

Site C Project Update

Site C Pre-Consultation Summary Report Complete

Input will help design Project Definition Consultation, to begin this spring

BC Hydro initiated Pre-Consultation for Site C as per the direction in the Energy Plan released last year by the provincial government. Pre-Consultation has now concluded and the **Pre-Consultation Summary Report**, summarizing input into the Pre-Consultation process, is complete and is available at the Site C project website at www.bchydro.com/sitec. Meeting notes summarizing the 48 stakeholder meetings are available on the project website.

Pre-Consultation was conducted from December 4, 2007 to February 15, 2008. The purpose of Pre-Consultation was to ask British Columbians **how** they wanted to be consulted about the potential Site C project, and **what topics** they would like to discuss during a consultation program for Site C.

Pre-Consultation input was collected through the following tools:

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

The public and stakeholders were advised of the opportunity to provide their input through ten newspaper advertisements in regional and community papers, a media release with resulting media coverage, and direct email invitations. A total of 686 people participated in Pre-Consultation, with 400 attending stakeholder meetings representing local, regional and

provincial interests. Additionally, 56 people attended a Hudson's Hope public meeting, there were 305 feedback forms collected, 31 submissions and approximately 200 visits to the Community Consultation Office in Fort St. John.

Key Results include:

- A majority of stakeholders raised local impacts of the proposed Site C project as a concern. This key theme was raised at 36 stakeholder meetings;
- At 34 stakeholder meetings, participants expressed an interest in how and when Site C will be compared to energy alternatives as a key theme; and
- At 25 stakeholder meetings, participants indicated an interest in the consultation process and in participating in the future Project Definition consultation as a key theme.

Next Steps:

BC Hydro will now review and consider this input. This feedback received will inform and help design the consultation program going forward. As currently planned, the next round of consultation – Project Definition Consultation – will take place in May and June 2008. Sign-up at sitec@bchydro.com for an email update or visit the Site C website in early May for the Project Definition Consultation Discussion Guide and an online Feedback Form, as well as additional information on consultation topics. Stage 2 review of the Site C project is expected to conclude in the summer of 2009. A decision to proceed would only be made following comprehensive consultation and further project analysis.



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