

## Site C Construction Schedule: May 2 – May 15, 2020



Work on the diversion tunnels is on schedule for river diversion this September. See more project photos in the [image gallery](#).

### COVID-19 update

- BC Hydro has not been notified of any confirmed cases of COVID-19 at Site C.
- Our top priority will always be the safety of our employees, workers and members of the public.
- [Infographic](#): Preventing the spread of COVID-19 at Site C.
- For updates on COVID-19 and the Site C project, please visit our [website](#).

### News and highlights

- For safety reasons, starting mid-June, a four-kilometre section of the Peace River near Fort St. John will be permanently closed to boaters. A [portage program](#) will be available to transport non-motorized vessels around the closure.
- BC Hydro has submitted a Notice of Work to Transport Canada for construction of temporary access bridges over [Farrell Creek](#) and [Cache Creek](#) in support of Highway 29 construction. Bridges are expected to be in place between August 2020 and December 2022.

# CONSTRUCTION BULLETIN

## Dam site area – north bank and south bank

- Work has been scaled back in response to the escalation of the COVID-19 pandemic. All work fronts are being monitored and maintained to meet environmental and regulatory commitments.
- In-river excavation is occurring at the dam site.
- Activities required to achieve river diversion will continue.

## River diversion and navigational changes

- **New:** For safety reasons, starting in mid-June, a four-kilometre section of the Peace River near Fort St. John will be [permanently closed to boaters](#). This closure is related to in-river works associated with [river diversion](#) and dam construction.
- Construction continues on the shores of the Peace River for debris management structures. Work is anticipated to continue through the summer.
- Piles have been installed as part of a debris management system being built on the Moberly River, upstream of the dam site. The area is closed to boaters.
- The [Peace River will be diverted](#) from fall 2020 until the completion of the project in 2024. This section of the Peace River will be permanently closed to boaters.

## Highway 29

- To deter waterfowl from nesting in Highway 29 construction areas, [bird deterrents have been installed](#) at two locations on the Peace River near Lynx Creek.
- [Construction is continuing](#) on the Cache Creek East embankment including highway hauling of materials from the Peaceview Borrow area. Drivers can expect minor delays.
- Construction of a 1,042 meter bridge at [Halfway River](#) continues. This includes operation of a concrete batch plant, aggregate plant, aggregate pit development, installation of bridge piles, excavation at east and west bridge abutments, installation of bridge pier rebar, formwork and concrete, and hauling and stockpiling of materials. Rock hauling continues from West Pine Quarry.
- [Lynx Creek East](#) embankment construction continues, with the contractor based at Dry Creek. This includes clearing, vegetation removal, and excavation, hauling and stockpiling of aggregates. Rock hauling may occur from the Portage Mountain Quarry to the gravel causeway at the Lynx Creek construction site.
- Lynx Creek East in-river construction works will continue with excavation and construction of gravel causeways in the Peace River. It will also include excavation, aggregate hauling, and removal of waste wood on Dry Island and Gates Island. Boaters are advised to stay clear of the construction areas.
- Chipping and disposal of wood waste will begin at Lynx Creek.
- [Visit our website](#) for more Highway 29 schedules, maps and construction updates.

## Reservoir area

- Forestry and access road data collection and site investigations continue in the middle and western portions of the reservoir.
- Contractors may conduct aerial scans to detect potential 'hotspots' on the ground and around debris piles. All hotspots are investigated with mitigation measures implemented as appropriate.

## Transmission works

- Transmission line construction, excavation and road work will continue.

## 85th Avenue Conveyor

- Testing of the conveyor belt may occur.

## Other areas

- Work is occurring at Portage Mountain. This involves clearing snow, loading rip rap and work near Canyon Drive at 400 Road. Clearing may occur along the 400 Road between Canyon Drive and Portage Mountain Quarry.
- Riprap hauling continues between Portage Mountain Quarry and Lynx Creek, and between [West Pine Quarry and Halfway River](#).
- Aggregate and riprap production will continue in West Pine Quarry and Portage Mountain Quarry.

## 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:

### Traffic – please use caution and obey safety signage

- **Old Fort Road**
  - Near Gate A 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 from Tahltan Road to Gate B.
- **Highway 29:** Construction-related equipment will travel along Highway 29 and Highway 97. Learn more at [drivebc.ca](http://drivebc.ca).
- **Other areas:** Trucks with heavy loads will be accessing the dam site and other project areas, using public and resource roads.

### Equipment

- Heavy machinery will be in the transmission line corridor. Please stay clear of the work areas.
- Helicopters and commercial drones may be used to support investigative and construction works.

### Noise and vibration

- Some noise and vibration may occur near the dam site and work areas, including the quarries.

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