

## Higgins, Keira PREM:EX

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**From:** Higgins, Keira PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2017 4:36 PM  
**To:** Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Request for 90 minute meeting - Don Wright, Geoff Meggs, Dave Nikolejsin, Les MacLaren, Grant Main, Ken Peterson

Hi Geoff,

Sounds great.

Thanks,

Keira

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 22, 2017, at 3:32 PM, Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX <[Geoff.Meggs@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Geoff.Meggs@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Kiera I'll try to call Don on Monday

Geoff

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 22, 2017, at 1:21 PM, Higgins, Keira PREM:EX <[Keira.Higgins@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Keira.Higgins@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Amber,

Our apologies, we didn't realize that Geoff would be travelling next week when we first requested this meeting. He is no longer required. It now needs to happen on Monday but we can certainly schedule some time for Don to brief Geoff on the meeting when he returns (should he wish).

Thanks,

Keira

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 22, 2017, at 1:06 PM, Nash, Amber PREM:EX <[Amber.Nash@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Amber.Nash@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Could we confirm this for 8am (pacific time) on Thursday July 27th Keira?

Amber

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**From:** Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX <Geoff.Meggs@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 6:50 PM  
**To:** Nash, Amber LASS:EX; S.22  
**Subject:** Fwd: Request for 90 minute meeting - Don Wright, Geoff Meggs, Dave Nikolejsin, Les MacLaren, Grant Main, Ken Peterson

Amber there may be a suitable gap on Wednesday or Thursday  
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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Higgins, Keira PREM:EX"  
<Keira.Higgins@gov.bc.ca>  
**Date:** July 21, 2017 at 2:56:22 PM PDT  
**To:** "McCann, Meghan MEM:EX"  
<Meghan.McCann@gov.bc.ca>, "Verwoord, Cindy  
TRAN:EX" <Cindy.Verwoord@gov.bc.ca>, "Meggs, Geoff  
PREM:EX" <Geoff.Meggs@gov.bc.ca>,  
" S.22  
**Subject:** Request for 90 minute meeting - Don Wright,  
Geoff Meggs, Dave Nikolejsin, Les MacLaren, Grant  
Main, Ken Peterson

Hi Meghan, Cindy, Geoff and Ken,

Don Wright would like to please request a 90 minute meeting next week to discuss Site C. Attendees will include Don Wright, Geoff Meggs, Dave Nikolejsin, Les MacLaren, Grant Main and Ken Peterson (Telus) calling in.

Geoff/Ken – if you could please forward this email to your respective scheduling assistant it would be much appreciated.

Please let me know which of the following dates/times work for your respective Executive/s. I will send a calendar invitation once we established a mutually agreeable date/time.

Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup> – between 1:00-4:30  
Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> – between 8:30-noon; 3:00-4:30  
Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup> – 1:00-2:30

Thanks you,

**Keira Higgins, Executive Administrative  
Coordinator**

Office of the Premier, Deputy Minister

272 West Annex, Parliament Buildings | Victoria, BC | V8V  
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Ph: (250) 356-2206

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## Wensink, Alison PREM:EX

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**From:** Nash, Amber PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2017 2:47 PM  
**To:** s.22  
**Subject:** RE: Automatic reply: BCUC SITE C REVIEW - NEW INFO

s.22

You can call me at s.22

Amber

**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 9, 2017 10:11 AM  
**To:** Nash, Amber PREM:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Automatic reply: BCUC SITE C REVIEW - NEW INFO

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Hi s.22

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The next is the Ministry of Energy & Mines inbox – where Minister Michelle Mungall can receive your information: [MEM.minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:MEM.minister@gov.bc.ca).

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Thanks for connecting with me s.22

s.22  
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hi amber

greetings

pl tel me your new email and phone

i would like to cal you briefly

s.22

i am glad john horgan became premier

s.22

if not can you pl tell me who and give me email and phone pl

and tell her who i am and about our meeting and email

s.22

s.22

i know john has no time for details but have new research verified info that will make sure he wins the coming bcuc review of site c which will be opposed by a lot of high priced lawyers ad expert heavy sharpshooters

it will be high profile and affect john vs clark reputation and undecided votes

i was hoping you would direct my emailed info to the right person who is working on he bcuc site c shootout

best regards

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**Subject:** Re: Board Meeting

**Date:** Sunday, July 23, 2017 at 12:04:15 PM Pacific Daylight Time

**From:** Wright, Don J. PREM:EX

**To:** Ken Peterson

Makes sense.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 23, 2017, at 12:02 PM, Ken Peterson S.22 wrote:  
Thanks. S.13  
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On Jul 23, 2017, at 11:46 AM, Wright, Don J. PREM:EX <[Don.J.Wright@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Don.J.Wright@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:  
Ken, meeting from 12:30 to 2:00. Call in number 250-356-5245.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 21, 2017, at 3:46 PM, Ken Peterson S.22 wrote:  
I'd be happy to join in.

On Jul 21, 2017, at 3:42 PM, Wright, Don J. PREM:EX <[Don.J.Wright@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Don.J.Wright@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:  
Thanks Ken. I don't need to look at it. I just wanted to make sure that Hydro wasn't looking to govt to issue press release.  
FYI, S.13  
S.13

Have a good weekend S.22  
Don

-----Original Message-----

From: Ken Peterson [mailto:S.22](mailto:mailto:S.22)  
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 2:49 PM  
To: Wright, Don J. PREM:EX  
Subject: Re: Board Meeting

Yes, we'll do a short press release. I can share a draft when it's done if you like.

On Jul 21, 2017, at 1:58 PM, Wright, Don J. PREM:EX <[Don.J.Wright@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Don.J.Wright@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:  
Good to hear. Will Hydro be handling communication?

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 21, 2017, at 1:56 PM, Ken Peterson S.22 wrote:  
S.22 S.13,S.22  
Ken

**Subject:** Re: BCUC

**Date:** Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 11:50:20 AM Pacific Daylight Time

**From:** Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX

**To:** Wright, Don J. PREM:EX

Thanks, Don

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 25, 2017, at 2:44 PM, Wright, Don J. PREM:EX <[Don.J.Wright@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Don.J.Wright@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

FYI re your phone message.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "MacLaren, Les MEM:EX" <[Les.MacLaren@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Les.MacLaren@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** July 25, 2017 at 11:36:15 AM PDT  
**To:** "Wright, Don J. PREM:EX" <[Don.J.Wright@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Don.J.Wright@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** "Nikolejsin, Dave MNGD:EX" <[Dave.Nikolejsin@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Dave.Nikolejsin@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: BCUC

I spoke with the Chair yesterday afternoon after our meeting. I undertook to get him a draft of the next version of the Term of Reference for his review and comment. No further follow up required.

Les.

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**From:** Wright, Don J. PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2017 11:34 AM  
**To:** MacLaren, Les MEM:EX  
**Cc:** Nikolejsin, Dave MNGD:EX  
**Subject:** BCUC

Hi Les,

Premier's Office got a call from BCUC saying "we haven't heard from anybody re Site C". I don't know how old that news is, but can you let me know when you have had a chat with the Chair and whether any more follow up at this point is required.

Thanks Les.

Don

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**Subject:** Re: Draft TOR Site C Review 25-7-17 v4

**Date:** Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at 8:18:33 AM Pacific Daylight Time

**From:** Nikolejsin, Dave MNGD:EX

**To:** Wright, Don J. PREM:EX

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Dave Nikolejsin  
Deputy Minister  
Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

On Jul 26, 2017, at 8:15 AM, Wright, Don J. PREM:EX <[Don.J.Wright@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Don.J.Wright@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Sounds good.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 26, 2017, at 8:05 AM, Nikolejsin, Dave MNGD:EX <[Dave.Nikolejsin@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Dave.Nikolejsin@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

I'm still waiting to hear back from Les re his availability. Will do this before 930 either way as I am with MMM on this at that time.

Perhaps Les and I can drop by your office at 9 ? Once I hear from him I will confirm.

