

Site C Clean Energy Project

Regional Community Liaison Committee Meeting

Meeting Summary
 September 21, 2022 – 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm MST
 Videoconference

ATTENDEES <i>Regional Community Liaison Committee Members</i>	Director Brad Sperling, Area C, Peace River Regional District Director Karen Goodings, Area B, Peace River Regional District Mayor Dave Heiberg, District of Hudson's Hope Mayor Rob Fraser, District of Taylor Moira Green, CAO District of Taylor Bob Gammer, BC Hydro Jerry Muir, BC Hydro Shanna Mason, BC Hydro Chris Waite, BC Hydro Matt Drown, BC Hydro Shanna Mason, BC Hydro Greg Scarborough, BC Hydro James Thomas, BC Hydro Kate O'Neil, BC Hydro Ben Rauscher, BC Hydro Lisa Clement, BC Hydro Denise Hayes-McCoy, BC Hydro Karen von Muehldorfer, BC Hydro
INVITED GUESTS	
ATTENDED	Troy Van Bostelen, AFDE Jamie Bodnarchuk, PRHP Jim Morgan, ATCO
ABSENT WITH REGRET	Mayor Lori Ackerman, City of Fort St. John Ranish Shakya, Blueberry River First Nations Carol Newsom, CAO, District of Chetwynd Mayor Allan Courtoreille, District of Chetwynd Director Dan Rose, Area E, Peace River Regional District Mayor Dale Bumstead, City of Dawson Creek Blair Lekstrom, CAO, City of Dawson Creek Shawn Dahlen, CAO, Peace River Regional District Jennifer McCracken, Doig River First Nation Milo MacDonald, CAO, City of Fort St. John

	<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, MLA Peace River North</p> <p>Mike Bernier, MLA, Peace River South</p> <p>Lisa Ward, Constituency Assistant, MLA Peace River South</p> <p>Councillor 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, Sauleau First Nation</p> <p>Director Leonard Hiebert, Area D, Peace River Regional District</p>
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Documents Distributed for the December meeting:

RCLC Meeting Agenda
RCLC Presentation Slides
RCLC Action Item Log
RCLC Workforce Reports
RCLC Q4 Business Report
RCLC June 15 Meeting Notes
RCLC Public Enquiries FAQ

Opening / Welcome

- Bob welcomed all attendees.
- Acknowledgement of Treaty 8 traditional territories as well as those in other traditional territories.

Review of Agenda & Action Items

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

- It was noted that the item related to the panels for disposal had not made it onto the action log.

BC Hydro Project Update

Dam On-site Construction Update

Chris Waite provided updates about on-site construction activities.

ACTION 2022-010 Karen Goodings asked if there has ever been a dam built that is at right angles similar to what Site C has where the earthfill section joins the RCC Buttress. How do you join the concrete to make it solid?

- Chris Waite said we would get a response from engineering and have it for the December meeting.

Off-Site Construction

Matt Drown provided an update on off-site construction activities.

ACTION 2022-001 – Matt Drown confirmed that he and Ben Rauscher had met with the District of Hudson’s Hope and agreed on the areas of the berm that would be open to public access and which areas would remain closed. COMPLETE.

ACTION 2022-005 – PRRD Chair Sperling asked where the reclaimed asphalt would be removed to.

- Matt responded that Beaton Road Pit is approximately 40 km north on Highway 97, and Johnson Pit in Taylor. Wuthrich Quarry is where the asphalt will be taken up in large chunks and used to pave the permanent dam access road at Site. It was confirmed that MoTI is aware of this plan. COMPLETE.

James Thomas commented that MoTI is working with BC Hydro to move any available aggregate out of the reservoir area.

Karen Goodings commented it’s important that MoTI have road quality aggregate. Karen appreciates what’s been done, adding there will be ongoing interest in aggregate supply. Karen asked how we prevent the critical aggregate topic from slipping from the discussion (following the next election when members of the committee aren’t there to advocate).

- Response: James Thomas will continue this conversation and Shanna Mason said she participates in the discussion of exploring viable sources within BC Hydro lands that are available to MoTI. MoTI is using aggregate from Highway 29 now to maintain MoTI roads.
- Shanna Mason added that if a 3rd party had an accessible source, they would apply to the province for a permit. If the source is within BC Hydro land, then it is committed to MoTI.

Mayor Fraser commented that MoTI would also have to have money to move any aggregate, or possibly move it under a 3rd party permit, otherwise it will remain where it is.

ACTION 2022-009 Mayor Fraser and Chair Sperling followed up with questions on what will happen to the insulating panels on the dam buttress. Chair Sperling is concerned that the panels would be taken to the North Peace landfill.

ACTION: Chris Waite

Fish Enhancement Site

Greg Scarborough provided an update on the P6 fish habitat enhancement work.

Chair Sperling asked why the erosion protection project previously proposed for what we reference as the back channel was stopped? (For clarity, this is a reference to the fish habitat enhancement project that was proposed prior to the two landslides, that would have seen shoreline enhancement on the north side of the channel, and below each of the shoreline properties.)

- Greg explained that the original fish habitat enhancement would have required excavation to be able to provide the shoreline protection. Greg drew a comparison to the works that were completed on the south side of the Peace River across from Old Fort, where they excavated

and built structures to improve flows. In the case of the P6 fish habitat enhancement, there is no excavation occurring along the back channel. The work doesn't involve improving flows which requires excavation. Due to the slope stability of the area in relation to the slides, there is no excavation happening in the back channel.

Job and Business Update

Kate O'Neil presented the job and business update.

Contractor Updates

Troy Van Bostelen – AFDE

- AFDE supported the North Peace Fall Fair, the Fort St. John Hospital Foundation, Pemican Days, Halfway River Rodeo, and the McLeod Lake School backpack supplies.

Jim Morgan – ATCO

- Jim said there are no new updates.
- ATCO continues to support the Site C workforce that isn't local.

Jamie Bodnarchuck - PRHP

- PRHP hosted a youth trades day, where youth were able to meet contractors and experience the variety of equipment.
- In the 6 years of project construction, PRHP had contributed \$375,000 to Peace Region municipal and Indigenous communities. In July this year, they committed \$25,000 to the Fort St. John Community Foundation.
- In recognition of September 30, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, PRHP donated \$1,000 to support the Treaty 8 Round Dancing event.

Roundtable

A roundtable opportunity was offered:

- Karen Goodings told the meeting harvest was well underway and that she wouldn't be running in the pending municipal election.
- Mayor Fraser said it would be his last meeting as he has moved to Fort Nelson and wished us luck with the rest of the project.
- Bob Gammer let the meeting participants know that BC Hydro had lifted the COVID-19 vaccination requirement policy for workers.

Next Steps & Closing

Adjourned at 3:25 p.m.