and project security personnel will begin monitoring the site. Also, a patrol safety boat will be present on the Peace River near the dam site.

## August

In early August, construction activities will increase. In addition to the activities identified above, site preparation activities in August are expected to include:

- The construction of the worker accommodation camp on the north bank of the dam site area on land owned by BC Hydro. The work in August will primarily involve mobilization to site, the removal of vegetation, site grading and the set-up of a temporary camp.
- Selective clearing of key work areas on the south bank of the dam site area to accommodate road upgrades and access to aggregate to be used for road construction.
- The start of construction of roads on the north and south bank of the dam site area.
- The start of excavation work and the relocation of materials on the north bank lands within the dam site area.
- Clearing and the start of development of the Wuthrich Quarry.
- Possibly some work within the existing MOTI West Pine Quarry.
- Start of upgrades to the existing electricity distribution lines in and around the north bank dam site area lands.

## What to Expect July to August

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, starting in summer 2015, 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 starts on the north bank of the dam site area.

## 10-Year Construction Schedule

The attached Preliminary Construction Schedule provides an overview of the **10-year schedule of construction activities**, including roads and highways, dam site area, Peace River/reservoir area, transmission lines, Hudson's Hope shoreline protection, and transport of off-site materials. The schedule is indicative only and is subject to change. In addition to these construction activities, air quality monitoring and field studies are ongoing. BC Hydro will continue to provide monthly field study notices of these activities.

## 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 and sign up to receive construction updates by email at: [sitecproject.com](http://sitecproject.com)
- Follow us on Twitter: @sitecproject
- Call our construction information telephone line at: 1-877-217-0777
- Email us at: [sitec@bchydro.com](mailto:sitec@bchydro.com)
- Visit our Community Consultation Office in Fort St. John or Hudson's Hope

## Open House Schedule

Open Houses have been scheduled to provide residents and the community with an update on construction planning. A schedule is provided below and you are invited and welcome to attend.

Community	Date and Time	Location
Taylor	Wednesday, July 8, 2015 6:00PM to 8:30PM	Taylor Community Hall 9896 Cherry Ave W Taylor, BC
Fort St. John	Thursday, July 9, 2015 6:00PM to 8:30PM	Pomeroy Hotel and Conference Centre 11308 Alaska Road Fort St. John, BC
Hudson's Hope	Tuesday, July 14, 2015 6:00PM to 8:30PM	Pearkes Centre 10801 Dudley Drive Hudson's Hope, BC
Chetwynd	Wednesday, July 15, 2015 6:00PM to 8:30PM	Recreation Centre 4552 North Access Road Chetwynd, BC
Dawson Creek	Thursday, July 16, 2015 6:00PM to 8:30PM	Fixx Urban Grill (Stonebridge Hotel) 512 Highway 2 Dawson Creek, BC

We would also be happy to come to your community to discuss the upcoming work in more detail and to hear from you how best to communicate construction-related information with your community going forward.