

Peace Water Use Plan Information Update Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions

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BC Hydro has invited First Nations, government, and stakeholders to attend a Peace Water Use Plan Information Update in October 2016. The session will provide information and results to date on projects and monitoring studies related to the Peace Water Use Plan (Peace WUP). In an effort to maximize participation, BC Hydro is hosting two sessions for representatives to participate in the Information Update. The meetings will be held in Hudson's Hope on October 26 and Mackenzie, October 27. It is not necessary to attend both sessions.

Information Update Objectives

The purpose of the Information Update is to:

- share information on the history of the Peace WUP and the implementation process;
- answer questions you may have on the Peace WUP;
- provide information and results to date on various projects and monitoring studies related to the Peace WUP; and
- discuss selected projects and monitoring studies.

The minimum operating elevation of Williston Reservoir will not be a component of the Peace WUP Information Update as BC Hydro is not pursuing any changes to the minimum operating elevation. Please see the Overview of the Peace WUP for details. In addition, there are other programs and interests associated with Williston Reservoir and Peace River outside of the Water Use Plan process including the Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program, Williston Dust Mitigation Program and Site C Clean Energy Project. These topics will not form part of the Information Update.

We will use feedback from the sessions to better understand the interests and assess how we can improve the implementation of the monitoring studies.

Information Update Focus

The Information Update will include scheduled round table discussions on key projects under the Peace WUP including, dust trials and monitoring, the debris program, boat ramps and the marine radio system. In addition, there will be posters on display on the following:

- Williston Dust Trials and Monitoring;
- Williston Debris Program;
- Boat Ramps;
- Williston Marine Radio System;
- Archaeology Inventory and Monitoring;
- Williston Trial Tributaries;
- Williston Trial Wetlands;
- Spill Protocol Studies;
- Peace River Trial Side Channel; and
- WUP Overview.

During the session, BC Hydro representatives will be available to answer questions or talk about the projects implemented under the Peace WUP Order.

Preparing for the Session

More information on the Peace Water Use Plan including monitoring study terms of reference and reports are available at [BC Hydro's Water Use Planning](#).

As well, there is an Overview of the Peace WUP and Project Summaries that have been developed to provide background information. These are available on [Peace WUP Information Update](#).

If you are representing an interest group, please feel free to share the information and talk to others to learn more about their concerns and feedback they may have prior to attending the session.

Participant Frequently Asked Questions

1. Do I need to attend both sessions?

No, please attend the session closest to you, either in Hudson's Hope or Mackenzie.

2. Do I need to attend the session for the entire day?

If you are interested in hearing what others have to say and want to participate in a group discussion, please refer to the agenda in the invite letter you received.

Otherwise, please attend at a time convenient for you. The posters will be on display and you can meet with BC Hydro representatives for questions, feedback and discussions from 2:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

3. I cannot make the scheduled round table discussion for my area of interest. What should I do?

You are welcome to drop in and join us at any time throughout the session to share your comments, questions and feedback.

4. I cannot attend the meeting. What should I do?

Please contact Bob Gammer so we can talk about other options.

5. Will there be opportunity to make decisions on physical works such as trial tributaries or wetlands?

Construction of the physical works projects was completed in 2014. It is too early to draw meaningful results or conclusions associated with changes attributed to the enhancements at this time.

6. Why are some of the Peace River projects suspended?

Further work on these studies has been paused in acknowledgement of the ongoing development of the Site C Clean Energy Project. Lessons learned will inform future physical works and monitoring studies undertaken by BC Hydro.

7. Will there be a review of the minimum operating elevation for Williston Reservoir at this meeting?

The minimum operating elevation of Williston Reservoir will not be a component of the Peace WUP Information Update. For further context, please see the Overview of the Peace WUP.

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