

INFORMATION SHEET

BC Hydro and the District of Hudson's Hope have concluded a Partnering Relationship Agreement related to Peace Region operations and the Site C Clean Energy Project. Under the terms of the agreement, BC Hydro and Hudson's Hope commit to a joint vision and specific measures of interest to the District.

Joint Vision

Hudson's Hope is recognized and valued by BC Hydro and all community members. It is a sustainable and thriving community for the benefit of all.

Some of the key commitments in the Agreement are outlined below:

Enhancing Communications and Engagement

- Establish a Community Engagement Committee that will support the partnering relationship between Hudson's Hope and BC Hydro by providing a forum for transparent communications and coordination of efforts and resources.
- Include a dispute resolution process within the Partnering Relationship Agreement. The Community Engagement Committee will follow the process to resolve issues that may arise.
- The Committee will review the results of shoreline monitoring, after approximately 10 years of the Site C reservoir filling, and any recommended changes to the Statutory Right-of-Way if warranted by monitoring results.

Supporting Community Neighbourhood Development

- BC Hydro will fund the District's reclamation, servicing and subdivision of the Atkinson property to provide a new subdivision with between 25 and 33 new, serviced lots. The District will receive a lasting benefit from an increase in its residential property supply and tax base.
- BC Hydro will build and maintain a demonstration home in the Atkinson neighbourhood to support efforts to attract and retain essential community services professionals, such as doctors and health care providers.

Supporting Community Services, Recreation and Planning

- Provide \$150,000 for the enhancement of Alwin Holland Park or other community shoreline recreation areas.
- Build and seasonally operate recreation sites at the base of DA Thomas Road and at Lynx Creek, including a boat launch, dock and day use area at each site.
- Connect the DA Thomas recreation site to the existing walking trail to Hudson's Hope and a new shoreline walking trail along the downstream portion of the new Hudson's Hope shoreline protection berm.
- Provide a one-time contribution of \$20,000 to support District emergency rescue services.

- Provide a one-time contribution of \$268,000 to establish a Community Trust Fund to support community facilities and infrastructure.
- Provide a contribution of \$80,000 to support the District in making updates to its community plans to reflect the construction and operation of the Site C project.
- Provide the District with a one-time payment of \$442,000 related to a change in land use in connection with the Site C project and the potential reduction in the tax base.
- Reconstruct or relocate any components of the District's water supply infrastructure affected by the Site C reservoir and shoreline protection berm.
- BC Hydro will work with the District to establish monitoring of water supply and waste water infrastructure to ensure no long-term impacts to these community systems.

Regional Measures

The District of Hudson's Hope and its residents will also be able to benefit from several regional initiatives established in relation to the Site C project, including:

- BC Hydro Generate Opportunities Fund – \$100,000 per year during construction (total \$800,000) to support non-profit organizations in the Peace Region that provide services and programs for children, women and seniors.
- Agricultural Compensation Fund – a \$20 million fund will be established to support and improve agricultural production and agrifoods economic activity in the Peace region.
- BC Hydro Recreation Site Fund – \$200,000 to support recreation groups in establishing or upgrading recreation areas, including along the shoreline of the new reservoir once operational.
- Provide \$200,000 to fund the development of a BC Peace River / Site C Reservoir Navigation and Recreation Opportunities Plan.
- Highway 29 realignments – provide lasting safety improvements for motorists travelling Highway 29 between the Hudson's Hope and Highway 97 toward Fort St. John.
- Residents can access student bursaries through BC Hydro's \$1 million contribution to Northern Lights College Foundation to support trades and skills training.
- BC Hydro Regional Legacy Benefits – the District of Hudson's Hope is eligible to receive approximately \$265,000 per year for 70 years during Site C operations.

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