Dave Nikolejsin  
Deputy Minister  
Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

On Jul 26, 2017, at 7:39 AM, Wright, Don J. PREM:EX <[Don.J.Wright@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Don.J.Wright@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Dave and Les,

Can we set up a 15 minute call to discuss? I am mostly fine with this, but would like to discuss:

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- Timelines
- whether we need to mention additional commissioner(s).

I am free until 10 this am.

Don

Sent from my iPhone

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And – are you setting up a minister/Premier meeting on this as discussed on Friday? I still don't see that in the cal. Thanks,.

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**Subject:** Fwd: Commission panel for the BCUC Site C report  
**Date:** Thursday, July 27, 2017 at 7:20:37 AM Pacific Daylight Time  
**From:** Nikolejsin, Dave MNGD:EX  
**To:** Wright, Don J. PREM:EX

We should discuss

Dave Nikolejsin  
Deputy Minister  
Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "MacLaren, Les MEM:EX" <[Les.MacLaren@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Les.MacLaren@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** July 27, 2017 at 6:39:51 AM PDT  
**To:** "Nikolejsin, Dave MNGD:EX" <[Dave.Nikolejsin@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Dave.Nikolejsin@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** "Wieringa, Paul MEM:EX" <[Paul.Wieringa@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Paul.Wieringa@gov.bc.ca)>, "Rowe, Katherine MEM:EX" <[Katherine.Rowe@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Katherine.Rowe@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Commission panel for the BCUC Site C report

Hi Dave:

Below Dave Morton sets out the issues he and I discussed yesterday afternoon around perceptions of independence of the Commission for the Site C review.

Happy to discuss.

Les

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**From:** Morton, David BCUC:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2017 8:05 PM  
**To:** MacLaren, Les MEM:EX  
**Subject:** Commission panel for the BCUC Site C report

Hi Les,

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Dave

Dave Morton  
Chair and CEO  
BC Utilities Commission  
(604) 660-4725

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**Subject:** TOR mapping

**Date:** Thursday, July 27, 2017 at 10:23:58 AM Pacific Daylight Time

**From:** Nikolejsin, Dave MNGD:EX

**To:** Wright, Don J. PREM:EX

Don, here is the 3 column document as discussed.  
MMM has this as well.

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## CONCEPT PAPER

**Date:** July 17, 2017

**Issue:** Independent Review Panel for Site C

### Background:

In November 2013, the Province approved both BC Hydro's 2013 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) and the 10-Year Rates Plan. The IRP compared resource portfolios with and without Site C using a standardized cost of capital and concluded that the scenarios with Site C were the most attractive from a cost and reliability perspective. The 10-Year Rates Plan established a new regulatory account, and reduced BC Hydro's net income and dividend payments to the Province. Provincial and federal environmental certifications for Site C were granted in October 2014 after a Joint Review Panel noting that Site C was the best project. The Panel also recommended that the BC Utilities Commission (BCUC) should undertake a review of need and costing.

For the Site C Final Investment Decision, the Province reviewed the cost of Site C using the actual cost of capital. KPMG and a Panel of Independent Contractors evaluated the cost of construction, and other third party due diligence was undertaken on load forecasting, cost of alternative resources, and risk. In December 2014, the Province announced the positive final investment decision for Site C with an increased capital budget to \$8.335 billion from \$7.9 billion (primarily to account for a later project start and reintroduction of PST), plus a \$440 million project reserve held by Treasury Board.

Construction began in July 2015, and BC Hydro is on track to deliver the project by November 2024. To date, BC Hydro has made more than \$4 billion in financial commitments, including the main civil works contract at \$1.75 billion, which comprises the majority of earthworks to construct the project and includes the construction of an earthfill dam, two diversion tunnels, and a concrete foundation for the generating station and spillways. Expenditures are in line with the approved \$8.335 billion budget.

In Section 3 of the 2017 Confidence and Supply Agreement between the BC Green Caucus and the BC New Democrat Caucus, one policy initiative identified as a condition of support is to immediately refer the Site C dam construction project to the BCUC on the questions of economic viability and consequences to British Columbians in the context of the current supply and demand conditions prevailing in the BC market. The incoming government has stated it will expect an initial report within six weeks, and a final report within 3 months.



Ministry of  
Energy and Mines

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**Contact:** Les MacLaren, ADM, EAED  
250-952-0204



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Energy and Mines

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**Subject:** items for this week

**Date:** Sunday, July 23, 2017 at 2:51:52 PM Pacific Daylight Time

**From:** Winstanley, Lori PREM:EX

**To:** Nikolejsin, Dave MNGD:EX

Hello Dave, to keep you up to date:

You may already know but Don Wright reached out to s.22 this weekend and they talked about possible ways forward on Site C review. Don will be working with the Ministry this week and the goal is to have some decisions made by the end of the week. I have attached some work s.22 and myself did on draft Terms of Reference and I believe the Premiers's Office shared them with Don. They are not official in any way, but ideas we passed on. We have come up with other names to add to your list and that is s.22

s.22 I think a lot of people like the idea of an independent thinker like s.22 (my reading of what i have heard.)

As I understand it, Don will have a the responsibility for a Priority Files Committee which will change as needed. As of a Thursday night the committee did not exist but was being set up. Our ministry will be among the first up with Site C review and Kinder Morgan. I will pass you info as i get it but assume Don will be in touch.

Look forward to talking on Monday

## Site C

### Context

The case to start construction of Site C for a 2024 in-service date was not supported by any independent BCUC or other public review and was specifically questioned by the Joint Environmental Review panel. And the decision to start the project was and remains very controversial because of questions about the need for the electricity it will generate, its very large capital cost, unavoidable environmental impacts and the irreconcilable opposition of some First Nations and residents who will be greatly affected.

While there are strong arguments that the project should not have been started when it was, particularly without independent public review, the issue now is fundamentally different. Many construction activities have been initiated and a large workforce is in place. Almost \$2 billion has already been spent on the project and a significant amount more has been committed through contract obligations. The issue now is not whether the project should have been started, it is whether it is in the BC Hydro ratepayer and broader public interest to complete the project.

Given the strongly held views about this project, it is very challenging yet critically important to distinguish the question of whether it should have been started in the manner and timeframe that it was from whether it should be completed. The consequences of suspending or terminating construction at this time are very different from not starting in the first place. This is not to prejudge whether it is or is not the right thing to do. It is simply to say that it requires very careful consideration of what the different options would mean at this time, independent of what one might have concluded before construction had started.

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**Subject:** Fwd: Site C

**Date:** Monday, July 24, 2017 at 5:29:02 AM Pacific Daylight Time

**From:** Wright, Don J. PREM:EX

**To:** Wright, Don J FLNR:IN

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**Subject:** Site C

Here are the materials. Ken may have them as I shared with Chris O'rielly on Friday.  
I am also attaching an email from my MA Lori that you will find interesting. We have some concerns with that proposal.

**Dave Nikolejsin**

Deputy Minister

Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

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**Subject:** Re: TOR mapping

**Date:** Thursday, July 27, 2017 at 12:01:09 PM Pacific Daylight Time

**From:** Wright, Don J. PREM:EX

**To:** Nikolejsin, Dave MNGD:EX

**CC:** MacLaren, Les MEM:EX

Thanks Dave and Les,

Can you have a quick look at my suggested revisions. s.13  
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Let me know if you have any concerns about the modifications.

Thanks.

Don

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**From:** "Nikolejsin, Dave MNGD:EX" <[Dave.Nikolejsin@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Dave.Nikolejsin@gov.bc.ca)>

**Date:** Thursday, July 27, 2017 at 10:23 AM

**To:** Don Wright <[don.j.wright@gov.bc.ca](mailto:don.j.wright@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** TOR mapping

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**Subject:** Comparisons of TOR

**Date:** Thursday, July 27, 2017 at 12:40:17 PM Pacific Daylight Time

**From:** Wright, Don J. PREM:EX

**To:** Sanford, Donna L ENV:EX

Donna,

Apologies for the delay. Here it is. Please stress to them that this should be treated in confidence, and it is still to be deliberated on by Premier and Cabinet Ministers.

