

Aboriginal Group Communication Plan 2024-2025 Annual Report

*Site C Clean Energy Project
Reporting period: April 2024 to March 2025*

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Table of Acronyms

BRFN	Blueberry River First Nations
DFN	Duncan's First Nation
DRFN	Doig River First Nation
DTFN	Dene Tha' First Nation
FNFN	Fort Nelson First Nation
HLFN	Horse Lake First Nation
HRFN	Halfway River First Nation
KLMSS	Kelly Lake Métis Settlement Society
MLIB	McLeod Lake Indian Band
MNBC	Métis Nation British Columbia
PRFN	Prophet River First Nation
SFN	Saulteau First Nations
WMFN	West Moberly First Nations

1 Background

1.1 The Site C Clean Energy Project

The Site C Clean Energy Project (the Project) is a third dam and generating station on the Peace River in northeast B.C. As the third project on one river system, Site C will rely on water already stored in the Williston Reservoir. Site C will generate about 35% of the energy produced at W.A.C. Bennett Dam, with only five per cent of the reservoir area. Once complete, Site C will provide enough clean electricity to reliably power nearly 500,000 homes, or 1.7 million electric vehicles, and will increase BC Hydro's current supply by eight 8%.

1.2 Construction Update

Construction on the Site C Project is more than 90 per cent complete. On August 25, 2024, BC Hydro safely began filling the Site C reservoir following the completion of all necessary construction areas of the project. Reservoir filling was completed on November 7, 2024, and the reservoir has reached its normal operating range of 460 metres to 461.8 metres elevation above sea level. Key project structures such as the earthfill dam, powerhouse, spillways, and approach channel continue to perform safely.

In October 2024, the first of our generating units came online. As of March 31, 2025, three generating units are providing electricity to BC Hydro customers. The remaining generating units are anticipated come into operation by fall of 2025. In the final year of construction, project work will focus on completing the powerhouse and generating station. This includes completing the assembly of the remaining generating units, commissioning the generating units, and bringing them into service. Work has also started to revegetate areas no longer required for construction.

2 Objective and Scope

2.1 Objective of the Aboriginal Group Communication Plan

The objective of the June 5, 2015 Aboriginal Group Communication Plan (AGCP) is to fulfill the requirements of Environmental Assessment Certificate (EAC) conditions 27 and 72, and federal Decision Statement (FDS) condition 14.2.

The AGCP establishes a communications program for informing Indigenous Nations and harvesters about construction activities related to the Project that may affect their harvesting opportunities for plants, fish and game, as well as access to those opportunities.

2.2 Scope and Reporting Period

This annual report describes BC Hydro's communications and engagement activities with Indigenous Nations through the implementation of the AGCP from April 2024 through March 2025. In some cases, communication and engagement with Indigenous Nations on measures described in the AGCP that took place prior to this reporting period are also summarized here for context.

This is the tenth annual report of the AGCP. We have now entered the operations phase of the Project and the AGCP annual reports are expected to continue for the next five years, with the final report scheduled for submission in March 2030.

3 Implementation of the Plan – April 2024 through March 2025

This report summarizes the implementation of the communication and consultation initiatives specific to Indigenous Nations that are described in [section 5.0 of the AGCP](#).

The bulleted list of communication activities shown at the beginning of section 5.0 is not specific to Indigenous Nations, but these materials are publicly available, and it is expected that they are utilized by members of Indigenous communities. These activities are described in [section 3.2 of the Construction Communication Plan](#) (CCP) with more information available in the annual reports for the CCP, found on the Project website in the Site C Project Reports section of the [Environmental Management document library](#).

Communications specific to Indigenous Nations that were undertaken in the reporting period are described below.

Unless otherwise indicated, the communications summarized below were sent out to all Indigenous Nations named in the EAC and FDS: Saúlteau First Nations, West Moberly First Nations, Prophet River First Nation, Blueberry River First Nations, Doig River First Nation, McLeod Lake Indian Band, Halfway River First Nation, Fort Nelson First Nation, Horse Lake First Nation, Métis Nation British Columbia, Kelly Lake Métis Settlement Society, Duncan's First Nation, and Dene Tha' First Nation. For purposes of brevity, acronyms for the above Indigenous Nations are used in this annual report. A list of acronyms is provided at the beginning of this report.

