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Mayor and Council Village of Pemberton 7400 Prospect Street Pemberton B.C. V0N 2L1

Dear Mayor Richman and Council,

Subject: Pemberton Substation Rebuild Project

We want to inform you of the Pemberton Substation Rebuild Project that is in the early planning stages. The project will ensure we continue to provide clean, reliable energy to communities in Pemberton and the Sea-to-Sky region.

What we're planning

This project will replace equipment that is nearing its end-of-life and prepare the substation for future upgrades.

It will also remove equipment with Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs), part of our PCB electrical equipment removal strategy that meets stringent federal regulations.

This work will require an expansion of the substation within the existing property lines to make room for the new equipment. These improvements will ensure the station continues to operate for our customers safely and reliably.

The Pemberton substation has been in service since the 1970s, serving more than 3,600 customers in Pemberton and the Sea-to-Sky region. The station is supplied with electricity from one 230 kilovolt transmission line from Bridge River generating facilities in Shalalth.

Why are the upgrades needed?

We need to upgrade the substation to:

- Replace major equipment that is near end-of-life.
- Remove electrical equipment containing PCBs
- Improve station layout for future upgrades

Schedule

We're in the early planning stages of the project and expect to start construction as early as July 2023. The in-service date for the project is anticipated to be June 2026.

Engagement and Consultation

We'll work with First Nations, key stakeholders and the public throughout the project. In the coming months, we'll begin a number of communications activities. This includes hosting a public open house to share the current project information and provide an opportunity for the public to meet with our project team.

If you have any immediate questions, please contact me by email at <u>Whitney.Deane@bchydro.com</u>, or by phone at 604.786.5189.

Kind regards,

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