

RE: Action: Permitting navigation - Connectivity Economic Recovery Projects

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To: Rasmussen, Paul FLNR:EX <Paul.Rasmussen@gov.bc.ca>, O'Donoghue, Eamon G FLNR:EX <Eamon.ODonoghue@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: November 24, 2020 12:08:17 PM PST

I never saw a final version so I haven't sent this out yet.

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Subject: RE: Action: Permitting navigation - Connectivity Economic Recovery Projects

I thought Rick was asking for any edits and would be sending this out under his signature. Searching my inbox for the final version and will move along. Thanks for the reminder

From: Sutherland, Craig FLNR:EX <Craig.Sutherland@gov.bc.ca>
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Did you guys send this note out ?

From: Manwaring, Richard G FLNR:EX <Rick.G.Manwaring@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: November 16, 2020 2:43 PM
To: FLNR Operations Executive Leadership Team <OPEXLEAD@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Action: Permitting navigation - Connectivity Economic Recovery Projects

As per OELT today, my intent would be to send this to OELT for re-distribution to your senior teams, perhaps with your own editorial or context.
Purpose is fyi, but also to know this is a priority project and to reach out to Gary/Bobby to understand how it may relate to your program, region etc.

Please let me know if you have any edits or concerns by tomorrow morning, thanks.

Ricks distribution:
Eamon, Paul, Craig, Sarah, Matt,

Target audience:
Key Ops divisional leaders;

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Background on the Connecting BC Program can be found in this news release

- <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020CITZ0039-001838>

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Sent: November 27, 2020 9:52:49 AM PST
Attachments: image001.jpg

I have some new info this morning. Can we put a hold on sending this out for the moment. Rick I will follow up as soon as we can chat. Perhaps right after exec for a few minutes.



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Connecting BC Decision Note

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Sent: December 2, 2020 4:55:08 PM PST
Attachments: DN - Connectivity Project (V2.0).docx

Eamon, you had asked Bobby and I to develop a FLNRO Permitting Strategy for the JEDC Connecting BC Project. Find attached the BN we have put together that summarizes our thoughts on the project and our recommended approach to deliver our necessary authorizations for this project over the next year.

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Let me know when we can set up a time to discuss further.

Thanks,

Gary

Gary Reay

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BRIEFING NOTE FOR DECISION

DATE: December 2, 2020

PREPARED FOR: Eamon O'Donoghue, Assistant Deputy Minister, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

ISSUE: Decision required on FLNRO organizational structure to support authorizations associated with the provincial Connectivity Project

RECOMMENDED OPTION:

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BACKGROUND:

- As part of B.C.'s Economic Recovery Plan, the Connecting British Columbia program administered by the Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Competitiveness has been granted \$90 million to encourage rapid expansion of connectivity in order to drive regional economic development in rural areas, Indigenous communities and along B.C.'s highways.
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- In early November 2020, Gary Reay and Bobby Love were asked to develop a FLNRO Permitting Strategy for the Connectivity Project. This Strategy is to identify the process to optimize permitting and approval times and overcome process challenges to ensure FLNRO deliver's our necessary authorizations for this project over the next year.

DISCUSSION:

With the goal of having all projects constructed by the end of October 2021 there is little time to waste in getting the necessary provincial authorizations issued. The current provincial average turnaround time (TAT) for most Land Act authorizations is in excess of 200 days. If standard authorization processes are followed there will not be enough time remaining for proponents to have their proposed projects completed by the deadline. Strong leadership, project management, experience, and creativity is required to be able to issue the necessary FLNRO authorizations in time for construction to commence.

Unfortunately, the lack of centralized project management and coordination for the Connectivity Project as whole, combined with the lack of understanding on tenuring requirements will further challenge the project. Having had a number of multi agency meetings to date, only recently has the multi agency Permitting Team received spatial information on the location of proposed and approved projects. There is little supporting information associated with this spatial information to allow for agencies to determine what permits or tenures will be required. The general feeling of the FLNRO reps is that project leadership does not appreciate the amount of effort that will be required to authorize these connectivity projects.

So that FLNRO and its authorizations processes are not seen as holding up the project, a level of project management and leadership for the larger Connectivity Project will have to be assumed by whoever is appointed as project leads for FLNRO. Additionally, to manage through the tenuring



complexities of each project in an efficient and timely manner significant experience of those involved in the process will be mandatory. This will require clearly establishing the connectivity project as one of the, if not the, most important priorities within FLNRO's authorizations business lines. It will also require experienced staff to be appointed to the connectivity project through formal acknowledgment.

OPTIONS:

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RECOMMENDATION: OPTION 1:

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Approved / Not Approved

Signature
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Date

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FW: Permitting Navigation Team - First meeting

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Sent: December 8, 2020 8:29:30 AM PST
Attachments: FAQ.docx, TOR_Connectivity Permitting Navigation Team_FINAL.docx, Cross-Govt-permit-team.docx

We are off to a great start with Dave on the file.

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Subject: FW: Permitting Navigation Team - First meeting

Hi, Dave. Thanks for taking the time for a call today – welcome to the Permitting Team!
I promised I would send you the initial email, including some of the attachments and a link to the NDIT website. Also attaching an updated list of the team members so you can see your colleagues. Look forward to learning from you how a successful expedited permit process works!

Jane Burnes
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Please stay safe and well.

From: Burnes, Jane I JEDC:EX
Sent: November 6, 2020 11:17 AM
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Subject: Permitting Navigation Team - First meeting

Hi everyone and thank you for joining the Permitting Navigation Team for the Connecting BC program.

In anticipation of our first meeting on Monday, November 9, from 3-4pm, I am attaching this background material:

- Agenda for Monday's meeting - a "Connectivity 101" briefing from Project Lead Howard Randell and an opportunity to ask questions
- List of Team members
- Terms of Reference for the Team
- FAQ on Connecting British Columbia Economic Recovery Intake

Finally, because the Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) is administering this program, here is a link to their website – <https://www.northerndevelopment.bc.ca/funding-programs/partner-programs/connecting-british-columbia/economic-recovery-intake/>

Please let me know if you have any questions. I'm looking forward to getting started on this next week!