3.1 Notices of Construction Activities

The notices are in the form of a letter describing construction-related activities that are expected to commence, continue or be completed in the three-month period covered by the letter and are accompanied by a map (or maps) showing the location of the activities described in the letter. The notices also include information about other ways to find out more information about Project construction.

As required, updates to the notices are sent out to provide more information on construction works that are of particular interest to Indigenous communities or within closer proximity to Indigenous communities. The distribution schedule aims to send out construction notices approximately 15-30 days before the start of the notification period.

- On **March 4, 2024**, BC Hydro sent out the Notice of Construction Activities for the period of April through June, 2024.
- On **May 31, 2024**, BC Hydro sent out the Notice of Construction Activities for the period of July through September, 2024.
- On **August 30, 2024**, BC Hydro sent out the Notice of Construction Activities for the period of October through December, 2024
- On **November 29, 2024**, BC Hydro sent out the Notice of Construction Activities for the period of January through March, 2025.

The Notices of Construction Activities were sent to Indigenous Nations by email and are also posted for Indigenous Nations on the *Site C Information for Indigenous Nations* SharePoint site (see section 3.6). A public version of the notice with confidential information removed (such as SharePoint log-in information or other sensitive material) is posted along with construction bulletins on the Project's public website at the following address: <https://www.sitecproject.com/construction-activities/construction-bulletins>.

The quarterly notices to Indigenous Nations address EAC condition 27 and FDS condition 14.2, which require BC Hydro to inform Indigenous harvesters about construction activities that may impact their harvesting opportunities. These notices served as the "Indigenous Harvesters Information Sheet" described in the AGCP.

As Site C has progressed to the Operations phase, with reservoir filling complete and construction more than 90 percent complete on the Project, the final quarterly construction notification letter was sent on November 29, 2024. To continue meeting the required conditions in the next reporting period, we are developing a plan to report to Nations after it is safe to access the reservoir and BC Hydro can conduct sampling activities to assess the fish community within the reservoir and associated tributaries.

3.2 Information Updates to Indigenous Nations

Information updates are sent via email to keep recipients informed about construction activities and field work. These updates also include additional information on the following topics as they become available:

- news updates;
- regulatory and permitting updates;
- environmental management information;
- safety advisories;

- reminders of upcoming consultation and engagement activities;
- employment and training information; and
- procurement updates and
- documents uploaded to SharePoint.

The emails are sent directly to members of each Indigenous Nation’s distribution list which often includes Chief and Council as well as other contacts requested by the Indigenous Nation. A copy of each information update is saved on the Site C Information for Indigenous Nations SharePoint site.

During this reporting period, the Site C Indigenous Relations Monthly Information newsletter was distributed at the beginning of each month until September. It was then temporarily replaced by the "Site C Reservoir Update" for September, October, and November 2024. This update was sent out weekly and bi-weekly to align with the timing and content of the BC Hydro Construction Bulletins, providing regular updates on reservoir filling activities. Any urgent Indigenous Relations or Permitting updates were also included.

With the completion of reservoir filling and the transition of the Project to the operations phase, the Monthly Update shifted to a monthly distribution starting in December 2024 and ending in March 2025. The final Monthly Information Letter was sent to Nations on March 7, 2025 and Information updates will continue through existing communication channels and meeting forums.

A summary of the notifications or information shared in these updates, during the reporting period, is listed below. Recurring updates such as new Construction Bulletins, reminders of upcoming meetings, Indigenous employment statistics, new documents added to SharePoint, etc. are not described below to avoid repetition.