Don

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## Wensink, Alison PREM:EX

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**From:** Nash, Amber PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, August 18, 2017 11:57 AM  
**To:** Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Automatic reply: BCUC SITE C REVIEW - NEW INFO

Email from s.22 regarding Site C. I confirmed with s.22 would like me to send this on to the Minister's office.

Amber

**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 16, 2017 8:37 AM  
**To:** Nash, Amber PREM:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Automatic reply: BCUC SITE C REVIEW - NEW INFO

hi amber  
CORRECTION THE TABLE NUMBER IS 3-8 (not 3-2) on page 150

On Tue, Aug 15, 2017 at 3:36 AM, s.22 wrote:  
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so average flow 17000 gwhrs can always be generated

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i got these numbers from doug robinson bc hydro s.22 and also discussed w chris o reilly  
pl see attached

is there anyone i should call ?  
best s.22  
s.22

ps  
*Lake Williston is an underused heritage from WAC Bennett., planned by BC Electric It stores 340,000 gwhrs -energy. It holds 5 times as much water as Grand Coulee dam,, like a world-record giant " battery" o*  
*Technically the flows on the Columbia are now set by BPA. Lake Williston behind" WAC Bennnett dam (Site A ) holds 20 years' Peace river flows ,so it evens out any high and low flow years.The water from Lake Williston is used" cyclically" so the combined Columbia and Peace gwhr energy supply remains at the same*

*average 17000 flow level every year ,That is 4500 gwhrs greater than the low flow level of Peace and Columbia combined which BC hydro now counts as firm dependable. The average flow level is automatically updated by a moving average .(there is NO EXTRA COST for this extra 4500 gwhr power, now counts as dependable. The average flow level is automatically updated by a moving average .(there is NO EXTRA COST for this extra 4500 gwhr power, and Its assured regardless of any US power*

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The next is the Ministry of Energy & Mines inbox – where Minister Michelle Mungall can receive your information: [MEM.minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:MEM.minister@gov.bc.ca).

s.22

Thanks for connecting with me s.22

Amber

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i would like to cal you briefly

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i am glad john horgan became premier

s.22

if not can you pl tell me who and give me email and phone pl

and tell her who i am and about our meeting and email

s.22

i know john has no time for details but have new research verified info that will make sure he wins the coming bcuc review of site c which will be opposed by a lot of high priced lawyers ad expert heavy sharpshooters

it will be high profile and affect john vs clark reputation and undecided votes

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best regards

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*Lake Williston is an underused heritage from WAC Bennett., planned by BC Electric It stores 340,000 gwhrs -energy. It holds 5 times as much water as Grand Coulee dam,, like a world-record giant " battery" o*  
*Technically the flows on the Columbia are now set by BPA. Lake Williston behind" WAC Bennnett dam (Site A ) holds 20 years' Peace river flows ,so it evens out any high and low flow years.The water from Lake Williston is used"cyclically" so the combined Columbia and Peace gwhr energy supply remains at the same average 17000 flow level every year ,That is 4500 gwhrs greater than the low flow level of Peace and Columbia combined which BC hydro now counts as firm dependable. The average flow level is automatically updated by a moving average .(there is NO EXTRA COST for this extra 4500 gwhr power, now*

*counts as dependable. The average flow level is automatically updated by a moving average .(there is NO EXTRA COST for this extra 4500 gwhr power, and Its assured regardless of any US power*

On Fri, Aug 11, 2017 at 2:46 PM, Nash, Amber PREM:EX <[Amber.Nash@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Amber.Nash@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:  
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You can call me at s.22

Amber

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**From:**

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 9, 2017 10:11 AM

**To:** Nash, Amber PREM:EX

**Subject:** Re: Automatic reply: BCUC SITE C REVIEW - NEW INFO

hi amber

i would like to talk w you for about 3 minutes

pl email me your phone no

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i need to find out who to talk to briefly

re site c hearing

there is something slanted going on at bc hydro that will mislead BCUC

i just got some info from a vp that makes all the difference to the outcome

sincerely

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On Mon, Jul 31, 2017 at 9:12 AM, Nash, Amber PREM:EX <[Amber.Nash@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Amber.Nash@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi s.22

s.22

I want to provide you with two addresses to direct your correspondence to – the first is the Premier's inbox – [premier@gov.bc.ca](mailto:premier@gov.bc.ca) , you can direct any correspondence that you wish to the Premier to see to this one.

The next is the Ministry of Energy & Mines inbox – where Minister Michelle Mungall can receive your information: [MEM.minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:MEM.minister@gov.bc.ca).

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Thanks for connecting with me s.22

Amber

**From:** s.22

**Sent:** Sunday, July 30, 2017 12:17 AM

**To:** Nash, Amber PREM:EX

**Subject:** Re: Automatic reply: BCUC SITE C REVIEW - NEW INFO

hi amber

greetings

pl tel me your new email and phone

i would like to cal you briefly

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i am glad john horgan became premier

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if not can you pl tell me who and give me email and phone pl

and tell her who i am and about our meeting and email

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i know john has no time for details but have new research verified info that will make sure he wins the coming bcuc review of site c which will be opposed by a lot of high priced lawyers ad expert heavy sharpshooters

it will be high profile and affect john vs clark reputation and undecided votes

i was hoping you would direct my emailed info to the right person who is working on he bcuc site c shootout

best regards

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## Wensink, Alison PREM:EX

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**From:** Nash, Amber PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 3:52 PM  
**To:** Wensink, Alison PREM:EX  
**Subject:** FW: BCUC SITE C REVIEW - NEW INFO

-----Original Message-----

From: s.22  
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2017 11:12 PM  
To: Horgan, John  
Cc: Nash, Amber LASS:EX; Mungall.MLA, Michelle LASS:EX; s.22  
Subject: BCUC SITE C REVIEW - NEW INFO

TO Premier JOHN HORGAN

from s.22

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Dear John,

Re coming Site C review, I send you and cc Amber and cc energy minister Michelle Mungall

NEW INFO that may help

pl forward to whoever is working on this/

sincerely

s.22

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BACKGROUND

1,BC Hydro doesn't need site C and can meet present electricity growth i/ at around one quarter of site C cost ii/ with existing plants iii/for a minimum of 13 years iv/ without i/without building a single dam v/ .without flooding the environment vi/ or need to contract any more windfarms IPPs

2/since 2012 you were the only NDP MLA that took the trouble to find the facts ,unlike and Liberal ministers Coleman and Bennett and subservient ADM McLaren who were too high and mighty,with the exception of Liberal engineer-MLA Ralph Sultan who was ignored by the caucus (I will forward black and white evidence)

3/Since 2010 BC Hydro was deregulated to become simply a vote and donation getting political tool,at the expense of 1.7 million customers subjected an endless rate spiral

Vansun Scott Smith wrote

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John Horgan appointed former Powerex CEO Ken Peterson to replace Brad Bennett as chair of B.C. Hydro , and promised

" We're tackling....out-of-control ..Hydro costs"

Peterson has very relevant Powerex experience that could make Horgan's political promise come true .He could lower hydro cost by taking advantage of a huge growing energy glut in the US Pacific Northwest ,which would otherwise be wasted .

BC is very fortunate that WAC Bennett (Brad's grandfather) built Lake Williston, which now works like the world's largest "waste energy recycle bin "

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Without building Site C, or flooding any land, or more IPPs, BC Hydro could profitably supply its present domestic electricity growth for up to 25 years- if they export 25% less power from BC dams

- BC Hydro annual reports show domestic power sales grew around 2000 gwhrs over ten years(2005/6-2015/16 averaged)

BC Hydro/Powerex exports around 20,000 gwhrs energy every year, using only 6% of Lake Williston storage ,buys it around \$29 and sells it at \$42 per mwhr . That's 4 times the 5100 gwhrs capacity of Site C ,at around 30% of Site C cost.

. There is no logical reason why BC Hydro could not export 25% less (or import more) 5000 gwhrs which is enough to supply 25 years of BC's present growth. Even if growth accelerates,it provides plenty lead time .



."To explain how it physically works , assume US windfarm X has surplus 200 mw it policy cannot sell from 1 am to 6 am at night, on 100 days , because BPA's load isn't big enough. But X will gladly sell that 1000 gwhrs for say \$29,000 to Powerex . X will also get say \$10,000 US govt subsidy for wind power gwhrs generated .So X ends up with \$39,000 it would otherwise lose . BC Hydro will reduce Peace River generation by 1000 gwhrs, thus saving Y gallons of Lake Williston water .Then BC Hydro uses that Y gallons during peak load hours to generate 1000 gwhrs and transmit it to US and/or BC users

### Growing US Northwest Power Glut Continues

There is a growing US Northwest Power Glut in windpower or solar energy .For example under Oregon Senate Bills , wind, solar, and other renewable power must grow from 5% in 2011, to 25% by 2025 and 50% by 2040

Ben Kujala, with the Northwest Power and Conservation Council tells it like it is.", BPA started the wind-power curtailments in mid-March, earlier in the season than ever before. When rivers are running too high from snowmelt and precipitation there is only so much water that legislation allows to be spilled over the top of dams, bypassing turbine generators. Too much spill can harm threatened and endangered fish. Add to that springtime winds and there could be too much power on the grid. . That could cause a blackout ,& with more solar on the grid, California's not buying as much of the Northwest's surplus. That leaves the extra US power with little place to go , Wind operators are made to stop producing power. Wind power producers lose money with each day they're not generating power"

Thus growing amounts of surplus US energy (which would otherwise be wasted) become available to BC at very low cost .

It is unreasonable to continue the present BC policies i/'BC must get all new power from more expensive IPPs, or ii /restrict free trade in energy ,but not in lumber or oranges

### Lake Williston is BC's invaluable heritage From WAC Bennett

Lake Williston is an underused heritage from WAC Bennett., planned by BC Electric It stores 340,000 gwhrs - energy. It holds 5 times as much water as Grand Coulee dam,, like a world-record giant " battery" or" energy recycle bin". It can recycle any surplus hydro ,windpower.IPP or solar energy .It can prevent needless waste of water spilling over BC or US dams

Lake Williston already allows Powerex to save and recycle US energy worth above \$500 million per year, that would otherwise be wasted. Since US plans lots more windpower, future savings could easily grow into \$ 1 billion. .No US President and Senate would order to stop that

Under Columbia River Treaty , BC Hydro is can already be sure of enough electricity for next 13 years

BC Hydro annual reports show domestic power sales grew around 2000 gwhrs over ten years(2005/6-2015/16 averaged),

In 2015 BcHydro/Powerex imported around 1400 gwhrs , but was "entitled" to 4100 gwhrs generated in the US under the Columbia River Treaty (CRT).

So,BC Is entitled to another 2700 Gwhr,- enough for 13 more years with BC.s present electricity growth.

Columbia River Treaty is Safe For 13 Years.

President Eisenhower signed the CRT to build flood control dams in BC to prevent recurrence of floods which killed 15 Americans and wiped out the second largest town in Oregon . BC downstream benefit entitlement is calculated according to fixed rules five years ahead and does not vary with actual flows.(There is no extra cost,but an opportunity cost if the power were sold to the US)

The CRT treaty can only be cancelled with ten years' notice,By law any US president (eg Trump) needs difficult 2/3 votes in the Senate to change it,,,Thus BC's growing electricity needs are safe for 13 years No President and Senate will issue an order to stop energy which BC is lawfully entitled to , and potentially endanger Americans and flood protection of their homes.

Cyclic" operation of Lake Williston could produce additional power to supply BC's electricity growth for 22 years at NO COST ,REGARDLESS OF US POWER GLUT.

3/Lake Williston behind" WAC Bennett dam (Site A ) holds 20 years' Peace river flow .It can produce an additional 4400 gwhrs , -enough for BC's present electricity growth for 22 years,-if BC Hydro operated it the way BC Electric originally planned it

Technically the flows on the Columbia are now set by BPA. Lake Williston behind" WAC Bennnett dam (Site A ) holds 20 years' Peace river flows ,so it evens out any high and low flow years.The water from Lake Williston is used"cyclically" so the combined Columbia and Peace gwhr energy supply remains at the same average flow level every year ,That is 4400 gwhrs greater than the low flow level of Peace and Columbia combined which BC hydro now counts as dependable. The average flow level is automatically updated by a moving average .(there is NO EXTRA COST for this extra 4400 gwhr power, and Its assured regardless of any US power glut or famine

#### SOLVING FISH VS POWER CONTROVERSY

.For maximum power sales revenue BPA wants all water to run through turbogenerators ,But fish need most water releases in spring Then water flows produce too much power for market needs,which causes problems i/BPA then has to spill water over the top of the dam , which loses potential revenue . ii/there's only so much water that can lawfully be spilled over the top of the dam because too much spill hurts fish. Top engineer John Hyde published

these problems cost BPA 1000 MW and \$750 million per year in order to release mandated 3.45 million acre feet of water for fish and irrigation

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the US State Dept and BPA to explain future options on the Columbia. One option BPA wanted to investigate was swapping more power (not water) back and forth with BC Hydro, using existing Peace River generation and Lake Williston storage. They wanted to i/ to increase fishwater requested by first nation tribes, ii./while saving BPA up to \$ 750 million per year. But BPA shelved the project because they believed the then BC government would not approve it,

John Horgan seems more open minded and may approve it because i/ it could increase fish water for First Nation Tribes and ii/ may contribute millions of US dollars towards improving transmission and generation or pumped storage for BC's Lake Williston and create jobs

Conclusion

i/ BCUC could safely conclude that

i/BC hydro has sufficient plants and storage. to supply growing domestic electricity needs for a minimum of 13 years, and probably 25 years, without building site C, or any high dam, or flooding any land, or any more IPPs

ii, bc hydro have 5 years lead time( till the next election) to suspend work on Site C and minimise out of pocket cash and deferred costs involved

iii BC Hydro should thoroughly explore and report on all options, focus on lowest Cost and greatest Value for ratepayers

iii/ Former premier Clark had very good intentions to create jobs, but was incompletely informed by subservient BC Hydro managers' un-reviewed claims that "building uneconomical "upgraded" Site C is urgent and the only alternative

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-REF-1 Peace River In Peril, Chris Pollon book 2016

2. Clean Energy Starvation in the Midst of Plenty ", Vern Ruskin, amazon book 2013./ Lake williston, 88 total, 56.4 usable million acre-feet, pages 112-

3 BPA stops wind power generation for the first time in four years | Wind ...

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4/BC Hydro > 2008 LTAP - Appendix F8

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5/ BC HYDRO annual reports service plan 2005 to 2016

6/BCH application to BCUC july 2011for Dawson Creek/Chetwynd Area Transmission Project, Appendix I Rate Impact Model" Sched 27 item 12

7/ Silent Spring") Rachel Carson (author /"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

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**Nash, Amber PREM:EX**

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**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 3, 2017 1:45 PM  
**To:** Commission Secretary BCUC:EX  
**Cc:** Minister, EMPR EMPR:EX; Nash, Amber PREM:EX; s.22  
**Subject:** SITE C HEARINGS

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## Aaron, Sage PREM:EX

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**From:** Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 8, 2017 1:03 PM  
**To:** 'Bob Mackin'  
**Cc:** Lloyd, Evan GCPE:EX; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX  
**Subject:** RE: media request

Bob, your source is wrong, I have given no such direction.

Geoff

**From:** Bob Mackin [<mailto:bob@thebreaker.news>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 8, 2017 11:17 AM  
**To:** Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX  
**Subject:** media request

Hello Geoff,

I hope you are well.

I tried last week, without success, for a short interview with Michelle Mungall, about the Site C referral to BCUC. Specifically, on the economics of the project and the complete stonewalling of reporters like me, who have diligently sought information from BC Hydro via FOI. I only needed five minutes and I was simply going to ask Minister Mungall whether she would order BC Hydro to adhere to the FOI laws and be transparent. The public has a right to know how public money is being spent on the biggest project in the province's history — it is more than the entire 2010 Olympics, all-in.

