Site C Construction Schedule: November 27 – December 10

The provincial government has asked the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) to review the Site C project. The review began on Aug. 9, 2017. As per the terms of reference, the BCUC delivered its preliminary report on the project on Sept. 20, 2017 and released its final report on Nov. 1, 2017. Construction and procurement activities continued during the review; however, no major contract awards will be made until the government has made a decision.

Dam site area and reservoir – north (left) bank and south (right) bank

- Drilling and the installation of geotechnical instrumentation will continue.
- Excavation will continue on the north and south banks.
- Work will continue on the south bank drainage tunnel. This includes drilling and blasting.
- The turbines and generators contractor will continue operations at their on-site manufacturing facility. The contractor will continue to mobilize material and equipment to this work area.
- Site preparation will continue for the Site C substation.
- Work may continue to lower an abandoned wellbore on the south bank.
- Aggregate will be crushed and stockpiled on the south bank.
- Excavated surplus material will be relocated to various locations within the dam site.
- In-river excavation will occur.
- Road maintenance activities will continue, as required.
- Wood waste may be chipped, mulched or burned at the dam site and the lower and eastern reservoir areas. A helicopter may be used to support this activity. Wood waste may be transported off site by truck.

Other work areas

- Work will continue to complete upgrades and maintenance for existing access roads and resource roads that provide access to the transmission line right-of-way.
- Wood waste may be chipped, mulched or burned in and around the transmission line right-of-way. Wood waste may be transported to local mills by truck.
- Upgrade work may begin inside the substation building at Peace Canyon generating station.
- Site preparation activities will continue at the 85th Avenue Industrial Lands.
- Aggregate and riprap production will continue in West Pine Quarry, where material will be transported by rail.

What to expect

While this work takes place, local residents can expect the following:

- There will be truck traffic on public roads as the hauling of materials, equipment, rock and timber
continues. This will include increased industrial traffic on resource roads and public roads from Chetwynd leading to the dam site on the south bank.

- Some noise and vibration may occur in the vicinity of the dam site and in all other work areas, including West Pine Quarry.
- Day, night and weekend shifts are anticipated for the duration of the project.
- For boater and worker safety, boats will need to stay clear of active in-river work areas. These areas are clearly identified with signage and markings.
- Helicopters and commercial drones may be used to support investigative works.

Note: In BC Hydro’s technical documents, the north bank may be referred to as the left bank and the south bank may be referred to as the right bank.