



DIRECTOR REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: DR-BRD-009

From: Karen Goodings, Area B Director

Date: November 16, 2020

Subject: **Site C Clean Energy Project**

PURPOSE / ISSUE:

To discuss an upcoming report on cost overruns of the Site C Clean Energy Project and to get authorization to send a letter voicing our concerns.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION: *[Corporate Unweighted]*

That the Regional Board authorize a letter, under the signature of the Chair, be sent to Premier Horgan regarding the Peter Milburn investigation, with the following requests:

- a) That the public be provided the Terms of Reference that contains the full instructions that were given to Peter Milburn for the investigation regarding the serious issues facing Site C;
- b) That any further work on the Site C project be suspended until the Peter Milburn investigation is complete and made public;
- c) That the Peter Milburn report be disclosed to the public in its entirety, with no redactions, prior to a decision regarding the future of the Site C Project being announced by yourself, Premier Horgan; and finally,
- d) That, if your decision is to terminate the Site C project, that the Province commit funding equivalent to the estimated increase to the Site C project due to cost overruns to the replacement of the bridge across the Peace River at Taylor, BC.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

We are all aware that the issues that have surfaced about the instability of the reservoir, as reported by BC Hydro, are both serious and costly. That BC Hydro had known about the unstable condition months before their disclosure. The lack of prompt reporting on these issues combined with the continued requests from BC Hydro to extend their response time to the questions asked by the BCUC and, that their quarterly report will again be delayed, does not provide the public with any confidence in this process. Why are we continuing to spend dollars and burn trees while we await the Peter Milburn Report?

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- ☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan.