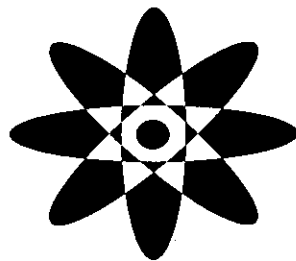


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**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

**December 7, 2007**



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**for the December 7, 2007 Board Meeting**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- C-7 Site C Hydro Electric Project:
- a) November 26, 2007 letter from Hugo Shaw, BC Hydro, Director, Site C Project regarding beginning the Stage 2 consultation process; and
  - b) December 4, 2007 news release from BC Hydro – BC Hydro seeking input into Site C consultation process.
- C-8 Invitation received December 6, 2007 from Richard Neufeld, MLA, Peace River North, to the Constituency Office Christmas Open House scheduled for 4 – 7 pm on December 7, 2007.

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November 26<sup>th</sup> 2007

Peace River Regional District  
PO BOX 810 STN MAIN  
DAWSON CREEK BC V1G4H8



Dear Sirs,

**Re: Peace River Site C Hydro Project**

Hello, my name is Hugo Shaw, Director of the proposed Site C project. I am contacting you regarding the provincial government's recent public announcement to begin Stage 2 consultation to evaluate Site C as a potential option to help close the gap between electricity supply and demand in British Columbia.

As you may know, the provincial government's *BC Energy Plan*, released in February 2007, signals that BC Hydro will begin consulting about the Site C hydroelectric project. A decision on whether or not the project will move forward to construction has not been made and much more work and analysis needs to take place before the Province can make a decision.

At the same time, a large hydroelectric development requires the longest development time of any other potential resource. To preserve Site C as a future option, we must update our studies, many of which are more than 25 years old. At the same time, we will explore new ideas from local residents, communities, First Nations, and others about how the project may be adapted to avoid, mitigate or compensate for potential impacts, and to look at how to also provide lasting benefits to the communities most directly affected.

BC Hydro is committed to consultation and effective communications with landowners as we embark on the next stage of review for the Site C project, with the goal of building positive long-term relationships that will be instrumental to the consideration, planning, and design of Site C as a sustainable project, should it proceed. As part of the consultation process, BC Hydro is beginning with pre-consultation to talk to individuals and communities to gain your input into how you would like to be consulted and about which topics the consultation process should cover.

Helen Morrison, Senior Property Representative, for BC Hydro, will follow up with you in early January 2008 to set up a time to discuss the pre-consultation stage and also to set up a time if you wish to meet with members of the project team. You may also contact Helen directly before then at 604-623-3808 or via email at [helen.morrison@bchydro.com](mailto:helen.morrison@bchydro.com). You may also call the toll-free line at 1-877-217-0777 and leave a message and your call will be returned within three business days.

As well, to provide local residents with additional information and opportunities to provide input, a Fort St. John Community Consultation office will be open soon for you to drop by and speak with staff about Site C. The address is: 9948 100th Ave Fort St. John, BC V1J 1Y5. You can also visit our website at [www.bchydro/sitec.com](http://www.bchydro/sitec.com)

We look forward to working with you and receiving your input.

Respectfully,

Hugo Shaw  
Director, Site C Project

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority, Properties, Acquisitions & Projects, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor - 333 Dunsmuir Street,  
Vancouver, BC V6B 5R3  
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### BC Hydro seeking input into Site C consultation process

BC Hydro is commencing a pre-consultation process to seek input from local, regional, and provincial communities and stakeholders on the potential for an additional hydroelectric facility on the Peace River – Site C. As directed in the BC Energy Plan and announced by the Premier in September 2007 at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities convention, the project is one of several options available to help meet the growing gap between the supply and demand of electricity in B.C.

BC Hydro has completed its Stage 1 evaluation of Site C, as part of a five stage process, and is currently in the second stage of project review – project definition and comprehensive consultation. Stage 2 will begin with BC Hydro seeking input on how people want to be consulted about the project and on the topics they wish to discuss.

In a parallel pre-consultation process, BC Hydro will also seek advice from First Nations about how they wish to be consulted and which issues and concerns might need to be addressed through the evaluation of Site C.

