

PROJECT UPDATE

MARCH 2014

Site C Joint Review Panel Public Hearing Concludes

The Joint Review Panel held a Public Hearing over five weeks commencing December 9, 2013 and concluding on January 23, 2014. There were 26 hearing days in five communities in the Peace region – Fort St. John, Hudson's Hope, Dawson Creek, Town of Peace River, AB as well as Prince George – and in six First Nations communities – West Moberly, Saulteau, McLeod Lake, Doig River, Halfway River and Blueberry River.

BC Hydro's [closing submission](#) was filed with the Joint Review Panel, and final written submissions from all interested parties were due February 3, 2014, concluding the official record and public hearing process.

The Joint Review Panel's Report with recommendations is expected to be submitted to the federal and provincial governments this spring. Government decisions with respect to environmental certification of Site C are expected in fall 2014.

Community Agreements Reached with Chetwynd and Taylor

BC Hydro is pleased to have concluded agreements with the [District of Chetwynd](#) and the [District of Taylor](#) announced in December 2013 and January 2014 respectively. Under the terms of these community agreements, BC Hydro commits to specific mitigation measures during the project's construction and operations phase that are important to each of the communities, including measures that provide lasting benefits to the Peace region. Discussions are continuing with other regional communities and First Nations, where appropriate.

These community agreements are in addition to the Site C [Regional Legacy Benefits Agreement](#) between BC Hydro and the Peace River Regional District (PRRD) announced in June 2013. As part of the legacy benefits agreement, the PRRD and its member municipalities would receive \$2.4 million annually – indexed to inflation – for 70 years, starting when Site C is operational.

Upcoming Procurement Activities

Procurement planning is underway for the Site C project, with the qualifications stage for Worker Accommodation initiated on March 4, 2014. Procurement for Main Civil Works is expected to commence this spring.

Initiating procurements in parallel with the environmental assessment process is common practice in order to maintain project schedule. Project construction will not take place unless Site C receives environmental certification, regulatory permits and authorizations, and approvals to proceed.

The [Worker Accommodation](#) contract opportunity includes the design, construction, partial financing, operation and maintenance of two temporary accommodations, one located on the north bank and one on the south bank of the Peace River.

[Main Civil Works](#) is expected to be the largest construction contract, and will include construction of the earthfill dam, the roller-compacted concrete buttress and the diversion tunnels, as well as excavation and bank stabilization activities.

The [procurement approach](#) for Site C consists of a number of large contracts for the major project components, and multiple smaller contracts.

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