



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: ADM-BRD-144

From: Shawn Dahlen, Chief Administrative Officer

Date: February 11, 2021

Subject: Environmental Assessment Cert. #E14-02 Amendment – 85th Ave Hauling to Site C

RECOMMENDATION #1: [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Regional Board authorize the addition of two additional Regional Board members to the Environmental Office Community Advisory Committee referred to as the Site C Project Working Group.

RECOMMENDATION #2: [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Regional Board authorize the appointment of two members to the BC Environmental Assessment Office's Technical Advisory Committee.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

BC Hydro is in the process of preparing an application to the BC Environmental Assessment Office (BCEAO) to amend the Environmental Assessment Certificate #E14-02 to allow hauling of construction material from the 85th Ave. industrial lands to the Site C Project Dam Site area. The Chair submitted a letter on February 3, 2021 to the BCEAO respectfully requesting that two Committees be established as part of the process for considering the 85th Ave. hauling amendments. These Committees are contemplated as part of the BC *Environmental Assessment Act*.

Director Rose and Director Fraser are appointed to the Site C Project Working Group, a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) and two additional members are invited to join. A Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is required, and will provide input on technical matters relating to the proposed 85th Ave. hauling amendment. Local governments are invited to provide representatives to the TAC, and can identify their nominees. The TAC will be comprised of provincial and federal government staff with the appropriate qualifications and expertise relevant to the proposed amendment, Indigenous nations, and local government representatives. The BCEAO can also appoint additional experts. At this time, the total number of people involved is not known. The February 3, 2021 letter to the BCEAO office requested a list of members involved. The TAC will require two PRRD participants.

The BCEAO's CAC Guidelines note that the purpose of a CAC is to provide advice on the potential effects of the proposed project on the community, and that its members can provide local knowledge of the community and project area. An open subscription service is available to allow information exchange between the BCEAO and interested community members. There is also a provision to form a 'select' CAC consisting of a small group of community members. It is hoped that the BCEAO will form a 'select' CAC for the proposed 85th Ave. hauling amendment.

The purpose of this report to the Board is to request Board direction on nominees to be advanced to the BCEAO for the Technical Advisory Committee and Community Advisory Committee (also referred

to as the Site C Project Working Group). At the Board's pleasure, these nominees can be Board members and/or staff.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- ☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

Attachments:

1. Environmental Assessment Certificate #E14-02 letter