

PUBLIC AND STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Project Definition Consultation, Round 2

Report: 11. Peace River Site C Hydro Project: Stage 2 Consideration of Public Consultation Input

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Summary: In Stage 2, BC Hydro considered input received from the public and stakeholders. This Consideration Memo demonstrates how input from Stage 2 public consultation has been considered by BC Hydro to date. Some examples include:

- Participants were interested in more information about environmental and engineering studies in Stage 2. As a result of this interest, BC Hydro released a list of studies that would be undertaken during Stage 2 or future stages, and produced study outlines on environment studies initiated in Stage 2. The list of Stage 2 studies was also posted on the BC Hydro website
- Participants wanted to know about recreational opportunities if the project proceeds. As a result, BC Hydro committed that its reservoir preparation plan would examine recreational opportunities, flagging high-risk areas, and would ensure that appropriate recreational access sites were found.
- Participants expressed concerns about bank stability. If the project were to proceed, monitoring would be planned for construction and maintenance. In addition, erosion studies are being completed by a third-party expert and will be peer-reviewed. BC Hydro is also installing temporary monitoring wind stations to collect wind data to inform understanding of potential erosion.
- Participants were interested in local community benefits, particularly infrastructure. Based on early public feedback, BC Hydro sought public and stakeholder input regarding possible public use of the powerhouse access bridge and associated access roads as well as for ideas concerning potential improvements to other community infrastructure, such as regional parks, housing and other amenities. Other amenities could include additional city infrastructure such as water and sewer services.
- Participants wanted to know about reservoir clearing. As a result of this feedback, BC Hydro asked participants for comments on reservoir preparation considerations in Project Definition Consultation, Round 2 and began work on a preliminary reservoir clearing plan.