No decision to build Site C has been made, and a decision on whether or not to proceed is years away. Site C is only one option being considered to help meet British Columbia's long-term electricity needs, along with energy conservation and efficiency as the first and best choice, purchases from independent power producers and re-investment in existing assets. At the current rate of electricity consumption, BC Hydro's forecasting shows that over the next two decades, demand for electricity in British Columbia could grow by as much as 45 per cent.

If built, Site C would be the third dam and hydroelectric generating station on the Peace River. It would provide a reliable, clean, and renewable source of electricity for more than 100 years. It would supply in the range of 900 MW of reliable, dependable electricity, providing about eight per cent of B.C.'s existing electricity demands.

For more information on the project, including the Stage 1 report on project feasibility, and information on how to get involved in the consultation process for Site C, please visit [www.bchydro.com/sitec](http://www.bchydro.com/sitec).

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**Honourable Richard Neufeld  
Minister of Energy, Mines and  
Petroleum Resources  
MLA Peace River North**



# Fax

**To:** \_\_\_\_\_ **From:** Jennifer Wilkinson, CA

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**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** December 6, 2007

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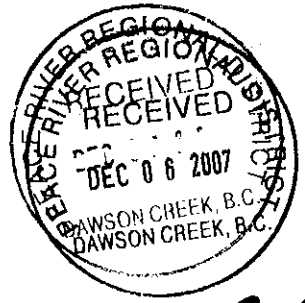
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**Message:**

**Merry Christmas! Please share the attached invitation to our open house. Everyone is welcome to attend.**

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# *Christmas Open House*

RICHARD NEUFELD, MLA  
PEACE RIVER NORTH

December 7, 2007  
4 PM – 7 PM

Constituency Office  
10104 – 100<sup>th</sup> Street  
Fort St. John  
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*HOPE YOU CAN MAKE IT!*

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**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Items to be received for information.**

**December 7, 2007**

**PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**for the December 7, 2007 Board Meeting**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- CA-1 November 9, 2007 letter of appreciation from Martha B. Wyrsh, President and CEO, Spectra Energy for joining in the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Westcoast Pipeline.
- CA-2 November 14, 2007 letter from Jay Hill, MP Prince George – Peace River regarding the Building Canada Plan: Modern Infrastructure for A Strong Canada.  
*NOTE: Secretary has a copy of the program outline.*
- CA-3 **BC Hydro Transmission Line Crew Relocation to Prince George:**
- a) Copy of the November 23, 2007 letter of objection from Diana Chorney, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Village of Pouce Coupe; and
  - b) Copy of the November 27, 2007 letter of objection from Mayor Harwood, District of Hudson's Hope.

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**Spectra Energy Transmission**  
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Houston, TX 77056

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P.O. Box 1642  
Houston, TX 77251-1642



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**Martha B. Wyrsh**  
President & CEO



November 9, 2007

Ms. Karen Goodings  
Chair/Director, Peace River Regional District  
P. O. Box 810  
Dawson Creek, BC  
V1G4H8

Dear Ms. Goodings:

Many thanks to you for joining us to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Westcoast Pipeline, and for sharing your thoughts with the audience at our event in Taylor.

We value our relationships in British Columbia, and deeply appreciate your support.

Best wishes,

Martha B. Wyrsh

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**JAY HILL, MP**  
**PRINCE GEORGE - PEACE RIVER**

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November 14, 2007

Karen Goodings  
Chair  
Peace River Regional District  
P.O. Box 810  
Dawson Creek, BC  
V1G 4H8



Dear Chair Goodings,

I would like to take this opportunity to bring to your attention an exciting new program announced by the Government of Canada that can significantly assist the Peace River Regional District in developing safer roads and bridges, a more competitive economy, enhanced cultural infrastructure and a better quality of life for your residents.