Summary of Notifications and Information Shared	
April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared a video showing a virtual tour of Site C and the latest construction progress. • Informed readers that preparations began to install transmission towers on the intakes. • Reminder that Cultural Centre Working Group Meeting #13 would be held virtually on April 11, 2024. • Reminder that public information sessions on Site C reservoir filling will be held on May 7, 2024 in Fort St John at the Pomeroy Hotel and conference centre and on May 8, 2024 in Hudson’s Hope at the Hudson’s Hope Community Hall. • Provided links to the Site C Annual reports; the Aboriginal Group Communication Plan, the Aboriginal Plant Use Mitigation Plan, the Aboriginal Training and Inclusion Plan, and the Cultural Resources Mitigation Plan. • Notified readers of Recently issued permit: Permanent Fish Passage Facility (FJ23-801140) - Wildlife Act Fish Collection Permit (Amended)
May 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder that the Culture and Heritage Committee Meeting will take place on May 15, 2024 at Peace Island Park in Taylor, BC.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder that the Cultural Centre Elders and Chiefs Committee meeting #2 will be held on May 21, 2024 in Fort St John at the Pomeroy Hotel and Conference Centre • Reminder that the Site C Environmental Forum will be held on May 29, 2024 and will be a field tour down Highway 29. • Shared a reminder that public information sessions on Site C reservoir filling will take place on May 7, 2024 in Fort St John at the Pomeroy Hotel and May 8, 2024 in Hudson's Hope at the Hudson's Hope Community Hall. • Links were provided for the following Annual Reports: Acid Rock Drainage and Metal Leachate Management Plan - Water Quality 2023 Annual Report, Air Quality Management Plan 2023 Annual Report, Vegetation and Wildlife Mitigation and Monitoring Plan 2023 Annual Report Part 1, Vegetation and Wildlife Mitigation and Monitoring Plan 2023 Annual Report Part 2, Fisheries and Aquatic Habitat Management Plan 2023 Annual Report • Notified readers of Recently issued permits: Culvert Installation for Permanent Access at Wilder Creek - Water Sustainability Act (9000871), Heritage Site Alteration Permit (2019-0213) - Amendment to Heritage Conservation Act, Temporary Crossing for Fish Habitat Enhancement (9000723) - Water Sustainability Act Section 11 Approval (Amended)
June 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video was shared showing a video capturing the Site C spring construction progress. • Shared the latest workforce data for Site C in April 2024 reporting that there were 2,808 total workers on the project. • Feedback was requested regarding the OIC 148-2015 Amendment - Agricultural Land Reserve - Request for renewal and changes. • Reminder that the Cultural Centre Working Group meeting would be held on June 25, 2024 in Fort St John at the Pomeroy Hotel and Conference Centre. • Notified readers of Recently issued permits: Culvert Installation for Permanent Access at Wilder Creek - Water Sustainability Act (9000871), Heritage Site Alteration Permit (2019-0213) - Amendment to Heritage Conservation Act, Temporary Crossing for Fish Habitat Enhancement (9000723) - Water Sustainability Act Section 11 Approval, Dam Spillway Cofferdams Diversion Tunnels Generating Station RSEM R5b (2008-500822) - Amendment to Canadian Navigable Water Act approval, Amphibian Salvage (FJ24-829902) - Wildlife Act
July 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informed readers that public signage was installed at access points along the future Site C reservoir. • Reminder that the Cultural Centre Working Group Meeting would be held on July 10 in Fort St John. • Shared an update on the Order in Council (OIC 148-2015) informing readers that the Province advised they will not be