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Is this the way that the new NDP government is going to carry on business, after promising to be open and better than the BC Liberals?

Sincerely,

Bob Mackin  
reporter, theBreaker.news  
604-982-9130

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Tweet [@theBreakernews](https://twitter.com/theBreakernews)

**Aaron, Sage PREM:EX**

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**From:** Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 2, 2017 4:12 PM  
**To:** Lilly, Liz LASS:EX; Sanford, Donna L GCPE:EX; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX; Lloyd, Evan GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Hartrick, Taylor D LASS:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Site C Announcement

s.13 Thanks for this note, Liz. I apologize for this missed briefing and have copied Sage Aaron and Evan Lloyd to follow up.

Geoff

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**From:** Lilly, Liz [<mailto:Liz.Lilly@leg.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 2, 2017 3:45 PM  
**To:** Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX; Sanford, Donna L GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Hartrick, Taylor D LASS:EX  
**Subject:** Site C Announcement

Hi Geoff and Donna,  
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Hope this helps.

Liz

Liz Lilly  
Chief of Staff  
BC Green Caucus

250-858-5217

## **Aaron, Sage PREM:EX**

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**From:** May, Ed <Ed.May@leg.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 2, 2017 2:34 PM  
**To:** Tounsi, Marielle GCPE:EX; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX  
**Subject:** ICBA avail on site c review

Chris Gardner:

Has to focus on building this project.

Not confident on the quality of work that the utility commission can do under the tight timeline.

Already 1/4 done.

It's a big complex 9 billion project. Sometimes there are cost increases, but we need to move forward. The review is reckless.

Jordan... even if you don't buy the 4 billion price tag on stopping...and it's only half.. . That's still 2 billion.

Lots of uncertainty. Kinder Morgan, site c conditions.... sends a chilling message to investors.

Hydro spent years preparing... don't want to speculate. Don't want to question the integrity of the BCUC.

We have 2400 pink slips with us today, and they would go to workers if project is stopped.

We have both Horgan and Weaver on this because they don't support site c, Kinder Morgan and responsible development.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.



## Aaron, Sage PREM:EX

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**From:** Van Meer-Mass, Kate PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 29, 2017 10:31 AM  
**To:** Aaron, Sage PREM:EX  
**Subject:** Re: week ahead

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Is amazing  
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Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 29, 2017, at 10:27 AM, Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <[Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Site C will be in the press theatre downstairs in the West Annex.  
I'll send an email confirming that GCPE is handling it.  
The Waneta announcement is Michelle doing a statement and avail, maybe in front of the blue curtain,  
and making call backs from her office.  
Is good?

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**From:** Van Meer-Mass, Kate PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 29, 2017 10:24 AM  
**To:** Aaron, Sage PREM:EX  
**Subject:** Re: week ahead

Cool. What sort of set up is needed for site c? Do you want us involved? Assuming that is is happening in  
Vic. And for the waneta any set up?

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 29, 2017, at 10:22 AM, Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <[Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

	PJH	Ministers
Monday	Wildfire	OIC - MM
Tuesday		Waneta announcement - MM, small avail, call backs to Kootenays
Wednesday		Site C technical briefing - MM
Thursday		FN Health Auth - JD; VSB OIC - RF
Friday	COFI; HRC	

Sage Aaron, Communications Director  
Office of the Premier | Government of BC  
501 Belleville St, Victoria, BC V8V 2L8 | 778-678-0832

## **Aaron, Sage PREM:EX**

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**From:** Aaron, Sage PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 29, 2017 10:30 AM  
**To:** Gibbs, Robb GCPE:EX; Lloyd, Evan GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Van Meer-Mass, Kate PREM:EX  
**Subject:** Site C

This email is confirming that GCPE is going to be setting up the Site C technical briefing.  
Do you need anything from us?

Sage Aaron, Communications Director  
Office of the Premier | Government of BC  
501 Belleville St, Victoria, BC V8V 2L8 | 778-678-0832

**Aaron, Sage PREM:EX**

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**From:** Winstanley, Lori PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, July 28, 2017 3:55 PM  
**To:** Lowe, Mike GCPE:EX; Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Gibbs, Robb GCPE:EX; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Minister announcing Waneta in Vancouver Wednesday afternoon

Glad to hear, my thoughts exactly s.13

Now we need to decide/coordinate with Site C release, Evan was on that call and said he would work on a good date vis a vis Waneta and other issues.

Have a good weekend and thank you for your support and quick reply

Lori  
s.17

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**From:** Lowe, Mike GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, July 28, 2017 3:47 PM  
**To:** Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Gibbs, Robb GCPE:EX; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX; Winstanley, Lori PREM:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Minister announcing Waneta in Vancouver Wednesday afternoon

In discussions with Sage, Evan and Robb, our advice is that Waneta should be announced via a press release and simple media avail for the minister with the press gallery (and calls into local media in the Kootenays). That could be Tuesday or Wednesday.

Then the word will be out and they can get planning for the Aug 4 celebration event in Trail.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 28, 2017, at 3:22 PM, Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX <[Don.Zadravec@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Don.Zadravec@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Can we discuss.

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**From:** Winstanley, Lori PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, July 28, 2017 3:03 PM  
**To:** Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX  
**Subject:** Minister announcing Waneta in Vancouver Wednesday afternoon

The Minister is anxious to be out asap to announce the Waneta Dam purchase, it came up on an unrelated conf call with PJH today, the Minister's take away was the "Premier was okay with her making the announcement in DT Vancouver on Wed afternoon" It would involve, BC Hydro and the mayor of Trail, MLA( maybe) and unions. A "bigger community" celebration to follow on Friday Aug 4 when we are in Trail.

Would appreciate some guidance.

Lori Winstanley, Ministerial Assistant  
Office of the Hon. Michelle Mungall, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources  
British Columbia Parliament Buildings | 501 Belleville St, Victoria, BC V8V 2L8  
250 953 0900

## Aaron, Sage PREM:EX

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**From:** Moran, Roseanne <Roseanne.Moran@leg.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 28, 2017 10:01 AM  
**To:** Aaron, Sage PREM:EX  
**Subject:** Draft The day ahead

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Hi Sage. Did not know there was a new conference # so missed this morning. I had a quick talk with Layne and am hoping that this is okay to go to caucus today. Please call me on cell if you want to chat about this. I am in Vancouver this morning. Thanks, Roseanne.

Good Morning.

Premier John Horgan has returned from successful trips to Ottawa and Washington, focusing on jobs, trade and the BC economy.

We hope to have dates firmed up for a caucus meeting in Victoria in the last week of August shortly, as well as final dates for the fall sitting of the Legislature. For your information please find a tentative calendar of Premier's announcements and significant events based on our commitments to British Columbians.

July 20	Increasing social assistance and disability by \$100/month
July 24 - 27	Premier's jobs and trade trip to Ottawa and Washington
August 3	Site C Assessment
August 8	Restoring access to Adult Basic Education
August 22	Eliminate Bridge Tolls (TBC)
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August 31	Getting People Moving (Mayors' Transportation Plan)
Sept. 6 – 7	First Nations Leadership Gathering
Sept. 25 – 29	UBCM

More details will be forthcoming as to participants and location but we wanted to share the broad calendar information at this point.

**Roseanne Moran** | Acting Executive Director | John Horgan's New Democrat Caucus  
T: 778-835-7537 | E: [roseanne.moran@leg.bc.ca](mailto:roseanne.moran@leg.bc.ca)

## Aaron, Sage PREM:EX

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**From:** Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 27, 2017 4:40 PM  
**To:** Aaron, Sage PREM:EX  
**Cc:** McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Despite call backs media eager for another avail

s.13  
Sure,  
s.13

Sage, I'll call  
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Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 27, 2017, at 4:48 PM, Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <[Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

>  
> Ok - Geoff, are you good as well? Just want to make sure we have a total green light before booking.  
> Cheers,

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX  
> Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 12:51 PM  
> To: Aaron, Sage PREM:EX  
> Cc: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX  
> Subject: Re: Despite call backs media eager for another avail

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> I'm good with that.