*The Building Canada Plan: Modern Infrastructure for A Strong Canada*, is an historical infrastructure investment that will address the urgent and future infrastructure needs of our local communities. I would especially like to draw your attention to the Communities Component of this new funding which is exclusively designed to benefit communities with populations of fewer than 100,000. I have enclosed a copy of the Building Canada program outline for your information. As well, you can consult the program website: [www.buildingcanada.gc.ca](http://www.buildingcanada.gc.ca). In the meantime, I would like to point out the following types of projects that will be funded and may be of particular interest to your regional district:

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| Highways                                   | Green Energy             |
| Short-line railways and short-sea shipping | Solid Waste Management   |
| Regional and Local Airports                | Brownfield Redevelopment |
| Connectivity and Broadband                 | Drinking Water           |
| Tourism and Convention Centres             | Disaster Mitigation      |
| Wastewater                                 | Roads and Bridges        |
| Public Transit                             | Sports and Culture       |

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I encourage you to pursue this exciting funding opportunity announced by our Conservative Government. Please do not hesitate to contact me or my Legislative Assistant, Charmaine Crockett, at my Ottawa office (613-947-4524). We would be pleased to answer any questions or offer assistance to you in order to ensure that the Peace River Regional District is positioned as quickly and as ably as possible to apply to access this important federal investment in infrastructure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Hill", written in a cursive style.

Hon. Jay Hill, P.C., M.P.  
Prince George-Peace River  
Secretary of State and Chief Government Whip

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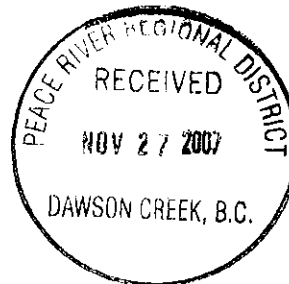
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# CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF POUCE COUPE



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www.poucecoupe.ca

November 23, 2007



BC Hydro and Power Authority  
Attention of Mr. Bob Elton, President & CEO  
18<sup>th</sup> Floor, 333 Dunsmuir Street  
VANCOUVER BC V6B 5R3

Dear Mr. Elton:

**Re: Hydro Transmission Crew Relocation**

Mayor and Council of the Village of Pouce Coupe would like to express their opinion on your decision to relocate your Transmission Crew from Hudson's Hope to Prince George.

First, you must be aware that there is a mountain range between those two locales, how will you respond to a power outage should the Monkman Pass be closed to vehicular traffic.

It does occur and thus when there is a snow storm you would be unable to safely transport your crew and we who live here in the -20 to -40 degree winter temperatures would be without power which translates to without heat for how long?

Perhaps you have had a study prepared which outlines minimal acceptable living standards under adverse weather conditions?

Would you be prepared to provide us with those reports?

Our northern locale provides your business with the opportunity to supply over 30% of our entire Provinces' electricity consumption, but you wish to centralize which translates to cut your costs at the expense of the residents who live in those locales.

Please come for a visit to our beautiful north country in January, visit a while, perhaps you will encounter a -40 degree day, then you could truly experience cold, imagine no power = no heat for about 8 hours, let's say, that of course depends on the crew being able to get through the pass .

We would like to receive any reports you may have undertaken that outline the number of residents you are removing from Hudson's Hope and relocation to Prince George, and or the number of jobs you have created in Prince George.

While these numbers may be insignificant to a larger municipality such as Prince George, they do

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have serious implications in smaller municipalities like Hudson's Hope, ie Local School Funding will be reduced when families relocate, resulting in fewer teachers, along with other Grant possibilities, including Small Communities, Recreation, Police, etc.

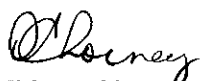
To those of us who call the North home, we again are being told we will receive a less than standard level of service based on cost analyses and population.

We would like our voice to be heard, **This sub-standard service is unacceptable.**

We deserve at the very least to be treated to the same level of service provided to our more densely populated areas.

Please provide this office with any reports you may have on hand or will receive in the future regarding this issue.