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	<p>moving forward with the OIC request and comment period was extended to July 15, 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recently issued permits were recently sent out to First Nations for information: Site C Headpond Hazard Buoy Installation - Notice of Work.
August 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Latest job report showed that nearly 3000 workers on the Site C project in May, three quarters of which were from BC. Shared that BC Hydro's GO Fund has reached the \$1 Million milestone in total contributions. Reminder that the Cultural Centre Working Group Meeting would be held on August 8, 2024 in Fort St John at the Pomeroy Hotel and Conference Centre. Shared links to renewal applications BC Hydro submitted to BC Provincial Parks Notified readers of Recently issued permits: Hudson's Hope Berm - Water Sustainability Act Section 10 Short Term Use Approval (9000802) (Amendment), Cache Creek Drainage (L816297) - Land Act Form of Temporary Licence Site Specific Tenure (Amendment)
August 30, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announced that "Site C Reservoir Update" would be replacing the usual "Site C Monthly Update" for the short term. Informed readers that the Site C Reservoir Update would be sent out on a more frequent basis, starting weekly in the early stages of reservoir filling. Any urgent IR or Permitting updates could be found at the bottom of the page in the Monthly Information Update section (where applicable). Site C reservoir filling began on August 25, 2024 and was proceeding safely as planned. For the next two to four months, water levels would continue to rise between 30 centimetres and three metres a day. On August 28, the first of two diversion tunnels was closed. Water at the Site C dam had risen by 11.5 metres since the start of fill. The depth at the dam site was more than 20 metres. In early September, we plan to close the remaining diversion tunnel in early September, once the reservoir reaches the spillway low-level gates.
September 6, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informed readers that Site C reservoir filling was proceeding safely as planned. The water at the Site C dam rose by more than 23 metres since the start of fill. The depth at the dam site was more than 31 metres. Shared that on September 4, the second diversion tunnel was closed. With both diversion tunnels closed, water was being safely passed downstream through the spillways. We would continue to maintain minimum flow requirements, as reservoir filling continues. Informed the readers that water levels would continue to rise between 30 centimetres and three metres per day.

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September 13, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announced that Site C reservoir filling continued safely as planned. The water at the Site C dam rose by more than 27 metres since filling began on August 25. The depth at the dam site was more than 36 metres. Informed readers that water was safely passing downstream through the spillways. We would maintain minimum flow requirements as reservoir filling continues and that water levels continued to rise between 30 centimetres and three metres per day. Shared a link for regular updates on reservoir filling.
September 20, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared with readers that Site C reservoir filling continued to proceed safely as planned. The water at the Site C dam rose by more than 31 metres since the start of fill. The depth at the dam site was more than 40 metres. Water was safely passing downstream through the spillways. Confirmed that we would maintain minimum flow requirements as reservoir filling continues. Shared with readers that Annual Reports were submitted to regulators and were available on the Project website: Methylmercury Monitoring Plan 2022 Annual Report Part 1 and 2, Annual Report Business Participation Plan – 2023 – 2024, Construction Communications 2023 - 2024 Annual Report, Annual Report Agricultural Monitoring and Follow-up Program 2024, Accident and Malfunction Plan – Operations and the updated Operations Environmental Management Plan (OEMP).
October 4, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared with readers that Site C reservoir filling continued safely as planned. The water at the Site C dam rose by more than 34 metres since the start of fill. The depth at the dam site was more than 43 metres. Sent notice that water is safely passing downstream through the spillways, and we would continue to maintain minimum flow requirements as reservoir filling continues. Informed readers that we updated the Construction Environmental Management Plan for the Site C Project and Revision 12.1 of the CEMP could be found on the website.
October 18, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informed readers that Site C reservoir filling continued safely as planned. The water at the Site C dam rose by more than 36 metres since the start of fill. The depth at the dam site was more than 45 metres. Shared that water was safely passing downstream through the spillways and we would continue to maintain minimum flow requirements as reservoir filling continues.
November 1, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared that the first of six generating units on the Site C project has come into operation following the required testing and commissioning process. Informed readers that there were 2,542 workers on the Site C project in September, 77 per cent of whom are from B.C.

