

Site C Construction Schedule: April 22 – May 5, 2023



Construction of the earthfill dam has resumed, after a pause on work during the winter months. See more photos in [our gallery](#).

News and highlights

- Peace region residents are invited to information sessions on filling the Site C reservoir, which could begin as early as this fall. At these meetings on May 2, 3, and 9, visitors will have the opportunity to review information boards and speak to the project team. [Read more](#).
- Seasonal operation of a five-kilometre-long till conveyor system has resumed. The conveyor carries glacial till from the 85th Avenue Industrial Lands to the dam site. [Read more](#).
- The Halfway River boat launch will remain open for most of the 2023 boating season. All area boat launches will be closed during reservoir filling. [Learn more](#).
- In its first intake of the year, the Site C project's Generate Opportunities (GO) Fund has provided \$70,000 to eight Peace Region non-profits. [Find out more about the programs](#).

Dam site

- Excavation of the approach channel, drilling and grouting, and placement of concrete and rip rap continues.
- Installation of steel piles in the tailrace excavation continues as part of the [right bank foundation enhancements](#). The piles extend the foundation further into the bedrock.
- Construction of the erosion protection slabs in the tailrace channel downstream of the stilling basin is underway.
- Construction of the powerhouse, intakes, and spillway continues. This includes concrete placements. Concrete placement for all six penstocks is complete.
- Powerhouse Balance of Plant: Installation of cable tray and other electrical components, as well as connection of cables is underway on the generator floor. Crews are installing the isophase bus. Piping installation continues in the dewatering gallery and on the generator floor. The mechanical contractor will continue applying coatings in the draft tube cone access area.
- Installation of the spillway gates and intake gates is underway.
- Installation of a headwork gantry crane is complete. The crane is being used for assembly of the intake gates.
- Installation of a tailrace gantry crane continues on the powerhouse tailrace deck.
- Turbine and generator components and materials continue to be delivered to site, and some to storage, for future installation.
- In the powerhouse, installation and assembly of turbine components continues and generator rotors are being assembled in the main service bay. One rotor and two runners have been installed.
- Construction of the dam, including placement of aggregates and riprap, will continue, weather dependent.
- Work will take place in the right bank drainage tunnel, including drilling and grouting, as well as the installation of drains.
- Construction of three transmission lines to connect the Site C powerhouse to the Southbank substation will continue.

Highway 29

- At Lynx Creek, crews continue to decommission the bridge and complete the remaining outstanding work, including the removal of unsuitable material, the placement of riprap, and the construction of the new Lynx Creek boat launch.
- Riprap will be hauled to Lynx Creek from sources near Chetwynd.
- [Visit our website](#) for Highway 29 schedules, maps, and construction updates.

Decommissioning

- Crews will continue work to decommission the Cache Creek bridge.
- The old highways at Halfway River and Cache Creek are being decommissioned, which includes removing concrete barriers, signs and asphalt. Asphalt from Halfway River is being hauled to various Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure pits for re-use in future projects. Asphalt from Cache Creek is being hauled to the dam site for future use in the permanent roads.

Peace River fish habitat enhancement

- Restoration on the island near Old Fort has been completed and the bridge has been removed. Shoreline contouring and final clean-up of the bridge supports will be completed in the spring.
- Fish habitat enhancement on the south bank near the dam site continues with vegetation clearing and excavation of the new side channel area.

Reservoir area

- Most of the clearing work is complete; however crews will need to return to Watson Slough within the next few months. [Clearing activities](#) include vegetation clearing, road construction, and maintenance and log hauling.
- Removal or demolition of infrastructure within the future reservoir on BC Hydro-owned land will continue near Cache Creek and Lynx Creek. Equipment will mobilize to site and work may be visible from Highway 29.
- Field investigations may take place.

Regulatory

- On March 16, 2023, BC Hydro submitted an application for Approval (Registry No.7247) to Transport Canada under the *Canadian Navigable Waters Act* regarding the constructed fish enhancement habitat (post construction) on an island approximately 26 km downstream of the W.A.C. Bennett Dam.
 - Comments on this application can be submitted via the [Common Project Search](#) or by emailing NPPAC-PPNPAC@tc.gc.ca.

What to expect

Work will take place during the day, night, and on the weekend, until the project is completed. During this time, residents can expect:

Boating restrictions

- The Halfway River boat launch will remain open for most of the 2023 boating season. All area boat launches will be closed during reservoir filling, which could begin as early as this fall. [Read more.](#)
- The Peace River near the dam site is permanently closed to boater traffic. Being on or near the water around the Site C construction area presents a serious safety risk to river users. Boaters are urged to stay away from the area and observe and obey all signage and beacons.

Traffic delays

- **Old Fort Road:** Near Gate B to the dam site, drivers may encounter loose gravel and increased commercial traffic. Due to equipment delivery, there may be [occasional short road closures](#) along Old Fort Road.
- **Highway 29:** Construction-related equipment will travel along Highway 29 and Highway 97. Drivers on the road are reminded to travel at a safe distance behind construction vehicles particularly near the Highway 29 road realignment sections. Learn more at drivebc.ca.
- **Other areas:** Trucks with heavy loads will be accessing the dam site and other project areas, using public and resource roads.

Equipment, noise, and vibration

- Helicopters and commercial drones may be used to support investigative, and construction works.
- Some noise and vibration may take place near the dam site and work areas, including the quarries.

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