



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

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**Re: Environmental Assessment Certificate (EAC) #E14-02: Schedule A (Project Description) –  
Hauling Material from 85<sup>th</sup> Ave. Industrial Lands to the Site C Project Dam Site Area**

On behalf of the Peace River Regional District (PRRD), thank you for meeting with our staff and consulting team on January 15<sup>th</sup> to provide us with a more thorough understanding of the process for assessing proposed amendments to Environmental Assessment Certificates. During this call it was noted that the PRRD would like to participate fully at many points in the proposed amendment process. The purpose of this letter is to provide further elaboration in that regard.

As a starting point, we acknowledge that the PRRD received the draft EAC #E14-02 amendment package on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021. This package invited the PRRD to comment on the draft amendment by January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Given the proposed fundamental change to the Site C dam construction process – hauling of 85<sup>th</sup> Ave. glacial till construction material for some period versus continuous use of the conveyor system – along with the potential magnitude of this change and scope with respect to effects on many valued components identified through the Environmental Impact Statement, the PRRD was unable to fully respond by January 29<sup>th</sup>. We have provided some initial comments to BC Hydro in our January 28<sup>th</sup> letter to Nancy Pepper, a copy of which has been provided to you.

The PRRD believes that the proposed 85<sup>th</sup> Ave. hauling proposed amendment is of sufficient complexity to warrant the highest level of consideration set out in the 'Environmental Assessment Certificate and Exemption Order Amendment Policy'. Moreover, we wish to ensure that the process is paced to allow for meaningful input, research and analysis and full and fair consideration of all input received. Making allowance for the complex and fundamental nature of the amendment request, as well as application of the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*, we anticipate that a determination by the BC Environmental Assessment Office on this application is at least a year away.

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**PLEASE REPLY TO:**

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Our review of Table 1: Complexity Characteristics and Corresponding Information Requirements in that Policy reveals a range of characteristics of the 85<sup>th</sup> Ave. hauling proposal – material change to process, likely effects on valued components, complex engagement requirements, and potential for both public comment periods and formation of community advisory committee. These characteristics place the 85<sup>th</sup> Ave. hauling proposal squarely into the ‘Complex’ category.

With respect to process, we would also like to respectfully offer the following suggestions:

- Technical Advisory Committee – we understand that the EAO can appoint specialized expertise to this Committee. The PRRD feels that this expertise would be very beneficial in addressing various concerns which were noted in our response to BC Hydro’s draft amendment application package. These include identification of options to truck hauling in the event of conveyor service interruption, analysis of risk and duration of breakdown of the conveyor system, and review of effects of options (including truck hauling) on certain valued components (for example, transportation and human health). The PRRD also wishes to add representatives to this Committee, and will provide our nominees following their appointment by the Board. We would appreciate receiving a current list of the members of the Technical Advisory Committee.
- Community Advisory Committee – the PRRD believes that there is sufficient interest in this proposed amendment to warrant the establishment of a Community Advisory Committee. This Committee should include among its members representatives from the PRRD Board, with our nominees forthcoming. We attach copies of representative correspondence from community members already received which illustrate the depth of interest and concern regarding this forthcoming amendment.
- Public engagement process – the PRRD envisions three Environmental Assessment Office-led points of public engagement. These would include engagement efforts such as online sessions during the following steps in the overall amendment assessment process:
  - Step 2 (Assessment Procedures and Supplementary Materials Development, Fee Determination and Engagement)
  - Step 3 (Submission of Supplementary Materials and Review of Application and Supplementary Materials)
  - Step 4 (Amendment Assessment Report and Decision).

The proposed amendment to allow hauling of 85<sup>th</sup> Ave. construction material to the Site C dam construction location is an issue of high importance to the Regional District and our residents. We appreciate you taking our comments into consideration when establishing the proposed amendment assessment process.

We also look forward to working with your office as that process evolves.

Yours truly,

Brad Sperling,  
PRRD Board Chair

c: BC Hydro- Nancy Pepper, Community and Social Mitigation Manager  
c: PRRD Board and PRRD website

Attachments: Correspondence from PRRD Residents Regarding Proposed 85<sup>th</sup> Ave. Hauling  
Amendment

**From:** Marilyn and Dennis Scheck <mdscheck@xplornet.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2021 9:47 AM  
**To:** sitec@bchydro.com  
**Cc:** Communications Mailbox  
**Subject:** Response to Proposed Hauling of Site C Dam Construction Materials from 85th Ave. Lands  
**Attachments:** Truck Hauling to Site C.pdf

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**Site C Project Team**

From our Daily News update email notification from PRRD, dated January 15, 2021, our response is included in the above attachment and has relevant information we would like you to consider, and reply to, regarding proposed changes to the method of hauling dam construction materials to Site C.

Please respond to our questions.