Jane Burnes
Executive Director

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Sent: January 20, 2021 11:12:27 AM PST

Yes, you have it Mike, FLRNO is leading the permitting side of the project. Dave/Frank have it set up that MOTI permits come into Omineca FrontCounter office. MIRR is there to help us with Strategic First Nations issues however most of that is covered by our Operational consultation staff. EMLI is working with BC Hydro on existing telephone poles etc. That leaves overall project management to CITZ (Howard Randall) and overall permitting coordination to JEDC (Jane Burnes). We in the end will deal with permits for the proponents.

Look forward to OELT discussion. Matt has already reached out to us to discuss in greater detail next week Arch permits.

Gary

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Subject: RE: Action: Permitting Navigation - Connectivity Economic Recovery Projects

Thanks Dave. All sounds good.

Not to speak for Rick or Eamon here, but just to confirm - there is definitely FLNR Exec support for this approach (and for the project itself), but after talking briefly to Rick about what has been outlined/updated here, we just wanted OELT to better understand the role of other the other agencies involved, and be clear on the lead role/ownership of the project by JERI, with us in a supporting capacity.

Thanks,
Mike

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Subject: RE: Action: Permitting Navigation - Connectivity Economic Recovery Projects

The Connectivity project is already active. We presented the FLNR Permitting Team approach to proponent representatives last week and we are receiving inquiries and applications. There is an inter-agency, mainly ED level weekly call to address coordination at that level. We are proceeding on the assumption of executive support for our FLNR approach as outlined. Thanks.

Dave Francis

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Will do.

Will plan to have Gary, Dave, and Frank added to an OELT in mid-Feb.

The agendas for last meeting in Jan, and the first week of Feb, are already full – so will be in touch soon on a specific date and time.

Thanks,
Mike

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Thanks Gary. Good update.

Mike, can we get a couple of these folks onto the OELT for an update and Q+A one of the next meetings? Thanks.
Gary, I will be interested in what role other Ministries are playing. This outlines our FLNR role well.

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Rick, find attached an updated email on the Connecting BC project. This email and the one page attachment replaces the email you sent to your Leadership Team on November 27th. Sorry for the confusion on our Leadership for this project. Both Dave and Frank and the Omineca team have stepped up and will deliver this for us. Dave/Frank delivered a proponent (Telus, Rogers and others) overview on FLNRO permitting last week that was very well received. We are now on a good path forward.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Gary

*** DRAFT Email for Rick to send to area ADMs (others) ***

For re-distribution to your key ops divisional leaders.

As part of the Covid and economic recovery plan, the province has made an additional \$90 million available to rapidly expand high speed connectivity services to Indigenous and rural communities. The funds are administered as a grant through Northern Development Initiative Trust. The timeline for use of this funding is extremely short; project work must be completed by October 31, this year.

I have asked Gary Reay, Executive Director for the North Area with the support of Dave Francis, Director, Resource Authorizations, Omineca Region to develop a FLNR Permitting Strategy, that will optimize permitting and approval times and overcome process challenges for this initiative. The Strategy has identified that the Omineca Region will coordinate provincial permitting to implement this important priority. Approximately 20 projects from 5 connectivity providers have been approved for funding with roughly 10 more projects expected.

The Omineca FrontCounter office will be the single point for applications that have been approved for this funding. An Operational Consultation and Permitting Team has been established and directed to make these Connectivity projects their top priority when applications are received. This Omineca based team will coordinate bundling, processing and decision making for provincial permitting on these Connectivity projects. The team will refer these applications to the program and consultation staff in the region where the project is located. The overall target turn around time for these applications is 60 days so we will need a very timely response from your staff. Please direct your staff to make these referrals a priority with a target response of 30 days.

Thank you for your support of this important government priority. If you have questions please contact:

- Gary Reay, Executive Sponsor
- Dave Francis, Management Lead
- Frank Spears, Project Manager

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- <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020CITZ0039-001838>

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FW: Connectivity Messaging

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Sent: January 28, 2021 10:51:44 AM PST
Attachments: image002.jpg, image004.jpg, image006.png, image001.jpg

Mike, why I was calling to see if Rick can send out that email we wrote to the OELT. We are finding great confusion with FRNRO on the work and we need to help streamline that. Rick's message to ADMs and then having them forward that managers and staff will help.

Some potential good news is that it looks like we have been successful in having CITZ sign the FN letter. Will confirm that very soon, otherwise we will have Rick or Eamon call their DM/ADM about needing that done.

Call my cell when you can, s.22

Thanks.

From: Francis, Dave G FLNR:EX <Dave.Francis@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 28, 2021 9:26 AM
To: Reay, Gary W FLNR:EX <Gary.Reay@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Spears, Frank FLNR:EX <Frank.Spears@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Connectivity Messaging

Not a big issue yet, but we have some confusion with Connectivity applications. For clarity I will refer to the specific \$90 million/Oct 31 deadline program the way NDIIT does, as the Economic Recovery Intake (ERI). (I Googled the TLA and apparently she is a popular anime character)

- Some ERI approved projects have already submitted applications to FCBC 'in the normal way' and are getting the generic response of "our turn around time is ~XXX days". We are tracking these down and pulling them into our coordinated process.
- Some proponents, and some FLNR offices are trying to get non-ERI projects into our coordinated process. We are not accepting these.
- We have a few inquiries from proponents who have applied through ERI but do not have funding approval yet. We are engaging with these clients on application requirements etc. but we are not actively processing without funding approval.

We are working with NDIIT and Jane to improve the messaging to proponents and that is going well (the CITZ role is a mystery). The Executive message could really help us with internal communications as we have to repeatedly 'tell the story' when we show up in other regions etc. We are connecting through various regular program and manager calls etc. but the top cover from Exec would be helpful. Thanks.

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Subject: FW: Licence No. 348232.