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>> On Jul 27, 2017, at 3:49 PM, Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <[Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

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>> Yes - let me expand on this a little.  
>> The availability would be a wrap of the week.  
>> PJH hasn't been on television since the Trudeau visit, so this is an opportunity for him to carry the trade mission message on camera for television.  
>> We also weren't able to schedule all interested media for the call backs today. A Friday avail would extend that opportunity.

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>> -----Original Message-----  
>> From: McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX  
>> Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 12:24 PM  
>> To: Aaron, Sage PREM:EX  
>> Cc: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX

>> Subject: Re: Despite call backs media eager for another avail

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>> On?

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>>> On Jul 27, 2017, at 2:40 PM, Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <[Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

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>>> What do you say to a PJH avail tomorrow at 1:30?

>>> Could include a FB live.

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>>> Sage

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>>> Sent from my mobile device

## Aaron, Sage PREM:EX

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**From:** Lloyd, Evan GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 1, 2017 5:05 PM  
**To:** Aaron, Sage PREM:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Site C BCUC Review Communications Materials  
**Attachments:** Roll-Out\_BCUC Review\_Site C\_DRAFT v3.docx; MMM Statement\_BCUC Review\_Site C\_Aug01\_324pm.docx; NR\_BCUC Review\_Site C\_Aug1\_248pm\_JJ.DOCX; SMCP\_Site C BCUC Review\_Aug01\_230pm.docx; Media Advisory (August 2 - Site C).docx; PPP\_Corp\_EMPR.PPTX

FYI - latest

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**From:** Robb Gibbs <[Robb.Gibbs@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Robb.Gibbs@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 4:45 PM  
**To:** "Lloyd, Evan GCPE:EX" <[Evan.Lloyd@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Evan.Lloyd@gov.bc.ca)>, JJ Jones <[JJ.Jones@gov.bc.ca](mailto:JJ.Jones@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Site C BCUC Review Communications Materials

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**From:** Haslam, David GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 1, 2017 4:23 PM  
**To:** Gibbs, Robb GCPE:EX; Lowe, Mike GCPE:EX; Zdravec, Don GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Winstanley, Lori PREM:EX; Beaupre, Darren GCPE:EX; Sherlock, Stephanie GCPE:EX; Ryckman, Scott GCPE:EX; Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX; Grewar, Colin GCPE:EX; Byers, Lindsay GCPE:EX; Nikolejsin, Dave MNGD:EX; MacLaren, Les MEM:EX; Chant, Jon GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Site C BCUC Review Communications Materials

All – attached are the Site C BCUC Review communications materials for review. I've included MEMPR staff, GCPE HQ staff – including Scott Rykman and Jon Chant, MEMPR DM and ADM, and MEMPR GCPE staff so all in the loop. Attached includes:

Rollout – includes media outreach and KMs/QA  
MMM Press Theatre statement  
Media Advisory – 1:15 distribution  
News Release – 2 pm distribution (approved by ADM and GCPE HQ)  
Social Media Plan  
PPT Slide for flat screen

Below is image of Press Theatre set up. Cheers - David:





## BRIEFING NOTE

Upcoming events and announcements  
July 27, 2017

### Event plan

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**EVENT:** Wildfire announcement**Status:** Initial announcement complete; options for follow-up activities in progress**Date:** July 19, 2017**Venue /  
Region:** BC Interior**Primary:** Premier**Featuring:** Minister of Forests, Solicitor General,  
Parliamentary Secretary for Emergency  
Preparedness**Follow-up:** Potential "thank you" town hall in the Interior, recognizing the work of firefighters, communities, organizations, volunteers and residents (September TBC).**EVENT:** Increasing social assistance and disability by \$100/month**Status:** Initial announcement complete; options for follow-up activities in progress**Date:** July 20, 2017**Venue/  
Region:** N/A**Primary:** Premier**Featuring:** Minister of Social Dev and Poverty Reduction**Summary:** Announcing \$100 increase to disability and income assistance rates**EVENT:** Softwood Trip (Ottawa/Washington)**Status:** Initial announcement complete; options for follow-up activities in progress**Date:** July 24-27 2017**Venue/  
Region:** Ottawa and Washington DC**Primary:** Premier**Featuring:** Softwood lumber stakeholders, Ministers**Summary:** Premier travelling to Ottawa to meet with the Prime Minister to discuss softwood lumber, opioid crisis, wildfires, then on to DC to directly fight for a fair deal for B.C. Follow-up report-out breakfast with industry and labour.

**EVENT:** Site C Assessment**Status:** Launch of Site C Assessment by BCUC**Date:** Aug. 3, 2017**Venue /  
Region:** Victoria**Primary:** Premier**Featuring:** TBD**Summary:** Announce timeline for BCUC assessment; process will get underway early August TBD.**EVENT:** Restoring access to Adult Basic Education**Status:** Planning in progress**Date:** Aug. 8, 2017**Venue /  
Region:** Victoria**Primary:** Premier**Featuring:** Education Minister, AVED Minister, MLAs  
representing communities that will benefit**Summary:** Making Adult Basic Education and services for English Language Learners free again.**EVENT:** Eliminate Bridge Tolls**Status:** Planning in progress**Date:** Aug. 22, 2017 (TBC)**Venue /  
Region:** Port Mann Bridge / Golden Ears bridge  
Lower Mainland**Primary:** Premier**Featuring:** Surrey MLAs, Maple Ridge MLAs,  
Transportation Minister**Summary:** Eliminating tolls on the Port Mann and the Golden Ears Bridges.

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**EVENT:** Getting People Moving (Mayors' Transportation Plan)

**Status:** Planning in progress

**Date:** Aug. 31, 2017

**Venue/  
Region:** TBC

**Primary:** Premier

**Featuring:** Transportation Minister, Mayors, transit workers

**Summary:** We are committing to fund a full 40% of the capital costs of the Mayors' ten-year transportation plan and remove the referendum requirement.

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**EVENT:** First Nations Leadership Gathering

**Status:** Planning in progress

**Date:** Sept. 6, 2017 to Sept. 7, 2017

**Venue /  
Region:** Vancouver Convention Centre  
Lower Mainland

**Primary:** Premier

**Featuring:** Cabinet

**Summary:** A two-day event involving all Ministers, the Premier and First Nations leaders. This event is an opportunity to recommit to the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), to implement the Calls to Action of the TRC, and possibly to highlight other items of interest to the audience.

August 2, 2017

**MEDIA ADVISORY – Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources**

VICTORIA – Media are invited to join Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources Michelle Mungall to announce an update on the provinces commitment to have the Site C project reviewed by the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC).

**Event Date:** Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2017

**Time:** 2:00 p.m.

**Location:**

Press Theatre  
B.C. Legislature

Media can also call in (listen only) to hear the announcement.

**Dial-in information:**

From Vancouver: 604-681-0260

From elsewhere in Canada and the USA: 1-877-353-9184

Passcode: s.15,s.1

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Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources  
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## **BCUC REVIEW OF SITE C – STATEMENT LINES**

Topic: Government is sending the Site C project to the BCUC for review.

- Our government is delivering on our commitment to British Columbians by ordering an independent review of Site C to ensure we can keep hydro rates affordable.
- The previous government refused to allow our independent energy watchdog – the B.C. Utilities Commission – to examine the project to determine if it was in the public interest. That was wrong.
- We're sending this project to the BCUC to ensure we make the right decision for B.C. families.
- We are asking the BCUC to immediately assess the economic viability and consequences to British Columbians of the Site C project in the context of current supply and demand conditions prevailing in the B.C. market.
- We have established terms of reference for the review that meet our commitment to British Columbians.
- Rather than questioning whether or not the project should have been started, the review will be focussed on looking forward.

- Specifically, BCUC has been asked to:
  - Confirm whether or not BC Hydro is on target to complete Site C on budget and by 2024, and,
  - Provide advice on implications for ratepayers associated with:
    - Proceeding with the project,
    - Suspending the project, while maintaining the option to resume construction until 2024, and
    - Terminating the project, remediating the site and proceeding with other resource portfolios that provide the same level of benefits at the same or lower costs as Site C.
- The terms of reference require the BCUC to consult with interested parties such as major industrial power consumers, ratepayers associations, Peace River communities, independent power producers, Indigenous Nations and the public.
- For the purposes of the review and obtaining stakeholder input, the BCUC may seek and employ expert advice on various subjects.
- The review will begin on August 9th, 2017.



