

Site C Clean Energy Project

Regional Community Liaison Committee Meeting

Meeting Summary
June 15, 2022, 1:00 to 3:30 pm
Video Conference Call

ATTENDEES <i>Regional Community Liaison Committee Members</i>	<p>Director Brad Sperling, Chair & Area C, Peace River Regional District</p> <p>Director Dan Rose, Area E, Peace River Regional District</p> <p>Director Karen Goodings, Area B, Peace River Regional District</p> <p>Mayor Rob Fraser, District of Taylor</p> <p>Mayor Dave Heiberg, District of Hudson's Hope</p> <p>Margaret McDonald, McLeod Lake Indian Band</p> <p>Moira Green, CAO, District of Taylor</p> <p>Bob Gammer, BC Hydro</p> <p>Jerry Muir, BC Hydro</p> <p>Chris Waite, BC Hydro</p> <p>Katrina Kelly, BC Hydro</p> <p>Karen von Muehldorfer, BC Hydro</p> <p>Greg Scarborough, BC Hydro</p> <p>James Thomas, BC Hydro</p> <p>Ben Rauscher, BC Hydro</p> <p>Kate O'Neil, BC Hydro</p> <p>Lisa Clement, BC Hydro</p> <p>Wendy Laluk, BC Hydro</p>
INVITED GUESTS	
ATTENDED	<p>Troy Van Bostelen, AFDE</p> <p>Jim Morgan, ATCO</p>
ABSENT WITH REGRET	<p>Ranish Shakya, Blueberry River First Nations</p> <p>Carol Newsom, CAO, District of Chetwynd</p> <p>Mayor Allan Courtoreille, District of Chetwynd</p> <p>Mayor Dale Bumstead, City of Dawson Creek</p> <p>Blair Lekstrom, CAO, City of Dawson Creek</p> <p>Jennifer McCracken, Doig River First Nation</p> <p>Milo MacDonald, CAO, City of Fort St. John</p> <p>Mokles Rahman, CAO, District of Hudson's Hope</p> <p>Naiomi McKinnon, McLeod Lake Indian Band</p> <p>Stephanie Rocheleau, Land & Stewardship Director, McLeod Lake Indian Band</p> <p>Dan Davies, MLA, Peace River North</p>

	<p>Tamara Wilkinson, Constituency Assistant, Peace River North</p> <p>Mike Bernier, MLA, Peace River South</p> <p>Lisa Ward, Constituency Assistant, Peace River South</p> <p>Danielle Veach, Village of Pouce Coupe</p> <p>Mayor Keith Bertrand, District of Tumbler Ridge</p> <p>Jennifer Thompson, CAO, District of Tumbler Ridge</p> <p>Adriana DaCosta, MOTI</p> <p>Chief Justin Napoleon, Saulneau First Nations</p> <p>Director Leonard Hiebert, Area D, Peace River Regional District</p> <p>Mayor Lori Ackerman, City of Fort St. John</p> <p>Shawn Dahlen – CAO, Peace River Regional District</p> <p>Jamie Bodnarchuk, PRHP</p>
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Documents Distributed for the December meeting:

- RCLC Meeting Agenda
- RCLC Presentation Slides
- RCLC Action Item Log
- RCLC Q4 Business Report
- RCLC March 16, 2022 Meeting Notes

Opening / Welcome

- Bob welcomed all attendees.
- Acknowledgement of traditional territories of members and speakers.

Review of Agenda & Action Items

Bob reviewed the agenda and action items along with the status of each item.

BC Hydro Project Update

Dam On-site Construction Update

Chris Waite provided updates about on-site construction activities.

- Mayor Fraser asked what happens to the Styrofoam forms once they are used.
 - Chris will confirm if the forms are reused or recycled.

ACTION 2022-005 – Chris Waite to confirm how the polystyrene (Styrofoam) forms on the buttress are disposed of, or if they can be reused, or recycled.

- Director Goodings enquired about the use of concrete and diesel fuel and asked how long it would take for Site C to become a clean energy project. Director Goodings asked if construction impacts to the environment taken into consideration at the start of the project.

- Karen von Muehldorfer confirmed that all construction activities were considered and included in the EIS and can be found in the green house gas emissions section.

