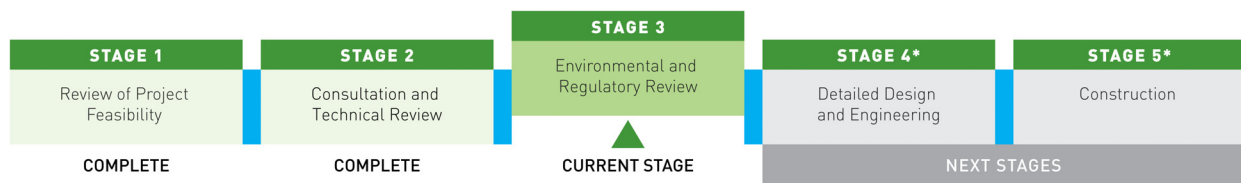


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PLANNING, EVALUATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Consistent with best practices for large infrastructure projects, BC Hydro adopted a multi-stage approach for the evaluation of the Site C Clean Energy Project. This process provides the Province with multiple milestones for assessing the project and deciding whether to proceed to the next stage.



- * Consultation will occur in each stage of the project
- Provincial government decision on whether to proceed to next stage

Stage 1 Review of Project Feasibility

During Stage 1, existing studies and historical information related to engineering, costs, environment, consultation and First Nations were reviewed. At the end of Stage 1, BC Hydro determined that Site C was feasible and recommended to the B.C. government that the project advance to the next stage of planning and development.

Stage 2 Consultation and Technical Review

Stage 2 of the Site C project included consultations with the public, Aboriginal groups, communities and property owners, as well as a technical review involving engineering and environmental studies.

Stage 3 Environmental and Regulatory Review

The regulatory review phase will include an independent environmental assessment. An environmental review will include opportunities for consultation and input by the public, Aboriginal groups, stakeholders and communities.

Stage 4 Detailed Design and Engineering

Stage 4 would involve detailed engineering design work, project procurement and could include early construction, such as roads, bridges and diversion tunnels.

Stage 5 Construction

The final stage is construction, which is estimated to take approximately seven years.