

**SITE C REGIONAL LEGACY BENEFITS POLICY**

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 The Site C Regional Legacy Benefit is intended to recognize the Region's contribution to hosting the BC Hydro Site C Project; contribute to the longer-term self-sufficiency of the communities in the region and provide stable predictable long-term benefits to that leave the Peace Region better-off after construction of the Site C Dam.
- 1.2 The Site C Regional Legacy Benefits will be administered by Peace River Regional District (PRRD). This policy establishes clear guidelines to the Rural Budgets Administration Committee (RBAC) for usage of funds.

2. Scope

- 2.1 This Policy applies to the PRRD and RBAC.

3. Definitions

- 3.1 *Betterment*: Enhance or better an existing asset's service potential (i.e. service capacity, efficiency, useful life or quality of output). A betterment will:
 - a) Increase the previously assessed physical output or service capacity; and/or;
 - b) Significantly lower associated operating costs (efficiency); and/or;
 - c) Extend the life of the property; and/or
 - d) Improve the quality of the output.
 - e) Expenditures for the betterment will be included in the cost of the related asset.
- 3.2 *Site C Regional Legacy Benefit*: The annual payment is provided to PRRD from BC Hydro as outlined in the terms of the Agreement once Site C is operational. The funds will be allocated to member communities, regional functions, and the rural population via RBAC based on a formula determined by the region and included in the signed Agreement that considers both population and relative project impacts for each community.



3.3 *Tangible Capital Asset (TCA)*: A non-financial asset having physical substance that:

- a) is held for use in production or supply of goods or services, rental to others, administrative purposes, development, construction, maintenance or repair of other tangible capital assets.
- b) has a useful economic life extending beyond one year.
- c) is used on a continuing basis.
- d) is not held for resale in the ordinary course of operations.

4. Policy

4.1 The annual Site C Regional Legacy Benefit rural population portion will be split evenly between Electoral Area B, Electoral Area C, Electoral Area D, and Electoral Area E.

4.2 Legacy Benefit rural population funds as distributed equally between the Electoral Areas are restricted to betterment or acquisition of new tangible capital assets owned by the PRRD in alignment with the Regional District's Tangible Capital Asset Policy.

4.3 Upon the five-year anniversary of the first Legacy Benefit Funds received and every five years thereafter, the funds distributed to each Electoral Area must be spent.

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