Off-Site Construction

Katrina Kelly provided an update on off-site activities.

- Chair Sperling asked if the pavement on the old highway sections will be ground up.
 - Katrina will find out the information and inform the committee.

ACTION 2022-006 – Katrina Kelly to confirm how old highway sections will be removed.

EAC Amendment Update

Karen von Muehldorfer provided an update on the Halfway River boat launch and 85th Avenue industrial lands contingency hauling.

- Mayor Fraser enquired about the new Conservation Officer position and wondered if it would be for the Peace area, or specifically for Site C.
 - Karen explained that the position would be dedicated to the Peace River Valley.

Fish Habitat Enhancement

Katrina Kelly and Greg Scarborough provided an update on the Fish Habitat Enhancement projects.

- Chair Sperling asked how the land will be put back into production after the creation of the habitat at Wilder Creek.
 - James Thomas will find out the information and inform the committee.

ACTION 2022-007 – James Thomas to confirm how the land will be put back to use at Wilder Creek.

Peace Region Aggregate Resources

Director Karen Goodings reiterated that not any type of gravel can be used to create roads in the Peace as it must meet MOTI specifications. Karen is glad that BC Hydro recognizes how important it is.

BC Hydro sent a letter regarding aggregate to the RCLC and Mayor Fraser feels it has created more questions.

Mayor Fraser, Director Goodings and Mayor Heiberg would like to request a separate meeting outside of the RCLC meetings to discuss aggregate in depth.

ACTION 2022-008 – Bob Gammer to arrange answers to the questions that the group has.

Job and Business Update

Kate O'Neil presented the job and business update.

Contractor Updates

Troy Van Bostelen – AFDE

- AFDE has sponsored many community events in which employees also volunteer their time. Recently ATCO supported the Vertical Slam, the Sparks Womens Conference, Fort St. John Literacy Society as well as the Fort St. John Feline Rescue Society. The work ATCO does in the community is posted on www.afde.ca in the news section.
- AFDE has supported the Youth Trades Expedition with several coordinators out today. It was fantastic to have AFDE employees participate in the event.
- AFDE has placed over half a million cubic meters of concrete with 75,000 left to go. Only one more penstock section is left to be delivered to site which will be the last road closure.
 - Rob Fraser thanked Troy for all the work AFDE does to turn out professional and qualified workers, it is a success story.
- Troy explained that it is a joy working on a long project such as Site C as it allows AFDE to take workers with no experience and develop them to become red seal journeymen. There are success stories on the AFDE website that Wendy can distribute to the committee.

ACTION 2022-009 – Wendy to distribute AFDE success stories to the committee.

Jim Morgan ATCO

- ATCO is wrapping up an Indigenous Trades Expedition in coordination with BC Hydro's Sharon McLeod. The youth involved are not quite ready to enter the workforce, but they are getting a glimpse of the jobs and environment as they tour around the site and spend a night in camp. It has been wonderful to work with the various contractors on site as everyone is supporting this effort.
- ATCO added more accommodations in 2020 and this section is now ready to accept workers as occupation numbers have risen. After COVID, all services have resumed and camp life is returning to normal. Workers are happy to hit the gym and dining room without restrictions and to socialize once again. BC Hydro and Northern Health have been very helpful in getting our operations back to normal.
 - Dan Rose asked how many workers are local.
- Jim responded that 52% of ATCO workers are local and there should be a spike in numbers as graduation classes join the workforce shortly. ATCO attends local job fairs to increase the hiring of local workers.

Roundtable

Bob asked the local community representatives if they had an update to share:

- Director Rose asked if BC Hydro was having trouble with the river debris catchers on site
 - Chris Waite explained that the debris booms in the Peace River look fine and are operating as usual. Anything that has come down the river has been cleared quickly.
- Karen Goodings reminded Bob Gammer that she is still awaiting a response from an email last fall regarding outages. The crops in Area B are growing well with adequate moisture, and it should be a successful harvest this year.
- Maggie McDonald, Chair Sperling, Mayor Fraser, Moira Green: nothing to report.

Next Steps & Closing

- The next meeting date is tentatively set for September 21.
RCLC meeting ended at 2:52 p.m.