Good morning,

I think we will need a communication strategy on a Provincial scale, once we get the ADM approval and messaging starts to trickle down.

There will likely be a number of cases like this, where the proponents have contacted other Regions, with lots of uncertainty about who is processing what, timelines, importance of getting it ahead of the queue, etc.

I can work with our FrontCounter BC Communications group if/when that time comes. But wanted to check with the local group, and also give a heads up that our current approach of contacting the NRS Leads, Senior Land Officers, etc is a good start. But we will likely need something more all encompassing soon, so that each level of FCBC, Lands, Water, Forestry knows how to determine these projects are Connectivity or not.

Though perhaps if we can get the communication to the Proponents as per the email with Jane/Frank, and get them to start contacting us for anything they have put in the queue already that might work too?

Just throwing it out there, as all of my calls/emails so far have been for things in other Regions, most of which were already submitted somewhere else.

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Subject: RE: Licence No. 348232.

Hello,

As per the email thread below, Kristen Clark had submitted an email to the FrontCounterBC.Kamloops@gov.bc.ca inbox on January 8th

Kristen contacted me a few days ago, as her project may be part of the Connectivity Project that is being process by the Omineca Region.

- As per the email thread below, we aren't sure right now whether this amendment would go through the Kamloops office like usual, or through the Omineca if it gets approved as part of the Connectivity project.
- At this time SLRD approval for the Connectivity Project is pending with the Northern Development Initiative Trust.
- We should hear from them in the next week or two on the next round of approvals
- The Connectivity project is still in the early stages, so we are working on figuring out what it all means and how it will work, and should have further communication coming soon.
- Especially for files like this that are in other Regions, but that we are supposed to adjudicate for this project.
- But figured a heads up would be good, at least until we get it sorted out.
- I have cc'd Wendy, as we will be talking about the project in our NRS Leads call this afternoon, and Frank who is the project coordinator.

I wasn't sure if someone in your office was working on this already, or if it was in the queue waiting for response?

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Subject: RE: *** External *** RE: Licence No. 348232.

Good morning Daniel,

Thanks for your quick reply. I am advised by Minto Communications Society that they have submitted an NDIT funding application and are expecting to hear back about their application by February 15, 2021. I'll follow-up with you as soon as I receive information from Minto about the outcome of that funding application.

Regards,
Kristen



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LICENCE OF OCCUPATION

Licence No.:

348232

File No.: 3412973

Disposition No.: 925650

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RE: Connectivity Messaging

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Cc: O'Donoghue, Eamon G FLNR:EX <Eamon.ODonoghue@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 28, 2021 5:22:29 PM PST
Attachments: image002.jpg, image005.jpg, image007.png, image003.jpg

Thanks Gary - and sorry I missed your call earlier today.

I've got a meeting with Rick in the morning, so I'll raise this again. I have mentioned that need for him to send that email, so will (hopefully) confirm the plan tomorrow. Liz is also on that call, which will be good.

And that sounds great about you guys gettings^{s.13}
or don't end up agreeing - please let us know.

If they change their minds,

Thanks again.

Mike

From: Reay, Gary W FLNR:EX <Gary.Reay@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 28, 2021 10:52 AM
To: Hykaway, Mike R FLNR:EX <Mike.Hykaway@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: O'Donoghue, Eamon G FLNR:EX <Eamon.ODonoghue@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Connectivity Messaging

Mike, why I was calling to see if Rick can send out that email we wrote to the OELT. We are finding great confusion with FRNRO on the work and we need to help streamline that. Rick's message to ADMs and then having them forward that managers and staff will help.

Some potential good news is that it looks like we have been successful in having CITZ sign the FN letter. Will confirm that very soon, otherwise we will have Rick or Eamon call their DM/ADM about needing that done.

Call my cell when you can, s.22

Thanks.

From: Francis, Dave G FLNR:EX <Dave.Francis@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 28, 2021 9:26 AM
To: Reay, Gary W FLNR:EX <Gary.Reay@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Spears, Frank FLNR:EX <Frank.Spears@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Connectivity Messaging

Not a big issue yet, but we have some confusion with Connectivity applications. For clarity I will refer to the specific \$90 million/Oct 31 deadline program the way NDIT does, as the Economic Recovery Intake (ERI). (I Googled the TLA and apparently she is a popular anime character)

- Some ERI approved projects have already submitted applications to FCBC 'in the normal way' and are getting the generic response of "our turn around time is ~XXX days". We are tracking these down and pulling them into our coordinated process.
- Some proponents, and some FLNR offices are trying to get non-ERI projects into our coordinated process. We are not accepting these.
- We have a few inquiries from proponents who have applied through ERI but do not have funding approval yet. We are engaging with these clients on application requirements etc. but we are not actively processing without funding approval.

We are working with NDIT and Jane to improve the messaging to proponents and that is going well (the CITZ role is a mystery). The Executive message could really help us with internal communications as we have to repeatedly 'tell the story' when we show up in other regions etc. We are connecting through various regular program and manager calls etc. but the top cover from Exec would be helpful. Thanks.

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Subject: FW: Licence No. 348232.

Good morning,

I think we will need a communication strategy on a Provincial scale, once we get the ADM approval and messaging starts to trickle down.

There will likely be a number of cases like this, where the proponents have contacted other Regions, with lots of uncertainty about who is processing what, timelines, importance of getting it ahead of the queue, etc.

I can work with our FrontCounter BC Communications group if/when that time comes. But wanted to check with the local group, and also give a heads up that our current approach of contacting the NRS Leads, Senior Land Officers, etc is a good start. But we will likely need something more all encompassing soon, so that each level of FCBC, Lands, Water, Forestry knows how to determine these projects are Connectivity or not.

Though perhaps if we can get the communication to the Proponents as per the email with Jane/Frank, and get them to start contacting us for anything they have put in the queue already that might work too?

Just throwing it out there, as all of my calls/emails so far have been for things in other Regions, most of which were already submitted somewhere else.