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November 15, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announced that reservoir filling for the Site C project has been safely completed after 11 weeks, with the water level at the dam site increasing by about 43 metres to reach its upper operating range. Notified reader that with the project coming into operation starting with Unit 1 in October, construction bulletins for the project will end in December. Notified Readers that this issue was the last “Reservoir Update”, and we would be transitioning back to the Monthly newsletter format in December.
December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reminder that the next Cultural Centre Working Group meeting would be held virtually on Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2024 Reminder that the Upper Peace Fish Entrainment Technical Committee would be meeting Thursday, Dec. 12, 2024 Notified readers of a Recently issued permit: Wildlife Act Amphibian and Reptile Salvage Permit # #FJ24-896288 to replace the one that expired on September 30, 2024 (#FJ24-829902) (Available in the Permitting Dataroom and on the Project website).
January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared that the second generating unit on the Site C project has come into operation and is providing power into BC Hydro’s electricity system. A link to the video tour of the Site C project was shared. Shared that the draft EAC amendment was sent to Nations for comment and that BC Hydro submitted a Wildlife Act Permit Application for otters. Notified readers of Recently issued permits: Wildlife Act Amphibian and Reptile Salvage Permit # #FJ24-896288 to replace the one that expired on September 30, 2024 (#FJ24-829902) (Available in the Permitting Dataroom and on the Project website).
February 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informed readers that 1,866 workers worked on the Site C project in December, nearly 80% of whom are from B.C. Link to the latest employment report was shared Reminder that the Cultural Centre Working Group would be meeting virtually Tuesday, March 11, 2025 Shared that the EAC amendment and FAHMP was sent the Nations for referral. Informed Nations that the OIC for the ALC exclusion had been issued and shared a link to the document. Notified readers of Recently issued permits: Agricultural Land Act Order-in-Council 17-2025 for Temporary and Permanent Exclusion of Lands from the Agricultural Land , Wildlife Act Permit FJ24-896316 for the Removal of Bald Eagle Nests.
March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informed readers that with the transition to the Operations phase of the Site C Project, we would be discontinuing the Site C Monthly Update newsletter and March 2025 would be the final issue. Regular communication with First Nations would remain unchanged, and we would continue to connect through the current channels (for example emails, meetings, and referrals).

3.3 Consultation Meetings

3.3.1 Permitting Forums

These meetings allow for sharing and reviewing upcoming permit applications with Treaty 8 First Nations. Representatives from First Nations, the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship (WLRS)¹, federal agencies (Department of Fisheries and Oceans and Transport Canada) and BC Hydro meet to discuss draft permit applications and to address potential questions and requests for clarification before permit applications are finalized and referred to First Nations by permitting agencies for consultation and review.

BC Hydro initiated this process in 2016 in response to requests from First Nations for additional opportunities to consult on Project permits. BC Hydro held seven Permitting Forums between July 2016 and January 2018. In late January 2018, the Province and BC Hydro implemented an updated coordinated consultation process in an effort to enhance Project permit consultation opportunities, find efficiencies, reduce the overall workload for First Nations, and better manage the consultation schedule.

Permitting Forums were incorporated into the coordinated consultation process and are a central component of the “pre-application” consultation on draft permit applications before they are finalized and submitted to WLRS. The First Nations invited to attend the Permitting Forum are the same First Nations that the WLRS consults with on provincial permit applications.

An overall reduction in the number of new permits requiring consultation, and looking for efficiencies, BC Hydro has incorporated the Permitting Forum into the Environmental Forum when required. As a standing agenda item at each Environmental Forum, the Permitting Discussion continues to provide a venue to meet and discuss permitting and regulatory items.

Summary of Permitting Forums, and Permitting Discussions at Environment Forums, held during the reporting period are described below.

- Permitting discussion on *Fisheries Act Authorizations* and Offsetting Plans was held on Environment Forum #38 (October 31, 2024), Otter management and an upcoming permit submission was also discussed. The Forum was attended by representatives from BRFN, DRFN, DFN, HLFN, HRFN, KLMSS, WMFN, SFN, & MLIB.

BC Hydro uses the *Site C Information for Indigenous Nations* SharePoint site described in section 3.6 to share meeting presentations, permit applications and spatial data, and summaries of discussion and requests for follow-up from the meetings.

¹ In 2023, the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD) changed to two ministries: Ministry of Forests (MOF) and Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship (WLRS). BC Hydro is primarily working with WLRS on permitting matters.

