

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

September 15, 2015

Re: Notice of Site C Construction Activities: October through December 2015

BC Hydro values its relationship with Aboriginal groups. As part of our continued engagement through the construction of Site C, we are providing regular updates and information on construction activities. We have been providing these notifications on a monthly basis during the first three months of construction. Moving forward, we intend to provide notifications once every three months both to provide Aboriginal groups with more advance notice of planned activities and to reduce the number of notices. This letter follows the notification provided last month describing the activities taking place in September.

For the period of October through December 2015, construction activities will continue at the dam site area, on public roads, and at the West Pine and Wuthrich quarries. 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.

October through December 2015

The following construction-related activities are expected to commence, continue or be completed in October through December 2015:

Dam Site Area

- Clearing: Vegetation and tree clearing at the dam site on the north bank and south bank will continue.
- Access roads at the dam site: Construction of new access roads at the dam site on north bank and south bank will continue.
- Excavations in the Peace River: Work is planned to commence in October upon receipt of required authorizations.
- Worker accommodation: Construction of the worker accommodation camp on the north bank of the dam site will continue.
- Peace River Construction Bridge: Construction work is planned to commence in October upon receipt of the required authorizations.

- Excavation and material relocation: Excavations on the north bank will continue, and materials will be relocated to the designated site on the north bank, or used in road construction and improvement.
- New rail siding: Construction of a new rail siding near the existing CN Rail Septimus Siding will continue.
- Distribution lines: Upgrades to the existing electricity distribution lines on the north bank including upgrades to the existing Fort St. John substation, and installation of new distribution lines on the south bank of the dam site will commence.
- Transmission lines: Modification of existing transmission line poles on the south bank, in order to provide clearance for construction access will commence, and is planned to be complete in November.
- Dam site security: Installation of security fences, gates and guard houses will continue, and is planned to be complete in December.

Public Roads and Highways

- Public road improvements: Improvement of public roads on the north bank will continue. The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) will continue to upgrade the public roads including 240 Road, 269 Road, 271 Road and Old Fort Road. The work is currently planned to be substantially completed by November.

Peace River/ Reservoir

- Public safety buoys: Installation of the safety buoys on the Peace River is planned to commence upon receipt of required authorizations.
- Clearing (east end of reservoir): Vegetation and tree clearing in the area in and around the confluence of the Moberly River and along the Peace River is planned to commence in December.

Production and Transport of Materials

- West Pine and Wuthrich Quarries: Production of riprap for use in dam site road construction will continue.

What to Expect in October through December:

During site preparation work, the following can be expected:

- There will be additional truck traffic in the Fort St. John and Old Fort areas as construction crews travel to and from 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.
- Early morning and/or night shifts may be scheduled, in addition to shifts on the weekends.

- 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.
- There will be construction work starting in and around the Peace River within the dam site.
- The public safety buoys, once installed across the Peace River upstream and downstream of the Dam Site Area, will mark and notify boaters of the dam site construction area and boating restrictions. Until further notice, boaters will be able to pass through the public safety buoys and travel through the dam site construction area, but will not have shoreline access within the dam site construction area.

Communications Forum

BC Hydro is very interested in your feedback on how best to communicate with your community regarding ongoing construction activities.

We would like to hear your thoughts and suggestions on a Communications Forum that would meet twice annually to inform Aboriginal groups of construction-related activities. We are proposing to schedule an initial Communications Forum meeting this fall in Fort St. John. At the meeting we would discuss topics such as construction activities and schedule; mitigation, management and monitoring plans; key values and concerns; and site visits and ground-truthing. An invitation to participate in this Forum will be provided in the coming weeks, and we look forward to meeting face-to-face for this discussion.

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 <https://www.sitecproject.com/construction-activities/construction-bulletins> to view weekly construction notices. You may sign-up on our website to receive these weekly updates by email.
- 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