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La Joie Dam Improvement Project update: **Project timeline and work camp feasibility studies**

Dear Neighbour,

We wanted to share important updates on the **La Joie Dam Improvement Project**. These updates include a revised project timeline and an update on feasibility work related to potential work camp locations. The purpose of this project is to address dam safety risks related to ageing and potential seismic activity, allowing us to continue to generate clean power for British Columbians while working to mitigate our operational impacts on the environment. *This project is being done in consultation with St'át'imc Nation.*

Project timeline re-evaluation

We've recently completed a re-evaluation of the project timeline which reflects updated information.

Key revisions include:

- Confirming the preferred alternative for dam improvements: Spring 2026
- Submit application for BC Utilities Commission review: ~2028
- Earliest start of main works construction activities: ~2030
- Earliest in-service date: ~Fall/winter 2034

You can find more details at www.bchydro.com/lajoie.

Work camp feasibility studies

Following updated analysis and a recent site visit, we have identified significant constraints at two of the three previously shortlisted work camp sites and therefore no further investigations are being planned at these sites:

- **Gold Bridge Townsite**
- **Quarry Adjacent Site**

These sites were found to have significant limitations and are unlikely to prove feasible.

This conclusion is based on:

- Preliminary layouts for camp infrastructure and on-site reviews, including proximity to existing municipal infrastructure and ground conditions.
- Noise study results
- Limited area for expansion if worker numbers change

The Hurley Site remains under consideration.

Contingency planning

To reduce risk to the overall project schedule, we've also added a contingency site – **the Truax Site**- in case the Hurley Site proves unfeasible (e.g., due to inadequate water supply). This decision follows a May 2025 site visit and preliminary screening, which showed the Truax Site performs as well as or better than the Hurley Site.

Next steps are:

- Physical investigations at the **Hurley Site**
- Conduct desktop studies and preliminary site assessments at the **Truax Site**
- If needed, complete physical investigations at the Truax Site this fall
- Continue design work during the **Definition Phase** after feasibility studies are complete

Note: As part of our procurement process when selecting a work camp operator, the intent is to remain open to bidders proposing alternative sites, provided they meet or exceed the standards of the preferred location.

We anticipate that a preferred work camp site and project access route(s) will be identified in spring 2026. We will continue to update residents and key stakeholders at key project milestones.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we proceed with this essential work.

Sincerely,



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Questions about the project or the studies?

Learn more at our upcoming virtual open house!

July 8, Noon-1p.m.

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