3.3.2 Environmental Forums

The Environmental Forum enables BC Hydro and Indigenous Nations to collaborate, share information, and seek input and participation opportunities related to key interests identified by Indigenous Nations related to the Project's environmental mitigation plans and monitoring programs. Topics addressed by the Environmental Forum relate to fish and fish habitat, wildlife, vegetation and heritage, and may be linked to conditions of the EAC, FDS, and permits or authorizations. A key initiative for the Environmental Forum membership is the rollout of the Indigenous Traditional Use Fund (ITUF), an \$13M fund to mitigate the impacts of the Project on the current use of land and resources for traditional purposes by Indigenous Nations.

Environmental Forums held during the reporting period are described below.

- Environmental Forum #36 was held on May 29, 2024 in Fort St John. During the bus tour environmental sites along Highway 29 and in the Hudson's Hope area were visited. Reservoir filling was also discussed.
- Environmental Forum #37 was held on July 31, 2024. During the virtual meeting the following topics were discussed: Reservoir filling schedule and communications; Site C Recreational Access; and Reservoir filling and its impacts on wildlife and the adjacent areas.
- Environmental Forum #38 was held on October 31, 2024. During the virtual meeting the following topics were discussed: Reservoir filling status; Cultural Monitors work in the reservoir area; shoreline and slope stability monitoring; fisheries program updates, and the Indigenous Traditional Use Fund.
- Environmental Forum #39 was held on March 5, 2025. During the virtual meeting the following topics were discussed: Indigenous Traditional Use Fund; shoreline and slope stability monitoring; reclamation; wildlife monitoring; and recreation site fund.

3.3.3 Environmental Forum Sub-Committees

To support key initiatives of the Environmental Forum, four sub-committees / working groups have been formed. This includes the Indigenous Traditional Use Fund (ITUF) Working Group, the Methylmercury Sub-committee, the Reclamation Sub-committee, and the Site C Conservation Officer Working Group. The ITUF Working Group held two meetings over the reporting period. The Reclamation Sub-committee held three meetings, including one field tour over the reporting period.

3.3.4 Culture and Heritage Resources Committee

The Culture and Heritage Resources Committee (Committee) was established with Indigenous Nations to advise BC Hydro on the management of Project effects on cultural resources. The Committee initially met on July 30, 2015 and met as determined by the Committee members. The

Committee provided opportunities for discussion and information exchange, as well as the development of mitigation measures related to cultural and heritage resources.

- On May 15, 2024, the Committee gathered in person for a final meeting and overview of their accomplishments. The Committee shifted to annual meetings in 2022 as they neared completion of Committee projects and agreed to shift ongoing discussions on cultural and heritage resources through the Cultural Centre Working Group.

In 2022, the Committee continued discussions on the potential development of a cultural centre. The Site C Cultural Centre Development Project (the “**Development Project**”) is a proposed facility to commemorate, educate and celebrate the culture and heritage of the Indigenous Nations impacted by the Project. The Development Project includes the formation of several committees, including the Cultural Centre Working Group, and decision-making processes to support the site selection, design, content and construction through to the opening of the Cultural Centre. The timeframe for this process is anticipated to be from Spring of 2021 to 2027.

Below is a summary of the meetings held by the Cultural Centre Working Group and Elders and Chiefs Committee within the reporting period of this annual report:

- BC Hydro continued to work with Indigenous Nations on the development of the future cultural centre. During the reporting period, BC Hydro hosted 5 Working Group meetings, 2 Elders and Chiefs Committee meetings, 3 workshops, and 3 community meetings. The discussions focused on further development of the design of the cultural centre building, layout, exhibit themes and content gathering coordination. While attendance varied at the meetings and workshops, representatives from the following groups participated: BC Hydro and representatives from the Cultural Centre Project Team (Colliers Project Leaders, WSP Global Inc, Architecture 49, W3 Design Group) as well as representatives from Blueberry River First Nations, Dene Tha’ First Nation, Doig River First Nation, Duncan’s First Nation, Fort Nelson First Nation, Halfway River First Nation, Horse Lake First Nation, Kelly Lake Metis Settlement Society, McLeod Lake Indian Band, Metis Nation BC, Prophet River First Nation and Sauteau First Nations.