Sincerely,



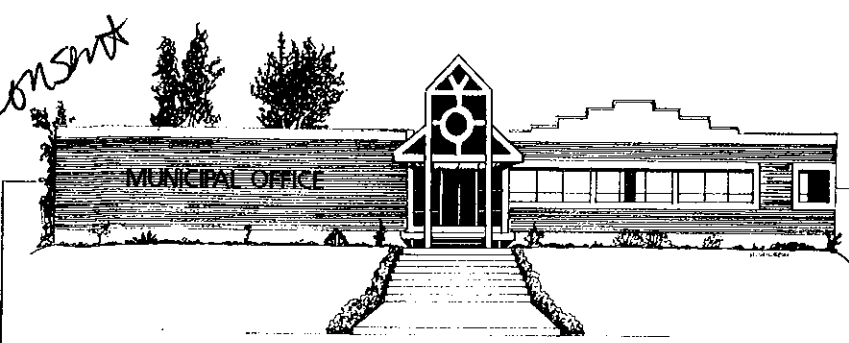
Diana Chorney

Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

cc: Dist. of Hudson's Hope  
South Peace MLA, Blair Lekstrom  
Minister of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources, Hon. Richard Neufeld  
Premier Gordon Campbell  
Peace River Regional District

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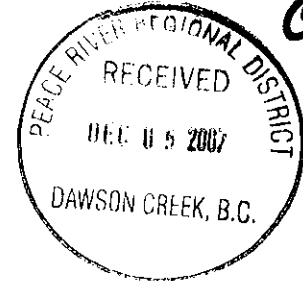
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*Office of the Mayor*



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Mr. Bob Elton  
President & CEO, BC Hydro  
333 Dunsmuir Street  
18<sup>th</sup>. Floor  
Vancouver, B.C. V6B 5R3

November 27, 2007

Dear Mr. Elton,

Council received your letter regarding recruitment of BC Hydro employees to Hudson's Hope at our Council meeting last night. They asked me to express our sincere displeasure with the position BC Hydro has taken with staffing and recruitment to Hudson's Hope.

You wrote on November 6<sup>th</sup>., about the "potential" relocation of the Transmission Line Crew to Prince George. We met with BC Hydro officials on November 9<sup>th</sup>. at which time they confirmed that relocation. We along with the rest of the local governments in the Peace River Area are very displeased with that decision. There has already been one incident documented that shows the level of concern that we have is warranted. We do not feel that the area of the province that provides one third of the power to the rest of the province should be put at risk for possible power outages especially in severe weather conditions.

We understand the current problems with recruitment that are taking place all over the province but relocating emergency response personnel farther away from the emergency scene is not the solution to the current recruitment problems and may indeed contribute to the problems. We feel other solutions such as "incentive packages" for the Transmission Line crew would help enable recruitment.

A number of positions have been created in Hudson's Hope but we are not sure that all of them require people to live here but instead some may be staffed from the Lower Mainland such as the new Director of Northern Operations and Thermal, Mr. Bruce Misewich. This is the top position in the community and sends a strong message to the rest of the employees who like to have their boss living in their neighbourhood and

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spending time with them after working hours. Every time a position is filled with employees who live elsewhere all of our services are affected. Everything from our Health Care, Education, Recreation and even our local businesses are affected. Our Grant In Lieu from BC Hydro is also capped because of our population base. This severely hampers our abilities to fund project and maintain a sustainable community. Population numbers are essential to sustain services.

Mr. Elton, you spoke to me personally in Vancouver and told me how important Hudson's Hope is to BC Hydro. Likewise I expressed to you how important BC Hydro is to Hudson's Hope. There are many BC Hydro employees who have chosen to make Hudson's Hope their home because of the quality of life that is offered here. We cannot continue to try to provide quality educational and health services as well as recreational activities without a serious commitment from BC Hydro.

We need "real" partnerships if we are to work towards maintaining a high standard of life for all of the residents of Hudson's Hope. We would be happy to have you come to Hudson's Hope and show you our community and discuss the issues facing both BC Hydro and the District of Hudson's Hope.

Sincerely,

*L.M. Harwood*

L.M. Harwood  
Mayor

- cc: Chris O'Riley, Senior V.P. of Engineering, Aboriginal Relations & Engineering
- Gary Rodford, Senior V.P., Field Operations
- Eric Valois, General Manager, Transmission Services
- David Lebeter, Director, Generation Operations
- Bruce Misewich, Director, Northern Operations & Thermal
- Dave Conway, Northern Community Relations Manager
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