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Cc: Chalmers, Wendy FLNR:EX <Wendy.Chalmers@gov.bc.ca>; Spears, Frank FLNR:EX <Frank.Spears@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Licence No. 348232.

Hello,

As per the email thread below, Kristen Clark had submitted an email to the FrontCounterBC.Kamloops@gov.bc.ca inbox on January 8th

Kristen contacted me a few days ago, as her project may be part of the Connectivity Project that is being process by the Omineca Region.

- As per the email thread below, we aren't sure right now whether this amendment would go through the Kamloops office like usual, or through the Omineca if it gets approved as part of the Connectivity project.

- At this time SLRD approval for the Connectivity Project is pending with the Northern Development Initiative Trust.
- We should hear from them in the next week or two on the next round of approvals
- The Connectivity project is still in the early stages, so we are working on figuring out what it all means and how it will work, and should have further communication coming soon.
- Especially for files like this that are in other Regions, but that we are supposed to adjudicate for this project.
- But figured a heads up would be good, at least until we get it sorted out.
- I have cc'd Wendy, as we will be talking about the project in our NRS Leads call this afternoon, and Frank who is the project coordinator.

I wasn't sure if someone in your office was working on this already, or if it was in the queue waiting for response?

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Good morning Daniel,

Thanks for your quick reply. I am advised by Minto Communications Society that they have submitted an NDIT funding application and are expecting to hear back about their application by February 15, 2021. I'll follow-up with you as soon as I receive information from Minto about the outcome of that funding application.

Regards,
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Sent: January 29, 2021 8:19:23 AM PST

Answers below, thanks.

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Hi Dave, a couple of questions off the top:

1. Are your existing designations intended to remain as is once the new deputizations expire?
Yes. The North Area DoA as DM deputizations and my own designation as water manager and delegations as DoA.
2. Are you seeking to appoint your person in the position of DoA, or are you seeking to appoint any person who may hold that position (i.e. if you were to leave that position between now and October, would the intent be to have whoever filled the position be deputized, or no)?
Just myself for this short term priority project.
3. Have the affected DMs been notified of this?
Not formally yet, but the 'one window – bundling' approach for this project has been discussed on at least some of the Leadership/Management Team calls. We are working on a broad message from Exec to Area ADMs, REDs, and DMs. We can include notice of the deputization, assuming it happens.

Many thanks.

Carrie-rae Pedersen | Sr. Legislation and Policy Analyst
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I have heard that you are the gatekeeper for Transfer of Authority. Omineca region, with myself as decision maker, have been asked to coordinate and prioritize permitting for Economic Recovery (Covid) Connectivity projects province wide. The province has granted \$90 million of incremental funding to "encourage rapid expansion of internet connectivity to drive regional economic development in rural areas, Indigenous communities and along B.C.'s

highways". The project completion deadline for this funding is October 31, this year and provincial permitting has been flagged as a significant risk to delivery. Link to press release:

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020CITZ0039-001838>

We have established a consultation and permitting team and set a target turn around time of 60 days for these projects. Our 'normal' target is 140 days and it frequently takes much longer. The plan is to bundle the consultation and permitting for each project and bring all the Lands, Water and Forestry decisions to myself as decision maker. We did this quite successfully on the Northern Gateway Pipeline project a while back. As a DoA and Water Manager I have province wide decision authority for Lands, Water and Occupant Licences to Cut. One gap we have identified is where Forestry decisions are delegated specifically to district managers. For the Northern Gateway project we resolved this by deputizing the three DoAs in the North Area for each of the districts across the north. This is the last entry on the attached deputization matrix and the link for this is near the bottom of the Transfer of Authority website. https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/natural-resource-policy-legislation/transfer-of-authority-matrices/red_dm_tsm_deputization_matrix.pdf

Specifically for the Connectivity project, I am requesting deputization for all districts, province wide. This will allow us to expedite Forestry permitting rather than potentially needing to access 20+ DMs. The attached deputization matrix includes "subject to any written administrative agreement". There isn't one for the current deputization but I would suggest limiting the broader one to the Connectivity project and set a time limit of October 31, 2021. I was a district manager from 1997 – 2013 and have remained reasonably current and connected with role since. Let me know if I should contact someone else or get in touch if you have any questions. Thanks.

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Action: Connectivity Permitting by FLNR

From: Manwaring, Richard G FLNR:EX <Rick.G.Manwaring@gov.bc.ca>
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Cc: Allan, John FLNR:EX <John.Allan@gov.bc.ca>, Allan, John PREM:EX <John.Allan@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 29, 2021 9:35:16 AM PST

Good morning OELT. As many of you may know, or maybe observed the Premier identify this projects' importance at the NR Forum yesterday, we are playing a key role in delivery of this priority of government with CITZ by the fall of 2021. Much like our approach to other major projects spanning several regions, we need defined leadership and a single point of coordination with the sponsoring Ministry and coordinated on our internal management of permitting if we are to succeed.

There still seems to be questions about how we are managing this internally. Please share this with your senior leader teams again, and convey the importance of the project for government. Feel free to use the note below.

Email from the Associate DM

As part of the Covid and economic recovery plan, the province has made an additional \$90 million available to rapidly expand high speed connectivity services to Indigenous and rural communities. The funds are administered as a grant through Northern Development Initiative Trust. The timeline for use of this funding is extremely short; project work must be completed by October 31, this year.

I have asked Gary Reay, Executive Director for the North Area with the support of Dave Francis, Director, Resource Authorizations, Omineca Region to develop a FLNR Permitting Strategy, that will optimize permitting and approval times and overcome process challenges for this initiative. The Strategy has identified that the Omineca Region will coordinate provincial permitting to implement this important priority. Approximately 20 projects from 5 connectivity providers have been approved for funding with roughly 10 more projects expected.

