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Re: EAC amendment to haul material during conveyor repair periods

Dear neighbour,

We're writing to let you know that BC Hydro will be applying for an amendment to our Site C Environmental Assessment Certificate, related to the movement of materials from the 85th Avenue Industrial Lands to the dam site.

Our main method of moving materials to site is by conveyor system. The five-kilometre-long conveyor began operating in 2019 and is used between April and October every year.

While we still plan to use the conveyor to move the vast majority of the material needed for the dam, this amendment would let us use trucks to haul the material during times when the conveyor belt is unavailable.

Having this contingency plan helps us maintain our schedule when the conveyor is being repaired.

Truck hauling is expected to take place up to 10 days each year

We expect that the conveyor will be undergoing maintenance for approximately 10 days a year. During this time, the till material will be hauled by truck.

Durations of hauling would vary, based on the type of conveyor interruption (e.g. planned maintenance vs unplanned repairs). At a maximum, truck hauling would occur from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m, except during school bus hours, on the days the conveyor is not working.

Hauling would also only take place between April and October each year, which is the same period that the conveyor operates.

Though **very unlikely**, a worst-case-scenario break down could require up to 61 return truck trips per hour for an extended period of time. In this very unlikely event, the hauling would take place up to seven days a week for 12 hours a day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Safety is our top priority

You will be fully informed before hauling begins. The communication will include information on hours and duration of work, vehicle volumes, safety considerations, mitigation measures and BC Hydro contact information.

In addition, a range of safety and traffic management measures will be put in place, which could include:

- Traffic management personnel
- Signage
- Reduced speeds
- Restricted hauling during school bus hours

We're working closely with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to make sure that we comply with all rules and regulations.

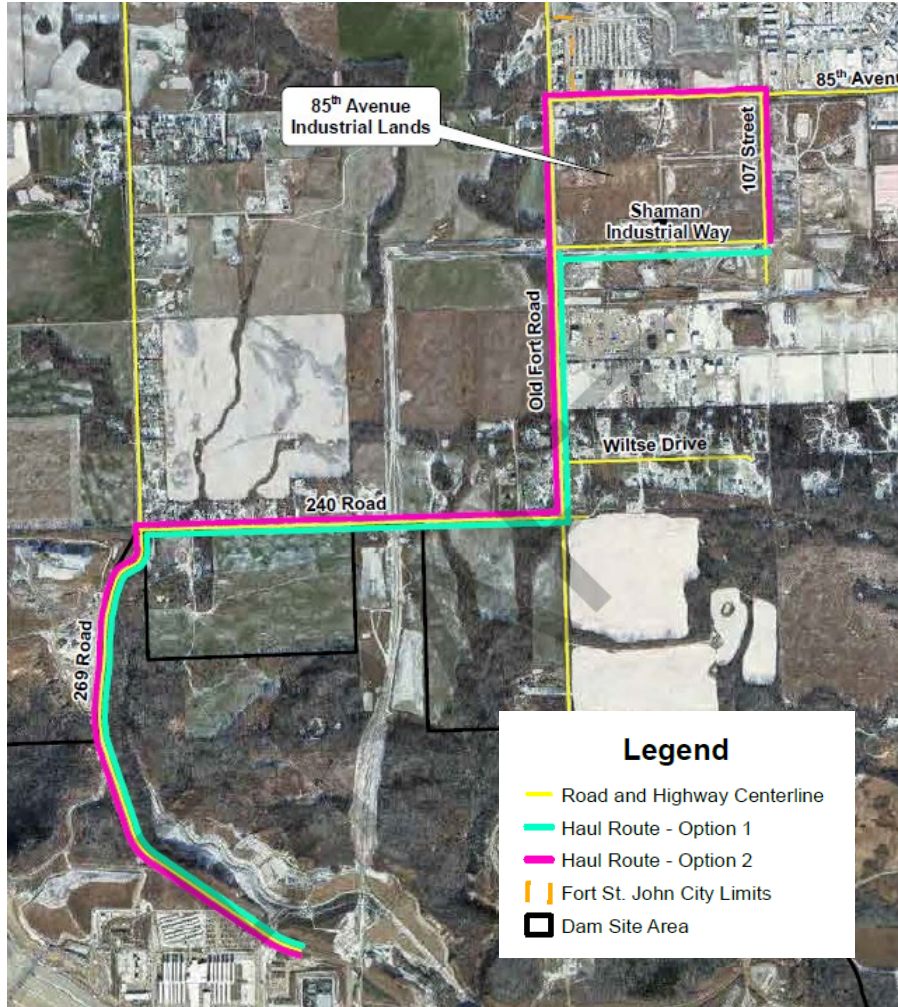
We'll also monitor road conditions and work with the ministry to repair any damage caused by truck traffic.

Opportunities for input

We're currently asking for feedback on this draft amendment from local governments, First Nations and stakeholders to ensure their input is reflected in our final application.

Once we've filed our final amendment, the B.C. Environmental Assessment Office will notify BC Hydro of the requirements for public input.

Two routes are being proposed



We will provide more information to you about the amendment and future opportunities for input. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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