



Start of Site C Main Civil Works

Construction of the Site C Clean Energy Project has been underway for approximately eight months. During this time, construction crews have been busy undertaking site preparation activities.

This spring and early summer, most of the construction activities will focus on the mobilization of Peace River Hydro Partners, the main civil works contractor, and the beginning of the earthworks to construct the dam. Site preparation, including construction of access roads and excavation, will also continue. Work areas will include the dam site, public roads, Highway 29, Wuthrich Quarry and Portage Mountain Quarry.



In February, there was a peak of **691 workers on the project**. Approximately 70 per cent of these workers are from B.C.

BC Hydro Awards Site C Turbines and Generators Contract

The Site C Clean Energy Project reached another important milestone in early April with the award of the turbines and generators contract to Voith Hydro Inc.

The contract, which was announced by Premier Christy Clark in Victoria, has a value of approximately \$470 million and includes the design, supply and installation of six vertical axis, Francis-style turbines, six generators and associated equipment.

With nearly 150 workers slated to be on-site during the peak of installation in 2022, the contract is expected to create approximately 400 person-years of employment resulting in job opportunities for millwrights, electricians, pipefitters, boilermakers and other trades.

Voith Hydro has negotiated a labour agreement with the Bargaining Council of British Columbia Building Trades Unions, which represents construction craft unions in B.C. The labour agreement includes participation from 10 BC building trades unions.



Site C hosts business networking sessions and job fairs

One of BC Hydro's objectives for Site C is to provide economic opportunities for northern and Aboriginal communities in B.C. That's why we hosted job fairs and business networking sessions in January, February and early March.

The events provided an opportunity for job seekers and businesses from northern and Aboriginal communities to meet with Site C contractors, including Peace River Hydro Partners, ATCO Two Rivers Lodging, along with companies providing site preparation and site security services. **More than 5,100 job seekers and 740 businesses attended the events.**

The construction of Site C will contribute \$3.2 billion to B.C.'s economy and create 10,000 person-years of direct construction employment over the eight years of construction. Peace River Hydro Partners alone will require 600 workers by summer of this year, and will peak at 1,500 workers in 2018.

Tumbler Ridge success story

Mona Hampel is just one of the many success stories coming out of the Site C job fairs. Mona, a Tumbler Ridge resident since 1982, attended the 2015 and 2016 job fairs that were held in Tumbler Ridge. At the 2016 event, she met with Peace River Hydro Partners and was hired as a construction safety officer. In this critical role, she will enforce and uphold health and safety plans on the project, making sure that the work done by the contractor is in accordance with applicable safety laws and regulations. "Safety is a key consideration in the project design and I am excited to be given the chance to be part of the PRHP safety team," said Mona.

Mona wanted to work on the Site C Project because it gives her family a chance to stay in the Peace Region. "We like living in the Peace Region. Working locally will give us the opportunity to enjoy hunting, fishing, ATV'ing, camping and river boating," said Mona.



How to apply for Site C jobs

- Site C jobs are being posted on the websites of WorkBC (www.workbc.ca) and Employment Connections (www.employmentconnections.bc.ca).
- You can submit your resume directly to the Site C contractors. BC Hydro is posting email addresses for the contractors at: www.sitecproject.com/job-opportunities/how-to-apply.



In early 2016, job fairs and business networking sessions were held in Tumbler Ridge, Chetwynd, Dawson Creek, Fort St. John, Prince George, Quesnel, Mackenzie and Fort Nelson.

New Human Resources Director hired from Fort St. John

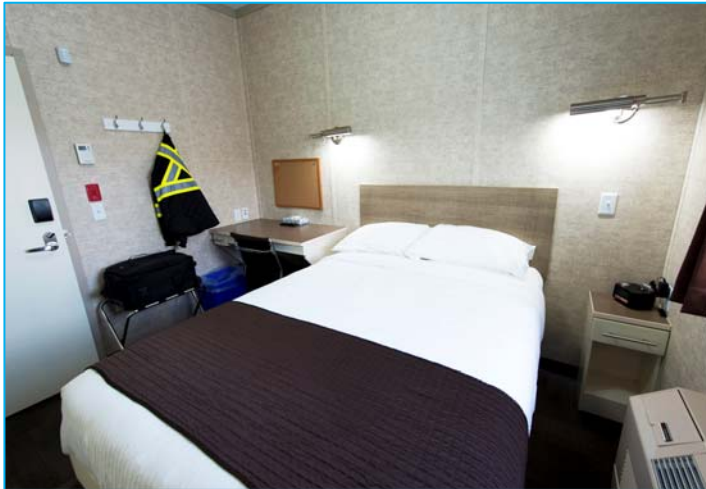
Ardith Brule is the new Human Resources Director for Peace River Hydro Partners. She was hired in early 2016 and will play a key role in helping the contractor meet their hiring targets.