The Omineca FrontCounter office will be the single point for applications that have been approved for this funding. An Operational Consultation and Permitting Team has been established and directed to make these Connectivity projects their top priority when applications are received. This Omineca based team will coordinate bundling, processing and decision making for provincial permitting on these Connectivity projects. The team will refer these applications to the program and consultation staff in the region where the project is located. The overall target turn around time for these applications is 60 days so we will need a very timely response from your staff. Please direct your staff to make these referrals a priority with a target response of 30 days.

Thank you for your support of this important government priority. If you have questions please contact:

- Gary Reay, Executive Sponsor
- Dave Francis, Management Lead
- Frank Spears, Project Manager

Background on the Connecting BC Program can be found in this news release

- <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020CITZ0039-001838>

OELT Feb 8 agenda item 0 Eamon's availability

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Sent: February 1, 2021 10:16:48 AM PST
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I updated the invite to add Kristine.

Thanks.

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Subject: RE: OELT Feb 8 agenda item 0 Eamon's availability

Good Morning Mel,

I will discuss with Eamon this morning, his overlap with MNC is from 1:00 to 2:00 so if you can adjust that would be great. He has asked Kristine Ciruna to attend on his behalf for the first part of OELT so perhaps if necessary she or Mike can handle an introduction for him.

Liz – I just confirmed late Friday that Kristy would attend on Eamon's behalf.

Thanks,



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Hi Tanya,

I hear Eamon may be meeting with MKC on Feb 8 from 1-2? Is that accurate?

He's asked to have Permitting Navigation – Connectivity Economic Recovery Projects on the OELT agenda the same date. Guests are Gary Reay, Dave Peterson and Frank Spears.

OELT is from 1:00 – 2:30 pm this date. I have a 20 min timeslot at 2:05 pm I can schedule Eamon's item into. Usually we ask the ADM responsible for the topic to introduce it but that's not absolutely necessary. I bet Mike Hykaway can do that if Eamon can't make it. Mike's well versed on the economic recovery projects.

If Eamon feels he doesn't need to be present for this item, I may schedule it a bit earlier so please let me know.

Thanks in advance,

Mel

FW: Permitting for connectivity - Weekly meeting

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To: Hykaway, Mike R FLNR:EX <Mike.Hykaway@gov.bc.ca>, O'Donoghue, Eamon G FLNR:EX <Eamon.ODonoghue@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 1, 2021 3:36:14 PM PST
Attachments: 2021 02 01 Connectivity Funding Letter.docx

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Gary

From: Csicsai, Peter IRR:EX <Peter.Csicsai@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 1, 2021 3:03 PM
To: Randell, Howard CITZ:EX <Howard.Randell@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Bedi, Justin IRR:EX <Justin.Bedi@gov.bc.ca>; McCormick, Colleen M CITZ:EX <Colleen.McCormick@gov.bc.ca>; Burnes, Jane I JEDC:EX <Jane.Burnes@gov.bc.ca>; Wieringa, Paul EMLI:EX <Paul.Wieringa@gov.bc.ca>; Reay, Gary W FLNR:EX <Gary.Reay@gov.bc.ca>; Marotz, Nicola MAH:EX <Nicola.Marotz@gov.bc.ca>; Smith, Alanya C IRR:EX <Alanya.Smith@gov.bc.ca>; Miska, Ed TRAN:EX <Ed.Miska@gov.bc.ca>; Fuccenecco, Maria CITZ:EX <Maria.Fuccenecco@gov.bc.ca>; Thomas, Emily IRR:EX <Emily.Thomas@gov.bc.ca>; Francis, Dave G FLNR:EX <Dave.Francis@gov.bc.ca>; Spears, Frank FLNR:EX <Frank.Spears@gov.bc.ca>; Canil, Brigid TRAN:EX <Brigid.Canil@gov.bc.ca>; Traas, Alycia M TRAN:EX <Alycia.Traas@gov.bc.ca>; Pinches, Ryan TRAN:EX <Ryan.Pinches@gov.bc.ca>; Taur, Stephanie TRAN:EX <Stephanie.Taur@gov.bc.ca>; Bains, Harpreet CITZ:EX <Harpreet.Bains@gov.bc.ca>; Evanoff, Ryan TRAN:EX <Ryan.Evanoff@gov.bc.ca>; Csicsai, Peter IRR:EX <Peter.Csicsai@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Permitting for connectivity - Weekly meeting

Thanks to those that provided feedback on this letter.

Howard – pls find attached for your review.

Pls let us know if we can support any further to get this out to the Nations.

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Peter – thank you for moving with great despatch. As s.22 I suggest we forward all this to him for his review on Monday. He will also need to check in with Susan on the next steps and timing. I have made some edits to the draft letter and attach a track-changed version.

Jane Burnes
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Please stay safe and well.

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Sent: January 29, 2021 8:18 AM
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Good morning folks; pls find attached the 'early notification' draft letter for your review and input.

Pls send me your final comments by EOD. We will then package up for Howard to send out to the Nations on Monday morning.

Dave – appreciate you sending along a table with the relevant Indigenous Nations and their consultation staff's contact info.

Thanks all.

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Subject: Permitting for connectivity - Weekly meeting
When: January 28, 2021 3:30 PM-4:30 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).
Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Hello Permitting Team. I have set this up as a recurring weekly meeting. Please feel free to invite other colleagues when it is helpful.
Thank you

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RE: Action: Permitting Navigation - Connectivity Economic Recovery Projects

From: Reay, Gary W FLNR:EX <Gary.Reay@gov.bc.ca>
To: Iwanow, Melanie FLNR:EX <Melanie.Iwanow@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Hykaway, Mike R FLNR:EX <Mike.Hykaway@gov.bc.ca>, O'Donoghue, Eamon G FLNR:EX <Eamon.ODonoghue@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 4, 2021 3:13:42 PM PST
Attachments: Action: Permitting Navigation - Connectivity Economic Recovery Projects
Melanie, the original email I sent to Rick (attached) has the one page backgrounder and email for OELT distribution.

Yes, I will make the meeting and will have Dave F with me as well. We can use the attached materials to give a verbal update of project status.

