

PUBLIC AND STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Pre-Consultation

Report: 4. Peace River Site C Hydro Project: Consideration of Input from Pre-Consultation, December 4, 2007 to February 15, 2008

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Summary: Consistent with best practice in consultation, BC Hydro committed to producing a Consideration Memo, demonstrating how input received during the Pre-Consultation phase was considered in determining what should be discussed and how people should be consulted during Project Definition Consultation.

Stakeholder input during Pre-Consultation extensively informed Project Definition Consultation. The consultation topics included in Project Definition Consultation were topics stakeholders raised as concerns or suggested as topics for discussion.

In addition, the methods of consultation suggested in Pre-Consultation, including stakeholder meetings, open houses, household mailers, newspaper inserts, an on-line feedback form, the Community Consultation Office in Fort St. John, and other methods, were followed to ensure that local, regional and provincial stakeholders, as well as the public, had a range of opportunities to participate and provide their input.

As a further example, the topic of comparing Site C to energy alternatives was added as a consultation topic, and will continue to form a part of consultation. As well, a household mailer was added as a communications tool to advise residents of the upcoming round of Project Definition Consultation.