3.4 Sauteau First Nations Registered Trapline Holders

BC Hydro remains engaged with SFN registered trapline holders whose tenure areas are affected by project construction and operations. BC Hydro contacts registered trapline holders in advance of any project investigations or construction activities planned to take place within their respective trapline areas.

3.5 Ground Truthing and other Field Activities

BC Hydro maintains a standing invitation to Indigenous Nations to meet and discuss issues or concerns regarding the Project. This may include other field activities like site visits in the project activity zone with interested groups.

During this reporting period, BC Hydro followed up with interested Indigenous Nations to coordinate and host site visits and other field activities in the dam site area and within the reservoir.

The [Aboriginal Plant Use Mitigation Plan](#) (APUMP) and the [CRMP](#) describe ground truthing as it pertains to plants of traditional Indigenous value and cultural resources, respectively. Ground truthing and other field activities conducted by or with Indigenous Nations are described in annual reports for these plans that are available on the Project website in the Site C Project Reports section of the [Document Library](#) and the Site C Information for Indigenous Nations SharePoint Site.

Ground truthing did not occur during this reporting period. As the Project nears completion, there are few unimpacted areas remaining within the project footprint. There has also been limited interest in ground truthing and harvesting in areas that have already been impacted by the Project. BC Hydro will continue to be responsive to questions or concerns raised and coordinate field activities if needed.

3.6 Site C Information for Indigenous Nations SharePoint Site

The *Site C Information for Indigenous Nations* SharePoint site is a central repository for documents and information shared with Indigenous Nations. It is password protected and not accessible to the public.

On February 22, 2019 BC Hydro launched a new and improved SharePoint site based on Indigenous Nations' feedback. The new and improved layout is designed to make it easier to find information on the Project. Project page categories include:

- *Project Construction* information such as Biweekly Updates and the quarterly Notices of Construction Activities;
- *Spatial files* related to project designs, archaeological sites, cadastral data, maps and environmental features;
- *Environment* documents such as Environmental Protection Plans, Environmental Completion Reports, and Monthly Environmental Monitoring Summary Reports, Geotechnical Investigations and Fish, aquatics, vegetation and wildlife;
- *Heritage Reports* such as interim and annual reports from the heritage program;

- *Regulatory and Compliance* information such as draft mitigation and monitoring plans and select annual reports, federal approval applications, Water Licence Leaves to Commence Construction, and environmental assessment documents; and,
- *Meeting materials* from forums and other meetings.
- Information about the SharePoint site along with sign-in information is provided to Indigenous Nations in communications described above in sections 3.1 through 3.3 of this report.

3.7 External Project Website

The Site C Clean Energy Project website (sitecproject.com) provides additional information including:

- Mitigation and Monitoring Plans and Annual Reports
- Employment and business opportunities
- Federal authorizations and provincial permits
- Construction activities
- Indigenous relations
- Environmental Management Plans and Reports
- Permits and Authorizations
- Environmental Assessment Reports
- Project Planning and Evaluation Reports
- Consultation and Engagement Reports
- Environment and Socio-Economic Reports
- Engineering and Technical Reports
- Historical Site C Reports
- Quarterly Progress Reports to the BCUC
- Employment Statistics
- Construction Contracts

- Reservoir Filling
- Project Videos and Photos

3.8 Environment Programs

BC Hydro has several environmental programs as a part of Site C. The programs focus on monitoring to see what effects (if any) the project has on wildlife, fish, vegetation, air, water, the aquatic environment, as well as heritage and archaeology and how well our mitigation is working to protect these features. For each program, results are shared through the Site C Project website in the [Document Library](#). Annual reports are made available on the project website as they are finalized. A brief overview of the programs can be found on project website, [Site C Environmental Programs](#).