Thanks

Gary

From: Iwanow, Melanie FLNR:EX <Melanie.Iwanow@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 4, 2021 3:02 PM
To: Reay, Gary W FLNR:EX <Gary.Reay@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Hykaway, Mike R FLNR:EX <Mike.Hykaway@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Action: Permitting Navigation - Connectivity Economic Recovery Projects
Importance: High

Hello Gary,

As per Rick's request below, I have scheduled a Connectivity project update on the OELT agenda for this coming **Mon Feb 8** from **1:55 to 2:10 pm** (15 mins total; 10 mins overview and 5 mins Q&A).

A general status update is desired but also look to address Rick's question - what role other Ministries are playing.

Please let me know if you have a scheduling conflict and cannot attend. The next available OELT meeting date is Mar 8 or 22. Mike mentioned an update is desired sooner rather than later

Materials - background materials, PowerPoint. etc – **send to me by Fri Feb 5 noon**. A verbal update is fine too.

I will forward the meeting invite to you shortly. feel free to pass it along to Dave Francis or Frank if they need to support this topic.

Connect if you have questions,

MELANIE IWANOW (she/her)

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I am grateful to live on the unceded territory of the Lekwungen speaking peoples, known today as the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.

From: Manwaring, Richard G FLNR:EX <Rick.G.Manwaring@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 19, 2021 7:47 PM
To: Reay, Gary W FLNR:EX <Gary.Reay@gov.bc.ca>; O'Donoghue, Eamon G FLNR:EX <Eamon.ODonoghue@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Olsson, Liz V FLNR:EX <Liz.Olsson@gov.bc.ca>; Francis, Dave G FLNR:EX <Dave.Francis@gov.bc.ca>; Spears, Frank FLNR:EX <Frank.Spears@gov.bc.ca>; Rawling, Greg FLNR:EX <Greg.Rawling@gov.bc.ca>; Hykaway, Mike R FLNR:EX

<Mike.Hykaway@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Action: Permitting Navigation - Connectivity Economic Recovery Projects

Thanks Gary. Good update.

Mike, can we get a couple of these folks onto the OELT for an update and Q+A one of the next meetings? Thanks. Gary, I will be interested in what role other Ministries are playing. This outlines our FLNR role well.

From: Reay, Gary W FLNR:EX <Gary.Reay@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: January 18, 2021 9:34 AM

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Subject: Action: Permitting Navigation - Connectivity Economic Recovery Projects

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Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Gary

RE: Corporate Priority - Permitting Connectivity Projects

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To: Francis, Dave G FLNR:EX <Dave.Francis@gov.bc.ca>, Spears, Frank FLNR:EX <Frank.Spears@gov.bc.ca>
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Sent: February 8, 2021 2:16:47 PM PST

Nice job today with the OELT update, we were short and sweet. We knew that Rick has our back on this file. It will be interesting to hear how his call to the CITZ ADM or DM goes on the FN consultation letter.

Thanks again.

Gary

From: Francis, Dave G FLNR:EX <Dave.Francis@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 5, 2021 4:49 PM
To: FLNR Regional Executive Directors <REGEXDIR@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>; FLNR District Managers <DISTMGRS@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>; FLNR DirAuth <DIRAUTH@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Reay, Gary W FLNR:EX <Gary.Reay@gov.bc.ca>; Spears, Frank FLNR:EX <Frank.Spears@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Corporate Priority - Permitting Connectivity Projects
Importance: High

Hello REDs, DMs, and DoAs:

As part of the Covid and economic recovery plan, the province has made an additional \$90 million available to rapidly expand high speed connectivity services to Indigenous and rural communities. The funds are administered as a grant through Northern Development Initiative Trust under their Economic Recovery Intake (ERI). The timeline for use of this funding is extremely short; project work must be completed by October 31, this year. The Omineca region has been asked to take on this corporate priority, coordinating provincial permitting for ERI projects.

My apologies for bypassing the normal protocol but we have already set up an Omineca based, Operational Consultation and Permitting Team and have begun engaging with staff around the province; some confusion has resulted. We have a single point of contact and application established and will be bundling and coordinating the permitting and decision making to the optimum extent. Proponents have been advised to engage with and submit ERI applications to the Team in Omineca. The Team will refer these applications to the program and consultation staff in the region where the project is located. The overall target turn around time for these applications is 60 days so we will need a very timely response from your staff. Please advise your staff to make these referrals a priority with a target response of 30 days. Some applications had already gone to other offices and we are tracking those down and bringing them into the coordinated process.

To date, ~28 ERI projects have received funding approval using ~\$50 million., so there is another \$40 million available. Some of these projects are adding new/improved equipment to current infrastructure and may not require any provincial permitting. We don't know the scope of the permitting challenge but we are ready to provide priority processing and decision making. This priority permitting is only applicable to the specific ERI projects. Other Connectivity funding and projects are in play and we have already had requests to apply this service to those other projects. We are screening using applications against the Northern Development, ERI approvals and only accepting these specific ERI projects for this priority treatment.

The attached one pager and Connectivity Webinar for proponents provide further information. Please share this note and attachments with your Authorizations – Permitting staff.

Thank you for your support of this important government priority. If you have questions please contact:

- Gary Reay, Executive Sponsor
- Dave Francis, Management Lead
- Frank Spears, Project Manager

Background on the Connecting BC Program can be found in this news release

- <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020CITZ0039-001838>

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FW: CTZ Permitting Team IN

From: Reay, Gary W FLNR:EX <Gary.Reay@gov.bc.ca>
To: O'Donoghue, Eamon G FLNR:EX <Eamon.ODonoghue@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 8, 2021 3:29:37 PM PST
Attachments: 114758_DM IN_Permitting Navigation Team .docx

Eamon, in black and white the request from CITZ, at OELT the direction myself and Dave was not to do this, keep them separate. This is what Rick wanted me to bring forward to the Minister. You may want to say something about this request to the Minister and how this would effect our existing permitting.