August 1, 2017

- The BCUC will deliver a preliminary report within six weeks (by September 20<sup>th</sup>) and a final report within 12 weeks (by November 1<sup>st</sup>).
- Once we have the final report Government will consider the advice from the BCUC, along with other environmental and First Nations considerations, and make a final decision on the future of Site C.
- Les MacLaren, assistant-deputy-minister in the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources is with me here today and together we'd be happy to answer any of your questions.

**END**

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## NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release  
[release number]  
Aug. 2, 2017

Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum  
Resources

### **Province sends Site C project to BCUC for review**

VICTORIA – The provincial government has asked the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) to begin reviewing the Site C project.

“Our government is delivering on our commitment to British Columbians by ordering an independent review of Site C to ensure we can keep hydro rates affordable,” said Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources Minister Michelle Mungall.

“The previous government refused to allow our independent energy watchdog to examine the project to determine if it was in the public interest. That was wrong. We’re sending this project to the BCUC to ensure we make the right decision for B.C. families.”

Construction on the \$8.8-billion Site C project was started by the previous government in July 2015 without the independent regulatory oversight of the BCUC.

Specifically, through the review’s terms of reference, the BCUC has been asked to:

- confirm whether or not BC Hydro is on target to complete Site C on budget and by 2024, and;
- provide advice on implications for ratepayers associated with:
  - proceeding with the project;
  - suspending the project, while maintaining the option to resume construction until 2024; and
  - terminating the project, remediating the site and proceeding with other resource portfolios that provide the same level of benefits at the same or lower cost as Site C.

The BCUC will be guided by the understanding that the review is not a reconsideration of decisions made during the environmental assessment process, by statutory decision makers, or in the courts.

The terms of reference require the BCUC to consult with interested parties. Additionally, for the purpose of this review and obtaining stakeholder input, the BCUC may seek and employ expert advice on various subjects and employ any or all of the powers provided to it under the Utilities Commission Act.

The review will begin on Aug. 9, 2017. The terms of reference specify a preliminary report from the BCUC within six weeks (by Sept. 20, 2017), and a final report within 12 weeks (by Nov. 1, 2017).

The BCUC is a regulatory agency responsible for oversight of energy utilities and compulsory auto insurance in the province of British Columbia. It is the BCUC's role to balance the interests of customers with the interests of the businesses it regulates. The BCUC carries out fair and transparent reviews of matters within its jurisdiction and considers public input where public interest is impacted. The BCUC operates under the Utilities Commission Act.

**Learn More:**

The order and terms of reference for the British Columbia Utilities Commission Inquiry  
Respecting Site C: XXXXXXXX

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**BCUC Review of Site C  
Roll-out Plan  
August 2, 2017**

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**Summary:**

**British Columbia announces review of Site C**

- Media advisory issued to inform media about Minister's availability at 1:15 p.m.
- Provincial news release distributed at 2 p.m.

**British Columbia speaks to Site C review**

- Minister Mungall provides statement to press gallery/ADM on-hand for technical questions. Call-in (listen only) available for media.
- Minister one-on-one interviews with local media, northern B.C.

**Roll-Out:**

Time	Activities & Details
Mid-day	GCPE contacts local media, scheduling one-on-one interviews about the Site C review.
1:15 p.m.	Media Advisory distributed.
1:30 a.m.	Minister QA/prep session with Don Zdravec and David Haslam
2 p.m.	<b>British Columbia announces review of Site C</b>  British Columbia distributes news release detailing the BCUC review for Site C.
2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m./2 p.m.	<b>British Columbia speaks to Site C review</b>  Minister provides statement to the press gallery. Media dial-in available (listen only).  ADM Les MacLaren on site for technical questions (not for attribution)  Location: TNO Press Theatre
Post 2 a.m.	Social media channels engage re: Site C review
3 p.m. - 4 p.m.	Minister one-on-one interviews with local media – speaks to Site C review

\*Media Contacts below are for one-on-one interviews. The Press Gallery will receive a media advisory about the Minister's availability. A media call-in (listen only) will be set up for the announcement.

**Media List: Northern B.C./Site C Review**

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**Potential Validators:**

Contact	Phone	Email	Responsible Staff
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**Stakeholder List:**

Contact	Phone	Email	Responsible Staff

**Key Messages:**

- Our government is delivering on our commitment to British Columbians by ordering an independent review of Site C to ensure we can keep hydro rates affordable.
- The previous government refused to allow our independent energy watchdog to examine the project to determine if it was in the public interest. That was wrong. We're sending this project to the BCUC to ensure we make the right decision for B.C. families.
- We are asking the BCUC to immediately assess the economic viability and consequences to British Columbians of the Site C project in the context of current supply and demand conditions prevailing in the B.C. market.
- We have established terms of reference for the review that meet our commitment to British Columbians.
- Rather than questioning whether or not the project should have been started, the review will be

focussed on looking forward.

- Specifically, BCUC has been asked to:
  - Confirm whether or not BC Hydro is on target to complete Site C on time and on budget, and,
  - Provide advice on implications for ratepayers associated with:
    - Proceeding with the project,
    - Suspending the project, while maintaining the option to resume construction until 2024, and
    - Terminating the project, remediating the site and proceeding with other resource portfolios that provide the same level of benefits at the same or lower costs as Site C.
- The terms of reference require the BCUC to consult with interested parties such as major industrial power consumers, ratepayers associations, Peace River communities, independent power producers, Indigenous Nations and the public.
- For the purposes of the review and obtaining stakeholder input, the BCUC may seek and employ expert advice on various subjects.
- The review will begin on August 9th, 2017.
- The BCUC will deliver a preliminary report within six weeks (by September 20th) and a final report within 12 weeks (by November 1st).
- Once we have the final report Government will consider the advice from the BCUC, along with other environmental and First Nations considerations, and make a final decision on the future of Site C.

#### Questions and Answers:

**Site C was reviewed extensively prior to the decision to proceed with the project and has withstood all legal challenges to date. Why are you sending it to the BCUC for further review now that the project is more than two years and \$4 billion into construction?**

- Construction on the \$8.8-billion Site C project was started by the previous government in July 2015 without the independent regulatory oversight of the BCUC.
- That was wrong, however, instead of questioning whether or not the project should have been started, we must now look forward. We're sending this project to the BCUC to ensure we make the right decision for B.C. families.
- The review will seek the BCUC's advice on financial implications for ratepayers of continuing, suspending or terminating the project, rather than an examination or re-consideration of the December 2014 decision by the Province, or previous decisions made by the Federal and Provincial Governments on environmental certification, by statutory decision makers or the Courts.
- The terms of reference meet our commitment to British Columbians to refer the project to the BCUC for an independent assessment, and will result in critical advice on ratepayer impacts that will need to inform any decisions we may make down the road on the future of Site C.

**How will the BCUC review impact BC Hydro's plans to remove property owners from their homes and procure contracts for the Highway 29 Bear Flats to Cache Creek re-alignment?**

- BC Hydro has been in contact with property owners to advise that no action will be taken to remove them from their homes prior to the conclusion of this review.
- The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has announced that it is pursuing an alternate option for the planned road and bridge construction on Highway 29 at Cache Creek. The current

Highway 29 Bear Flats to Cache Creek contracts will be deferred, and a temporary detour bridge and alignment will be built at a higher elevation to mitigate the impact of flooding affecting the operation of the highway during the construction period for Site C.

- The cost of a temporary detour bridge and alignment is estimated at approximately \$15 million.

**BC Hydro claimed a delay in the highway would cost \$630 million. You're saying you can do it for \$15 million. Can you explain the big difference?**

- The higher figure was based on a delay in highway construction resulting in not being able to divert the river around the main dam side in the fall of 2019. The result in that case would be a one year delay in the project which would increase interest, inflation and contractor costs. The contingency plan that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has come up with will deal with any initial flooding in the winter/spring of 2020.