Sincerely,

Dennis & Marilyn Scheck  
mdscheck@xplornet.com

**From:** Scott Logan <sloganpipelineserv@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 22, 2021 6:28 PM  
**To:** sitec@bchydro.com  
**Cc:** Communications Mailbox  
**Subject:** Proposed Hauling

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I do not agree with your intentions of turning our access to our homes into your haul rd, throughout the construction of site c and as a old fort resident I have sustained several delays and near misses with your construction traffic, it's as though they feel some sort of entitlement to the rd. I have also sustained vehicle damages that nearly blinded my son due to shards of glass flying throughout the cab of my newly purchased 100000\$ truck. Brand new truck off the lot and 2 hrs after driving off the lot one of your energetic haul trucks had a rock fall off the side of trailer and hit my windshield, I spoke to Dave Conway and got some direction as to how it can be repaired by Site C and after spending several hrs on the phone with the direction provided by Conway as to who to call I got nothing but a near miss with my 8 yr old sons eyesight and a smashed windshield, you guys have no respect or concern for the safety of the residents of old fort community. You clearly showed that with the way Conway handled the situation I presented him. We can't keep a vehicle clean as your traffic carries mud onto the rd during the spring and summer months, we eat dust throughout the dry times in summer as the dust rolls down the valley and settles on our homes and in our lungs, you won't install a air quality monitor within the neighborhood to ensure we are within the tolerable limits. I can only hope that with the way you have handled all concerns that we are faced with on the daily that the project you are currently pulling a pay check from is cancelled, not that I'm apposed to the dam but merely only because of the way you act towards the safety of all people that have no choice but to put up with your complete and udder disregard for our families safety.

PS. Call me if you want to make good on smashing the windshield of my new truck.  
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Scott Logan  
Long time resident of Old Fort,  
Born and raised in FSJ.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** charlotte francoeur <roadrunnerventures@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 26, 2021 5:58 PM  
**To:** Communications Mailbox  
**Subject:** BC Hydro Project Amendment

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Our concerns regarding the amendment proposed hauling of Site C materials from 85th Ave to the dam site.

#1. Increased traffic to the point of not being able to get out of our driveway.

#2. Noise of the trucks, JAKE/ENGINE BRAKES! It's already ridiculous now they want to add more! The road where we are located is flat, so if the trucks weren't speeding there would be no need for them to use the engine brakes, but they do both now, so with the proposed number of trucks they want to add it can only get worse. Our property is listed as Residential, the PRRD denied our application to change to Light Industrial, but the road that runs by our house/property seems to be a high speed industrial road.

#3. BC Hydro dropped off their news letter regarding this to our door today, it reads that they will implement traffic management personnel, so does this mean our road will be considered under construction yet again?? That is another HUGE imposition to residents having to deal with rude flag people (we have in the past) being made late for appointments, having to go the long way around to town, basically being made to feel like we are not welcome to drive on the 240 Road or Old Fort Road, we as residents become secondary citizens to PRHP/BC HYDRO construction, which is ridiculous considering we are the residents that pay taxes every year as property owners not just temporary, like Site C. We were repeatedly told in the beginning of all this that there would be NO IMPOSITION, NO INTERRUPTIONS TO OUR DAILY LIVES and yet that's exactly what happens over & over again.

#4. We are concerned that the increased truck traffic that they are proposing will result in accidents, as there is already an abundance of traffic, speeders and people passing. We do not feel safe on this road already at peak times of the day as people seem to think they are Mario Andretti & the 240 Road is the Indianapolis 500!

Rainer Steck & Charlotte Francoeur  
12140 240 Road

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**From:** Paulette Blais  
**Sent:** January 22, 2021 3:04 PM  
**To:** Project Team, Site C  
**Cc:** prrd dc ; info@fortstjohn.ca; prrd fsj ; PeaceAdmin@gov.bc.ca  
**Subject:** RE: BC Hydro Site C Project Re: Till Conveyor hauling letter

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There were a couple of points I would like clarification on in this document:

Traffic management personnel and signage - why is there a need for traffic management personnel? Are you intending to give right of way to these trucks and stopping local traffic?

Worst case scenario these trucks could be on the road many more days than you have indicated. Are you familiar with the term "it is easier to ask for forgiveness than permission?" This is how it feels to me after reading various versions of what will be taking place with these trucks.

What happens if we have heavy rainfall this year and the conveyor ends up under water again?

At the beginning of consultation with the City we were told that the Old Fort residents would not be impacted by the Site C project. Well, I beg to differ. We have been subject to a plethora of effects from road construction, delays because of said construction, massive amounts of dust, noise, smoke to the point of asthma attacks, irregular and extremely high river water and the list goes on. Now we will be contending with more delays on the road to add insult to injury. Is our time not valuable too?

Paulette Blais  
Old Fort Resident

Sent from my Galaxy

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From: "Project Team, Site C" <[sitec@bchydro.com](mailto:sitec@bchydro.com)>

Date: 2021-01-22 12:22 p.m. (GMT-07:00)

To:

Cc: "Project Team, Site C" <[sitec@bchydro.com](mailto:sitec@bchydro.com)>

Subject: BC Hydro Site C Project Re: Till Conveyor hauling letter

Dear Old Fort Resident.

We want to let you know that we have posted [a letter to residents on the EAC amendment on hauling](#) related to the till conveyor on our website.

We will also be sending the information to Old Fort residents by Canada Post.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Kind regards,  
Site C Project Team

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