From: FLNR Deputy Minister's Office FLNR:EX <FLNR.DMO@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 8, 2021 3:26 PM
To: Henderson, Lori FLNR:EX <Lori.Henderson@gov.bc.ca>; O'Donoghue, Eamon G FLNR:EX <Eamon.ODonoghue@gov.bc.ca>; Francis, Dave G FLNR:EX <Dave.Francis@gov.bc.ca>; Reay, Gary W FLNR:EX <Gary.Reay@gov.bc.ca>; Fraser, Sarah W FLNR:EX <Sarah.Fraser@gov.bc.ca>
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Subject: FW: CTZ Permitting Team IN

FYI from MO.

From: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 8, 2021 2:49 PM
To: FLNR Deputy Minister's Office FLNR:EX <FLNR.DMO@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: CTZ Permitting Team IN

FYI-for 430pm

From: Monroe, Danielle FLNR:EX <Danielle.Monroe@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 8, 2021 2:45 PM
To: Newcombe, Samantha FLNR:EX <Samantha.Newcombe@gov.bc.ca>; Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: CTZ Permitting Team IN

Danielle Monroe (she/her)

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From: Lawal, Cassandra CITZ:EX <Cassandra.Lawal@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 8, 2021 2:39 PM
To: Monroe, Danielle FLNR:EX <Danielle.Monroe@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: CTZ Permitting Team IN

Hi Danielle,

Attached is our IN re CTZ Permitting Team for your 4:30 meeting – just ensuring it gets to you as things got a little confused this morning.

Cheers
Kass

Kassandra Lawal

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FW: Permitting table report/dashboard - Connectivity

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Sent: March 18, 2021 12:01:05 PM PDT
Attachments: FW: DM Deputization for Connecting BC, 2021 03 16_CBC Permitting Table Update_2021March16.docx, 114758_DM IN_Permitting Navigation Team.docx

Rick, yes that is the most current overall project update. The Connecting BC Team meets weekly to discuss the details behind the dashboard and things are going well, if not a little slower than expected.

I believe overall we are in a good place. Here is a quick summary.

1. **Connecting BC project** - Frank keeps a current update specific to FLNRO and I've attached the March Update:

Permitting Overview Dashboard:

- Total NDIT Approved Projects = 36
- FLNR Permitting identified = 6
- MOTI Permitting identified= 18
- No BC Permitting requirement identified = 6
- No Permitting Inventory submitted = 6
- Three of the six projects identified for BC Permitting for FLNRO are Rogers and have not been submitted, Frank has reached out to Rogers for pre application engagement.
- The other three projects identified for BC Permitting for FLNRO have been through FCBC PG intake - one for Telus in Wells and one for Swift at Kootenay Lake and one for Minto Communications in Bridge Lake Area.
- The Telus Wells project has had permit offer made to the proponent
- Telus applications are 16 out of the 36 received

Keep us posted when the first Executive briefing is scheduled and we can ensure you are informed of any issues at that time. Right now, Dave and Frank have the connecting BC project under control.

2. **Other CITZ connectivity Projects** - As we discussed at OELT, going forward CITZ will bring up that other connectivity BC projects they are dealing with should be subject to expedited permitting vs going through normal FCBC timelines, See CITZ BN to their DM that has the following next steps.

"Request a meeting between CITZ Deputy Minister and FLNR Deputy Ministers to explore how the Province could make the one-window approach a 'normal operations' approach given how important connectivity is to recovery."

3. **District Manager Deputization** – Dave has been deputized for decisions related to Connecting BC projects as a result of the MKC briefing and his notification of all District Managers is attached.

Let me know if this information raises any questions for you.

Gary

From: Manwaring, Richard G FLNR:EX <Rick.G.Manwaring@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 18, 2021 10:15 AM
To: O'Donoghue, Eamon G FLNR:EX <Eamon.ODonoghue@gov.bc.ca>; Reay, Gary W FLNR:EX <Gary.Reay@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Permitting table report/dashboard - Connectivity

Gary, can I assume you are aware and this is accurate? Looks good.....I think?

From: Stanford, Susan CITZ:EX <Susan.Stanford@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 18, 2021 10:04 AM
To: Manwaring, Richard G FLNR:EX <Rick.G.Manwaring@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Randell, Howard CITZ:EX <Howard.Randell@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Permitting table report/dashboard - Connectivity

Good morning,
Apologies for the lateness of this information. Attached is the latest and refined version of the permitting navigation team report out.
Once you've had a chance to review, please let me know when you'd like to connect with the group and then we can set a regular touch base.
Cheers,
Susan

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FW: DM Deputization for Connecting BC

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Sent: March 18, 2021 11:52:44 AM PDT
Attachments: 2021-03-11 Dave Francis Deputization Expectation Memo.pdf

As part of the \$90 million, Economic Recovery Intake, digital connectivity project, I have received deputization as district manager for all district in the province. This will only be used for these specific Economic Recovery Intake projects and we will be making referral type contact with local offices before proceeding. Get in touch if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks.

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Sent: March 17, 2021 3:36 PM
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Cc: Townsend, Wendy FLNR:EX <Wendy.Townsend@gov.bc.ca>; O'Donoghue, Eamon G FLNR:EX <Eamon.ODonoghue@gov.bc.ca>; Rawling, Greg FLNR:EX <Greg.Rawling@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: DM Deputization for Connecting BC

Hi Dave, your appointment as a deputy DM for the South and Coast Area districts for the Connecting BC project is now complete. The appointment document can be found here:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/laws-policies-standards-guidance/transfer-of-authority> under "Deputizations".

Attached you will find a memorandum of expectation from the Minister with respect to your exercise of powers and performance of duties as a Deputy District Manager for the South and Coast Areas.

I entrust that potentially affected parties, such as South and Coast Area DMs, will be advised of this as necessary.

Of note, if this deputization is deemed to be necessary for long than the current term, please connect with our branch well in advance of the expiry to ensure no lapse in authority.

Please let me know if you need anything more.

Many thanks.