**What other Site C contract procurements will be deferred during the review?**

- Two major pending procurements include Generation Station and Spillways, and Hydro-Mechanical Equipment Supply, which are not expected to be completed during the review period.

**What do you say to the 2,500 workers whose jobs are now uncertain as you send the Site C project for review?**

- We recognize our decision to send the project to the BCUC is unsettling for workers and families.
- Construction on the project will continue as the review proceeds, and we are committed to completing the review and making our final decision on Site C as soon as possible.
- Construction on the \$8.8-billion Site C project was started by the previous government in July 2015 without the independent regulatory oversight of the BCUC.
- That was wrong, however, instead of questioning whether or not the project should have been started, we must now look forward. We're sending this project to the BCUC to ensure we make the right decision for B.C. families.
- We have been calling for a BCUC review of Site C for many years, both before and since the project began construction, and we committed to a review if elected. In the last election a majority of British Columbians voted for a party that supported either sending the project to the BCUC for review or cancelling it outright.

**If BCUC recommends cancelling Site C – what will you say to the more than 2,000 workers and their families?**

- We will consider the findings of the BCUC, and the impacts on workers, First Nations, the environment, and other factors in making a decision about Site C. We will not pre-judge that decision.

**Yesterday, you approved Waneta Dam, which happens to be in your own backyard in the Kootenays. Why are you treating the northeast differently?**

- The Waneta Dam is a very different transaction. It is a purchase that comes with a customer – the Trail Smelter – that will lease all of the power, so the supply and demand balance we are worried about at Site C will not be affected. The value of the Waneta transaction is linked to the lease payments.
- The Waneta transaction will also be subject to approval by the BCUC to ensure that it is in ratepayers' interest.

**What are you asking the BCUC to do in this review?**

- Specifically, through the review's terms of reference, the BCUC has been asked to:
- Confirm whether or not BC Hydro is on target to complete Site C on budget and by 2024, and;
  - Provide advice on implications for ratepayers associated with:
    - Proceeding with the project;
    - Suspending the project, while maintaining the option to resume construction until 2024; and
    - Terminating the project, remediating the site and proceeding with other resource portfolios that provide the same level of benefits at the same or lower cost as Site C.
- The full terms of reference are available at the BCUC website.

**Will your decision on the future of the project rest solely on economic considerations based on the advice you receive from the BCUC?**

- Any future decision on Site C must not be made on economic considerations alone. We must also take environmental and social considerations, and impacts to Indigenous Nations into account.
- Extensive public discussion on these points has already occurred, including through the federal-provincial environmental assessment conducted by the Joint Review Panel.
- The environmental, social and Indigenous Nations implications of Site C are well documented, and will be brought forward to Government when the decision on the future of Site C is to be made.
- The BCUC review will add the advice on ratepayer implications that we need to ensure our decision-making process is complete and comprehensive.

**Will the public and Indigenous Nations and other stakeholders be given a chance to participate in the BCUC review process?**

- Yes. The terms of reference require the BCUC to consult with interested parties, and empower the BCUC to structure the review in any way they see fit.
- We anticipate that the BCUC will engage the public, stakeholder groups and First Nations in its review.

**What is the process for the review?**

- The BCUC will determine its process for the review to meet the terms of reference. I understand that they will be rolling out their process shortly.

**You're giving the BCUC just twelve weeks to deliver a final report. How can the Commission produce a report of any value in such a short time?**

- We recognize that the timelines are tight, but it is the best interests of British Columbians and BC Hydro that Government provide a clear decision on the future of the project as soon as possible.
- To accommodate the timelines the terms of reference for the review require the BCUC to use information that is already publicly available and filed with the BCUC.
- For example, the BCUC must use BC Hydro forecasts that were filed with the Commission in July 2016 as part of BC Hydro's Revenue Requirements Application. To capture any changes that may have occurred since July 2016, the BCUC will also require BC Hydro to report relevant updates, which is expected to occur within the first four weeks of the review.

**Can the BCUC contract some of the work out to other experts or companies in order to complete the review in time?**

- Under the terms of reference for the review the BCUC can use external resources to assist in the review. We anticipate that they will do that.



**Will the BCUC be engaging temporary commissioners in order to complete the review in time?**

- No. The review will be led by the chair of the BCUC and current commissioners, all of whom have experience reviewing large utility projects. This will confirm the independent nature, and integrity of both the BCUC and the review.

**Once Government has received the BCUC's final Report on November 1, 2017, how long before you'll deliver your decision on the future of Site C?**

- Once we have the final report Government will consider the advice from the BCUC, along with other environmental and First Nations considerations, and make a final decision on the future of Site C.
- We recognize that it is the best interests of British Columbians and BC Hydro to provide a clear decision on the future of the project as soon as possible.

# Social Media Communications Plan

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## Objective

- Inform British Columbians of our commitment to have an independent review of the Site C project by the BCUC.

## Background

- Minister's mandate letter - Immediately refer the Site C dam construction project to the B.C. Utilities Commission on the question of economic viability and consequences to British Columbians in the context of the current supply and demand conditions prevailing in the B.C. market.

## Goals

- Keep British Columbians informed on the process as well as our commitment.

## Target Audiences

- Groups opposed to Site C
- BC Hydro
- BC Utilities Commission
- British Columbians

## Social Media Key Messages

### Twitter

- We are sending #SiteC to the #BCUtilitiesCommission like it requires, <link> @bchydro #BetterBC #BC
- #SiteCproject does #BC need it? Let's find out, <link> @bchydro @sitecproject @BCUtilitiesCom #BetterBC #BC
- Our government is committed to a #BetterBC. It starts with a review of the #SiteCproject, <link> @bchydro #BC

### Facebook

Our government is committed to a Better BC, this starts with an independent review of the Site C project. It's time to take environmental and social considerations, and impacts to Indigenous Nations into account rather than economic considerations alone.



Picture taken from BC Hydro website.

### **Tools & Tactics**

- Twitter & Facebook posts

### **Tasks & Responsibilities**

- Social Media Team @ HQ

From: Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX  
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 2:47 PM  
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
Subject: RE: Gardner Bateman Site C scrum

I touched based with David as saw some comments on Twitter from ICBA.

-----Original Message-----

From: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 2:41 PM  
To: Tounsi, Marielle GCPE:EX; Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX  
Subject: Re: Gardner Bateman Site C scrum

Don, may want to touch base with Dave and Lori on this response.

Thanks.

Jen Holmwood  
Deputy Communications Director  
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> On Aug 2, 2017, at 2:37 PM, Tounsi, Marielle GCPE:EX <Marielle.Tounsi@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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> \*\*\*\*Scrum notes not verbatim

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> Missed the first bit....

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> Chris Gardner: This is a big complex \$9 billion project. The focus here should be at moving the project forward. The review is reckless.

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> Jordan Bateman: If you want to put a project over budget stall it. \$300 million cost overruns will be pinned on libs by Ndp but stalling the project will start it.

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> Gardner: Investors looking at bc like one withdrawing and kinder Morgan new gov wants to used every tool to stop. Kinder Morgan and Site c stance will send chilling message to investors.

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> We will make our voice heard and make sure that people speaking up are heard.

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> Don't want to speculate what commission will say.

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> 2400 workers are numbers we had a couple weeks ago.

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> Bateman : the reason environment was exempted was meeting Paris commitments. We had 2400 pink slips representing the jobs at risk and families that are at risk of losing jobs with site c.

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> Gardner: Both ndp and green were clear they don't support site c and kinder Morgan and responsible resource development. Gov doesn't pay attention to that.

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> Sent from my iPhone

Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 11:45 AM

To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

Subject:Re: What are the details on Site C presser today?

Thanks Jen.

On Wed, Aug 2, 2017 at 11:41 AM, Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>

wrote:

2pm in press theatre. An advisory with dial-in will go out.

From: Richard Zussman [mailto:richard.zussman@cbc.ca]

Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 11:41 AM

To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX; McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX

Subject: What are the details on Site C presser today?

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