

## Site C Construction Schedule: October 30 – November 12, 2021



The first segment of the new Highway 29 realignment is now open to traffic at Farrell Creek East. See more project photos in the [image gallery](#).

### News and highlights

- BC Hydro has contributed \$12,500 to support two Peace Region non-profit groups through the Site C project's Generate Opportunities (GO) Fund. [Learn more](#).
- Check out our latest [drone video](#) to see the dam, powerhouse, spillways, transmission lines, reservoir clearing and Highway 29 re-alignment taking shape.
- BC Hydro will resume debris burning in Site C project areas this fall, pending suitable venting and ground conditions. [Learn more](#).

## COVID-19 update

- Information about the number of active COVID-19 cases, the number of people in isolation, and the overall number of cases at Site C continues to be updated on our website [here](#).

## Dam site area – north bank and south bank

- Excavation of the approach channel, drilling and grouting, and underground works on the north and south drainage features are underway. Placement of dam core material continues.
- Powerhouse and spillway construction continues. This includes concrete placements at the powerhouse, intakes and spillway, installation of penstock segments, and cladding of the steel super-structure for the powerhouse.
- Installation of steel piles has commenced as part of the [right bank foundation enhancements](#). The piles extend the foundation further into the bedrock.
- The turbines and generators contractor continues to deliver components and materials to site for storage and installation. The contractor continues to install the turbine-embedded components for all six units, and pre-assembly of larger components is ongoing in the main service bay of the powerhouse. The remaining four turbine runners are scheduled to be delivered to Prince Rupert mid-November and to site in early 2022.
- Penstock deliveries will occur on November 4, 8 and 11 resulting in night-time traffic delays on Old Fort Road. Check [our website](#) for the latest delivery schedule.
- Work continues on the Site C transmission line right-of-way above the substation to install drainage and foundation improvements.
- Caution should be exercised at the shoreline upstream of the dam site area due to the headpond. Water levels could increase or decrease rapidly without warning. Learn more about headpond formation: [siteproject.com/diversion](#).

## Hudson's Hope shoreline protection berm

- The [construction of a 2.6-kilometre-long berm](#) to protect the shoreline of Hudson's Hope is in progress. Work includes placing berm fill and rip-rap to bring the berm up to the design elevation. Riprap may be hauled to site from West Pine Quarry, Portage Mountain Quarry and other commercial quarries west of Chetwynd.
- Excavation, crushing and stockpiling of aggregate within the berm site will occur.
- The berm is expected to be complete by summer 2022.
- Water quality monitoring has been installed in the Peace River and a swift water rescue team is operating in the river during the work. Boaters are asked to obey signage and stay clear of the work area for safety reasons.
- BC Hydro continues to work with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding the road maintenance of Canyon Drive.

## Portage Mountain Quarry

- Processing and stockpiling of rip-rap will continue.
- Rock hauling will continue from the Portage Mountain Quarry and stockpile areas to the berm worksite and to work areas along Highway 29.

## Highway 29 realignments

- [Visit our website](#) for Highway 29 schedules, maps and construction updates.

### *Cache Creek East (596-metre-long bridge and six-kilometre-long highway realignment)*

- Construction of the highway grade is wrapping up for the season and equipment is being demobilized until next spring.
- Installation of bridge foundations continues, including concrete bridge piers and bridge abutments.
- Steel bridge girders will continue to be delivered and assembled on site.
- A large crane will be delivered and assembled on site to be used for steel girder installation.

### *Halfway River (1.05-kilometre-long bridge and a three-kilometre-long highway realignment)*

- The contractor will demobilize from site until next spring.

### *Farrell Creek East (3.5-kilometre-long highway realignment)*

- Traffic has been moved onto the new highway alignment. Line painting on the new alignment will occur as weather permits.
- Drainage works will occur including ditching and the installation of culverts.

### *Farrell Creek (417-metre-long bridge and 1.9-kilometre-long highway realignment)*

- Concrete bridge pier foundation construction continues, including the installation of rebar, formwork and pouring of concrete. The installation of bridge bearings on the foundations may occur.
- Construction of the highway alignment and tie-ins is wrapping up for the season.
- Site reclamation will occur, including hydra-seeding.
- Steel girders will be delivered and stored on the site. Steel girder installation may begin.
- Single lane alternating traffic will be required periodically.

### *Dry Creek (158-metre-long bridge and 1.5-kilometre-long highway realignment)*

- Current activities include the construction of the concrete bridge deck, and grading and drainage works on the new alignment.
- Concrete bridge deck construction will occur, including installation of formwork and rebar. Concrete will be poured in multiple lifts, and may require 24/7 operation.
- Grading and drainage works will occur along the alignment including stripping of topsoil, removal of unsuitable material, placement of aggregate and ditching.

### *Lynx Creek (152-metre-long bridge and 8.5-kilometre-long highway realignment)*

- Highway construction continues, including removal of unsuitable material, placement of geotextile fabric, and placement of aggregate materials extracted from Gates Island and borrow sources within the work site.
- The installation of steel bridge girders on the concrete foundations will be completed and the crane demobilized. The delivery of pre-cast concrete deck may occur.
- A traffic detour at the east end of the work site has been completed and will be in place until 2022. Periodic traffic stoppages will occur to allow off-highway haul trucks to cross the highway.
- Clearing and mulching of trees and vegetation adjacent to Highway 29 will occur.

## Reservoir area

- Road construction and logging activities are occurring between Cache Creek and Peace Canyon on the north and south banks of the Peace River and on its islands. Boats and helicopters are being used to support clearing activities. Merchantable timber is being hauled to local mills in Chetwynd, Fort St John and/or Dawson Creek.
- Burning and processing of waste wood may resume in Site C project areas this month. Burning will only occur when venting and ground conditions are suitable.
- Field investigations may occur.

## Transmission works

- Conductor stringing will temporarily cease until the end of November, when the transmission line contractor will mobilize to the dam site to continue conductor stringing.
- Surveying, foundation painting, site clean-up and restoration activities will continue.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

Work will take place during the day, night, and on the weekend, until the project is completed. During this time, residents can expect:

### Boating

- The Peace River near the dam site is permanently closed to boater traffic. Being on or near the water around the Site C construction area presents a serious safety risk to river users. Boaters are urged to stay away from the area and observe and obey all signage and beacons.

### Traffic – please use caution and obey safety signage

- **Old Fort Road:** Near Gate B to the dam site, drivers may encounter loose gravel and increased commercial traffic. Due to equipment delivery, there may be [occasional short road closures](#) along Old Fort Road.
- **Highway 29:** Construction-related equipment will travel along Highway 29 and Highway 97. Drivers on the road are reminded to travel at a safe distance behind construction vehicles particularly near the Highway 29 road realignment sections. Learn more at [drivebc.ca](http://drivebc.ca).
- **Other areas:** Trucks with heavy loads will be accessing the dam site and other project areas, using public and resource roads.

### Equipment, noise, vibration and visibility

- Heavy machinery will be in the transmission line corridor. Please stay clear of the work areas.
- Helicopters and commercial drones may be used to support investigative and construction works.
- Some noise and vibration may occur near the dam site and work areas, including the quarries.
- There may be smoke and lower visibility in areas where wood debris burning is occurring.

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