



# REPORT

To: Regional Parks Committee

Report Number: CS-RPC-006

From: Trish Morgan, General Manager of Community Services

Date: December 1, 2020

**Subject: Blackfoot Boat Launch – BC Hydro Correspondence**

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## RECOMMENDATION:

That the Regional Parks Committee receive the report titled “Blackfoot Boat Launch – BC Hydro Correspondence” CS-RPC-006 for information.

## BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

At the July 9, 2020 PRRD Board Meeting the following motion was passed:

*MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED*

That the Regional Board refer the correspondence dated February 20, 2020 from BC Hydro regarding the Clayhurst / Blackfoot boat launch to the Regional Parks Committee for a response.

At the February 13, 2020 PRRD Board Meeting, the following resolution was passed:

*MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED*

That members of the Regional Parks Committee be authorized to meet with BC Hydro and the Comptroller of Water Rights to advocate for the development of a boat launch in the Blackfoot/Clayhurst area, as originally required under the Peace Water Use Plan.

As a result a letter was sent to the Director and Comptroller of Water Rights, Water Management Branch. On February 20, 2020, the Regional Community Liaison Committee for Site C received, from BC Hydro, the attached letter (note the PRRD did not receive a copy of the letter until June 25, 2020). The letter outlines the requests that the PRRD has made advocating for a boat launch and the responses from BC Hydro and the Comptroller since 2014. The Comptroller has repeatedly stated that their office will not be authorizing/requiring BC Hydro to conduct further work on a boat launch at Blackfoot Park.

The Blackfoot boat launch has been included in the negotiation regarding the Site C Community Measures Agreement. As this agreement is currently under negotiation it is recommended that no further action be taken on the boat launch until the Community Measures Agreement is finalized.

## ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Parks Committee provide further direction.

## STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan.

Staff Initials:

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**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):**

None.

**OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):**

This report was originally drafted for the July 23, 2020 Regional Parks Committee which was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

**Attachments:**

1. Email from B. Gammer re: Boat Launch at Blackfoot/Clayhurst – June 25, 2020
2. Report re: Boat Launch at Blackfoot/Clayhurst - January 10, 2020 (includes correspondence back to 2014)

**External Links**

1. [BC Hydro/Regional District Site C Community Measures Agreement: Background Brief on Regional District Requests – October 2020](#)