

PUBLIC AND STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Pre-Consultation

Report: 3. BC Hydro Peace River Site C Hydro Project: Pre-Consultation Summary Report, March 2008

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Summary: BC Hydro's Pre-Consultation process was designed to seek input from local, regional and provincial communities and stakeholders about how people want to be consulted, and about what topics.

Input from the Pre-Consultation phase was collected from a variety of sources, as follows:

- Pre-Consultation Discussion Guide and Feedback Form
- Stakeholder meetings/Open House
- Online Feedback Form
- Submissions, email and faxed correspondence
- Toll-free Site C information line
- Fort St. John Community Consultation Office

Stakeholder meetings were held in 12 communities around the province with stakeholder groups representing local, regional and provincial interests. A broad range of stakeholder groups were invited by email and telephone to attend stakeholder meetings.

Ten newspaper ads were placed in regional and community papers to advise residents of the opportunity to participate through the project's website.

Total participation in the consultation was 686 people, including 400 who attended 48 stakeholder meetings.

Key topics of importance included:

- Project design
- Water management
- Fish/wildlife
- Socio-economic
- Land use
- Infrastructure
- Local benefits and opportunities
- Recreation
- Local and provincial climate