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## Re: Potential Future Use of Site C Work Camp Facility - Regional Treatment Centre

Dear Chair Hiebert and Board,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the possibility of using the Site C worker accommodation buildings and BC Hydro land for a regional treatment centre.

As regional treatment facilities ultimately fall under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions, we encourage you to engage directly with the ministry regarding your proposal.

As we near the end of the Site C project, we are planning for the decommissioning of the ATCO Two Rivers Site C Lodge, with our priorities to minimize waste and encourage repurposing. We would like any interested third parties to be informed about the opportunity to acquire some, or all, of these assets and to understand the scale of interest.

We have enlisted Colliers Project Leaders to conduct a market sounding exercise and identify potential buyers. In the coming weeks, Colliers will be engaging local governments (including the

Peace River Regional District), First Nations, provincial agencies (including the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions) and non-profits.

Colliers can also provide more information about the worker accommodation inventory and asset condition. Please contact Evan Woolley (Director Infrastructure at Colliers) if you have any further questions. In addition, ATCO is also receiving interest from industry.

With regards to your question about leasing the lands for the purpose of a rehabilitation and treatment centre, should a third party be interested in acquiring the assets and leasing the lands, BC Hydro may consider that proposal. All requests to lease BC Hydro land are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and would depend on a number of factors, including our current operational needs or existing commitments.

However, BC Hydro is already engaged with the Indigenous communities to potentially locate a cultural centre at this location using some of the core assets. Should this project advance, the camp area would not be available for other parties.

We recognize the value that a proposed treatment centre could bring to the residents of the Peace River Regional District. We hope that this information helps you determine the next steps for this project.

Please let us know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Bob Gammer