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FW: Action: Permitting Navigation - Connectivity Economic Recovery Projects

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To: Macedo, Sara FLNR:EX <Sara.Macedo@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 23, 2021 8:49:49 AM PDT
Attachments: Connectivity Project FLNR.docx
As requested.

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Sent: January 18, 2021 9:34 AM
To: Manwaring, Richard G FLNR:EX <Rick.G.Manwaring@gov.bc.ca>; O'Donoghue, Eamon G FLNR:EX (Eamon.ODonoghue@gov.bc.ca) <Eamon.ODonoghue@gov.bc.ca>
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*** DRAFT Email for Rick to send to area ADMs (others) ***

For re-distribution to your key ops divisional leaders.

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I have asked Gary Reay, Executive Director for the North Area with the support of Dave Francis, Director, Resource Authorizations, Omineca Region to develop a FLNR Permitting Strategy, that will optimize permitting and approval times and overcome process challenges for this initiative. The Strategy has identified that the Omineca Region will coordinate provincial permitting to implement this important priority. Approximately 20 projects from 5 connectivity providers have been approved for funding with roughly 10 more projects expected.

The Omineca FrontCounter office will be the single point for applications that have been approved for this funding. An Operational Consultation and Permitting Team has been established and directed to make these Connectivity projects their top priority when applications are received. This Omineca based team will coordinate bundling, processing and decision making for provincial permitting on these Connectivity projects. The team will refer these applications to the program and consultation staff in the region where the project is located. The overall target turn around time for these applications is 60 days so we will need a very timely response from your staff. Please direct your staff to make these referrals a priority with a target response of 30 days.

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- Frank Spears, Project Manager

Background on the Connecting BC Program can be found in this news release
- <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020CITZ0039-001838>

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FW: Permitting navigation - Connectivity Economic Recovery Projects

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Subject: RE: Permitting navigation - Connectivity Economic Recovery Projects

It's a whole new world of terms. Those terms are the basis of the Connecting BC Project re extending robust, affordable broadband service in a cost-effective manner to underserved rural and Indigenous communities. They are infrastructure terms - Transport projects link communities and Last-mile projects are within the home.

Transport projects provide a high capacity link between communities. They may serve to provide alternate routes for data traffic to increase competition or network resiliency in the event a fibre is damaged, or provide increased competition for wholesale services available for last-mile service providers. There are several areas across B.C. that currently do not have high-capacity transport infrastructure that supports modern internet services along the route at affordable prices or provides improved capacity and network resiliency to multiple regions.

A last-mile project is a project that connects homes to a community Point of Presence (PoP), by upgrading existing or installing new network infrastructure. Projects for last-mile infrastructure should to the greatest extent possible, be scalable and support priority objectives for the region. Last-mile applications should align with the regions plans to demonstrate that the project is a priority for the local government or Indigenous community benefiting from the investment. A resolution or letter of support for the project from the local government, is required before an application will be considered for funding last-mile projects.

Permitting Processes

Connectivity projects vary widely in network type (last-mile infrastructure^[1], transport infrastructure^[2]), technology used (fibre^[3], coaxial, digital subscriber line, fixed wireless), and construction type (aerial on pole, buried underground, subsea, wireless). Depending on network type, technology used and construction type, some or all federal, provincial, municipal and Indigenous permits, approvals and/or consultations are required for a project to reach completion.

^[1] Last-mile infrastructure: The components used to connect homes and businesses to the service provider's Point-of-Presence. This may include routers, towers, antennae, fibre optical, cable, digital subscriber line equipment, cable modems, and wireless radios.

^[2] Transport infrastructure: A network connection that transports data traffic from one community to another community, ultimately reaching the Vancouver Internet Exchange (VANIX) where networks interconnect to reduce costs and improve performance.

^[3] Fibre can carry much more information and over longer distances than copper wires.

Asset	Owner of Asset	Permits Required
Wireless towers	Telecom carriers	FLNRORD for Crown land access Indigenous consultation
Utility Poles, conduit	BC Hydro/TELUS – most poles are jointly owned	BC Hydro/TELUS TRAN for highway access Indigenous consultation

Right-of-ways	Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (TRAN) or municipalities	TRAN Indigenous consultation
Municipal ducts, street lights	Municipalities	Local Government
Other buildings	Typically, private	Local Government

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Sent: November 4, 2020 2:36 PM
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Thanks Gary.

I was thinking the same. I am pleased to send a note out that week once you have a good read on the scope and role of FLNR.

PS Attached is a list of locations from Susan I can send you that may help.

Perhaps you can tell me what In Flight Last Mile means vs Transport by then?

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Here's a quick update on this Permitting Project:

1. Eamon has confirmed with ADM Stanford that Gary and Bobby L have lead for FLNRO;
2. We (Booby and I) have received some back ground on the project & have been invited to a Permitting Navigation Team meeting on Monday Nov 9th.
3. Bobby and I have connected and are working out our strategy for the meeting on the 9th.
4. After initial meeting, we will develop a project plan and I'll get you an update by Nov 13th.
5. For the week on Nov 16th, It would be good if an email is sent out from you to other Executive members that updates them on the work we are doing for FLNRO and that we are scoping the project. I'll draft an outline of an email for you to review.

Let me know if you have initial thoughts or questions.

Gary

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Assistant Deputy Minister

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Subject: Permitting navigation - Connectivity Economic Recovery Projects

Hi Rick,

Thanks for taking the time to connect today.

As discussed, JEDC has been asked to deliver \$90M in connectivity projects from intake to completed build by October 2021. While the intake opened October 1st, we expect to start reviewing applications and their permitting requirements in the next couple of weeks. To delivery on this economic recovery program, a permitting navigation team with members from TRAN, MAH, JEDC, EMPR and FLNRORD will be critical for projects being completed on time.

I sincerely appreciate your support in appointing an ED lead from FLNRORD to participate on the project navigation team. I've cc'd the program lead Howard Randell as point of contact from JEDC.

Happy to chat anytime. Thank you again for the support.

Cheers,

Susan

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