"I'm pleased to be working on a project that will benefit my home community and all of B.C.," said Ardith, who was born and raised in Fort St. John.

As part of her role, Ardith will help to process the many resumes that were received at the recent job fairs. "I'm so pleased to see so many high-quality applicants from the Peace Region," Ardith commented.

Phase one of the Site C worker accommodation lodge opens



300 rooms are now open in the lodge. Guest rooms are single-occupancy and have a private bathroom, desk, TV and Wi-Fi.

In early March, the first phase of the worker accommodation lodge opened for use. This includes 300 beds, a temporary cafeteria and recreation area.

Construction of the worker accommodation camp will continue through the next quarter, as additional modular dormitory units are transported to site and amenities are constructed. A second phase of the dormitories will open in late June 2016, with the worker accommodation set to be completed in August 2016.

New Fort St. John office supports work in the field



Tleea Parker is one of many new hires that will staff the new Fort St. John office for Peace River Hydro Partners. Working in accounts payable, Tleea will support the company at the office as work continues in the field. Tleea was recently hired

after applying for the position online.

As a long-term resident of Fort St. John, Tleea is looking forward to being a part of this large project from the early days of construction. In her words: "It is a great learning experience and huge opportunity."



Aerial photo of the worker accommodation lodge, taken February 2016.

Fort St. John Driving Force makes sale to main civil works contractor

As part of the main civil works mobilization, Peace River Hydro Partners recently purchased approximately 70 vehicles from the Fort St. John Driving Force location.

Montana Currie, Fort St. John Branch Manager, attended the January 2016 Site C business networking session in Fort St. John where she had an opportunity to meet with the Peace River Hydro Partners team and provide information about Driving Force and their service offering. "We are excited for the opportunity to work with Peace River Hydro Partners and BC Hydro on the Site C Project," said Montana.

For more information about Driving Force, please visit www.drivingforce.ca.



Volunteering in the region

Last year the Site C Heritage team was pleased to spend several days volunteering at the North Peace Museum. During this period the team helped to organize samples in the museum's extensive archaeological inventory. The team enjoyed the opportunity to work at the museum and thank Heather Sjoblom, museum manager/curator, for having us!

Peace River construction bridge completed on schedule and on budget

BC Hydro and its contractor have met an early construction milestone on the project with the completion of the temporary Peace River construction bridge. The 329-metre-long bridge connects the north and south banks of the Site C construction site and will be used to transport people, machinery and materials across the Peace River.

Construction of the bridge was undertaken by Prince George-based Ruskin Construction and a First Nations joint venture partner. The work started in late November 2015 and was completed in late March 2016.

With the bridge in place, the main civil works contractor will mobilize to the Site C dam site and begin earthworks to construct the dam. This mobilization will involve the preparation of site offices and a parking lot as well as laydown and stockpile areas. In addition, 50 to 100 vehicles and pieces of machinery will be transported to the north bank of the dam site per week, over a three-to-four week period in April.



The steel bridge has 72 girders, supported on 68 steel pipe piles, with 17 steel and 2 concrete pile cap beams and 180 precast concrete deck panels.

Get more information

BC Hydro is committed to providing you with information about Site C construction activities. To learn more:

- Visit us on the web and sign up to receive email updates: www.sitecproject.com
- Follow us on Twitter: @sitecproject
- Call our toll-free construction information telephone line at: 1-877-217-0777
- Email us at: sitec@bchydro.com

Prince George company proud to be working in the Peace Region

Construction is underway to upgrade a number of public roads on the north bank of the Peace River in the vicinity of Fort St. John. These upgrades will provide better and safer access to the Site C Project and are being delivered by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) in association with BC Hydro.

The \$7.9-million Public Road Improvements contract was awarded to A.L. Sims and Son Ltd. by MoTI in July 2015. This contract includes upgrading and paving 1.6 kilometres of 240 Road, 900 meters of 269 Road, and widening, paving and partially realigning 5.6 kilometres of Old Fort Road. It also includes installation of street lights at various intersections along Old Fort Road and 240 Road. These improvements will result in a smoother riding surface, a higher level of safety and improved dust control.

In fall 2015, A.L. Sims and their subcontractors mobilized approximately 24 workers and 15 pieces of equipment to the site and began work on 240 Road and 269 Road. Work on the public roads will recommence in April and will be completed in fall 2016. Len Sims, Principal with A.L. Sims, says the project allows their company to improve transportation links in northern BC. "We are proudly based in Prince George and are pleased to work on a project that provides for the safe and efficient movement of people and construction materials in the region."

For more information, please visit www.ALSims.ca.

